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## Unequal Burden of Pain A Call for Papers

Carmen R. Green, MD, and Raymond C. Tait, PhD, Guest Editors

In December 2004, **Pain Medicine** will dedicate a special issue to the topic Racial and Ethnic Disparities and Differences in Pain. There is limited information on the complex relationship between race, ethnicity, and pain. We invite clinicians and researchers from all disciplines to submit original evidence-based reports for consideration for this theme issue. We are particularly interested in receiving reports of original research, particularly randomized controlled trials as well as other scholarly articles, such as systematic reviews, special communications, and commentaries, that examine aspects of differences in pain, pain care for all types of pain (e.g., experimental, acute, chronic non-malignant, cancer) in all types of settings (e.g., emergency room, outpatient clinics). Topics could include environmental and behavioral factors and preventive interventions; access, outcomes, epidemiology; therapy; physician-decision making, physician/patient communication and physician/patient education issues. Papers focusing on economic, ethical, and social policy implications would also be welcome.

The invitation for a special issue on this topic provides a unique opportunity. Submissions will be subject to editorial review. Because articles judged to be of potential interest will go through a rigorous peer review process, submission of a manuscript does not guarantee acceptance. High-quality submissions not selected for the theme issue may be considered for other issues of **Pain Medicine**.

We hope you are interested in making this special issue of **Pain Medicine** a success by submitting an original manuscript for consideration. Please consult the **Pain Medicine** Instructions for Authors when preparing and submitting the manuscript. Papers received by May 15, 2004, will have the best chance for consideration for the 2004 Unequal Burden of Pain theme issue. If you have any questions or would like to discuss a potential manuscript, please contact either of us or Dr. Gallagher, Editor in Chief.

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