

**TITLE:** Pain Assessment and Management Initiative (PAMI): A patient safety project

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**RESEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

We are currently developing a research study that accurately reflects the landscape of pain assessment, treatment and management in the ED at **UF Health Jacksonville Department of Emergency Medicine**. Pain is a complex and common complaint that leads to frequent visits to the ED. Approximately 78% of ED visits are related to pain. Pain relief is an integral component of quality care in the ED. Acute pain if improperly treated may become chronic. Pain is often under recognized leading to inadequate treatment and numerous patient safety concerns. Education and research regarding the recognition and management of pain in the ED are lacking, yet the ED is where patients in pain often seek help and relief. This problem has intensified recently with the restrictions pharmacies and state and federal agencies have place on patients' ability to obtain pain medication.

The Pain Assessment and Management Initiative (PAMI) is a free e-Learning and patient safety education project funded by the Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association. Under this initiative students will have the opportunity to participate in research as part of a multidisciplinary team. Students interested in clinical and/or educational research related to patient safety and pain management in the emergency department setting are encouraged to apply. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to present their work at a scientific conference.