



Spearheading safe solutions to ease pain...

THE CHALLENGE

Sheila, a retired teacher, beat cancer, but the treatment left her with unbearable pain. Jackie, a sixth-grader, has lingering pain from a fractured leg that failed to heal. And Greg, a contractor, suffers daily back pain from a herniated disc. They are among the millions who experience acute or chronic pain every year. Yet pain remains under-researched, and the fragmentation of pain education, research, clinical care and policy impairs our understanding and effective treatment of pain. Rather than addressing the source of pain, it is common practice to prescribe painkillers, contributing to America's prescription drug abuse epidemic.

THE VISION

UC Davis has a vision to synergize efforts across the university to combat the pain management crisis by expanding the Center for Advancing Pain Relief (CAPR) to create a first-of-its-kind hub for education, research, clinical care and policy. CAPR will develop new standards for educating clinicians across all health professions, producing replicable programs that train students and retrain health professionals to identify and understand pain and deliver safe, effective and affordable care. Harnessing UC Davis' wealth of interprofessional expertise—from medicine, nursing, veterinary medicine, engineering and law to sociology and communications—we will conduct cutting-edge research and advance transformative treatments. CAPR will unite faculty researchers, educators and clinicians with policymakers to develop personalized, integrated and comprehensive pain management therapies, reach national consensus and provide policy guidance for California and beyond.

THE PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITY

- Create training programs to advance interdisciplinary pain education in human and veterinary health
- Accelerate the development of prevention strategies and groundbreaking treatments with start-up funding for pilot studies
- Endow 11 faculty positions to transform pain care
- Establish scholarships and fellowships to prepare the next generation of health professionals
- Create a state-of-the-art facility for providing pain relief and training tomorrow's well-educated clinicians

UC Davis is committed to understanding and alleviating pain. Join us to create a network of faculty researchers, educators, clinicians and policymakers to dramatically impact the quality of life for pain sufferers.

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