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TOPICS for April 2005:

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- National Fibromyalgia Applaudes Media Focus on Appropriate Pain Management
- Pictorial Highlights from NFA "Leaders Against Pain" workshop

In Their Own Words

- The National Fibromyalgia Association

Advocate Perspective

- American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives

In The News

- American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiative Endorses New Guideline for Cancer Management
- Amputee Coalition of America Provides No Cost Limb Loss Education & Awareness Program

News Replay

- National Fibromyalgia "Leaders Against Pain" Seminar Participants Are Interviewed by KSLA TV in Shreveport, Louisiana

Key to Action

- Call for Nominations for 2005 John M. Eisenberg *Patient Safety and Quality Awards Program*
- Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Announces Post Doctoral Research Fellowship

Conference Watch

- American Alliance Of Cancer Pain Initiatives Will Host 16th Annual Meeting on June 9-11

NEWS REPLAY



Image obtained from the KSLA TV Shreveport, Louisiana Web site

National Fibromyalgia Association Seminar Participants Are Interviewed by KSLA TV In Shreveport, Louisiana

The interview, entitled **Cracking the Code for Chronic Pain**, took place on March 3, 2005 and the interview text is below:

Life is a painful reality for the 10 million Americans with fibromyalgia. Two of them from the Ark-La-Tex are fighting back with help from ground breaking research.

Laura Inman, Fibromyalgia Patient, "I had a lot of pain. Started in my legs and moved upward...it was all over my body. I was very tired all the time." Laura Inman suffered from those symptoms for ten years before being diagnosed with fibromyalgia. She fights the disease with daily medication and care from LSU Health Sciences Center's Fibromyalgia Clinic.

Dr. Patrick Wood, Fibromyalgia Clinic, "We've been very satisfied and have seen people make some very real progress in their clinical improvement." Doctor Patrick Wood's been taking on fibromyalgia there with a new theory...one he says will revolutionize the way the disease is treated. Doctor Wood's research links fibromyalgia to chemical changes in the brain and blames a problem with dopamine..the brain's natural pain killer..for the symptoms.

Dr. Wood, "We're going to point to the problem. We're going to be able to say that's it exactly. We're going to be able to develop rational treatment protocol for the disorder." That's exciting for patients like Jeannine Jananivich.

Jeannine Jananivich, Fibromyalgia Patient, "It's really important to me to find the root cause of fibromyalgia cause then I know it's not make believe."

In the meantime..Laura and Jeannine are fighting their own disease while working to help others who are suffering from it..with the Willis Knighton Fibromyalgia Support Group.

Jeannine said, "There are may resources and there's many things that are

Chatter

- Neck Pain
- **The Scientist** Offers Special Supplement on "Pain"

Caregivers Bookbag

- American Academy of Pain Management Provides Information to Help Caregivers Advocate For a Loved One In Pain
- The American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives Provides Bulletin on *Eight Facts Everyone Should Know About Cancer Pain*

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being done many new things with fibromyalgia and we hope to shed some light for those people."

Laura added, "The Willis Knighton Fibromyalgia Support Group is the largest support group at that hospital. There's obviously a need for more information and understanding on the subject of fibromyalgia."

The Fibromyalgia Support Group meets every third Tuesday at noon at Willis Knighton North. There are no lab tests for fibromyalgia. It's diagnosed with the presence of widespread pain and tenderness with pressure on certain parts of the body. An accurate diagnosis takes around five years.

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