

# Apply Now to Join AAPM's Hacking Pain Hack-a-thon

Are you ready to make a real difference in the lives of patients with chronic pain? This year, Hacking Pain challenges participants to develop innovative solutions to address barriers in care access for underserved populations. Let's bridge the gap for patients who need it most, including Medicare/Medicaid recipients and differently-abled individuals.

## What is Hacking Pain?

Hacking Pain is a dynamic, high-energy, three-day hackathon held during PainConnect, the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM). This event brings together a multidisciplinary mix of healthcare professionals, engineers, technologists, entrepreneurs, and innovators to tackle pressing challenges in pain care.

## Who Can Apply?

Whether you're a future healthcare provider, technologist, engineer, entrepreneur, student or a patient advocate, your perspective is vital to solving pain medicine's most critical problems. Innovators from all backgrounds are essential to creating meaningful change.

Participants will apply as individuals, and teams will form on day one! This is your chance to collaborate, create, and innovate for a brighter future in pain management.

## How to Apply

Apply today to be part of this transformative experience! Spaces are limited, so don't miss this chance to innovate, connect, and make a difference in chronic pain management.

As part of your application, we ask that you provide a brief description of your original solution idea (< 300 words) that aligns with the theme of health equity and access in chronic pain care.

Register by **March 23rd** here: <https://form.jotform.com/250334640539152>

## Benefits of Participation

- **Network with Experts:** Collaborate with leaders in healthcare, technology, and innovation.
- **Real-World Impact:** Contribute to meaningful solutions that could directly improve patient care.
- **Recognition & Visibility:** Finalists will present their ideas at AAPM's Innovation Challenge, gaining exposure to investors, VCs, and industry professionals.
- **Prizes for Winners:** \$1000 Cash prize, support for establishing your start-up.
- **Skill Development:** Build skills in innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving.

## Timeline

### Wednesday, April 2nd (PM)

- Hack-a-thon Teams Form
- Concept Introduction

### Thursday, April 3rd

- Individual Team Ideation
- Consultation Hours with Mentors and Field Experts

### Friday, April 4th

- Ideation and Mentorship Hours
- Final Presentations
- AAPM Networking Reception

### Saturday, April 5th (PM)

- Finalists have the unique opportunity to present their solutions at PainConnect's prestigious **Innovation Challenge**



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