

THE PAIN SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA (PSSA)

The Pain Society of Southern Arizona is a recently formed organization dedicated to the support and education of providers treating chronic pain and to improving the care of chronic pain in Southern Arizona. The primary focus has been to improve the environment for treating pain at the primary care level.

The current president Pro Tem is Dr Christopher Puca *christoppuca@comcast.net*.

Current Activities of PSSA

1. Internal organization, web page, etc.
2. Discover, summarize, comment upon and report recent AMB actions related to prescribing opioids for pain.
3. Discover, summarize, comment upon and report recent DOJ actions related to prescribing opioids for pain.
4. Discover and report on medical society activities relevant to pain treatment, especially in the primary care office (American Pain Society, AAFP, AMA, etc)
5. Survey local primary care attitudes and concerns regarding prescribing opioid for pain
6. Create a consensus primary care documentation template for follow up visits with patients taking opioid medication on a regular basis
7. Engage ArMA and county medical societies, the AzAFP, Az chapter of the ACP, etc in all of the above, and in supporting members.