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The Dr. Lawrence H. and Roberta Cohn Forums
[THE CHRONIC PAIN EPIDEMIC: What's to Be Done?](#)
***Presented by The Forum at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health jointly
with The Huffington Post***

**Today, Thursday, November 10, 2016
12:30-1:30pm ET
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David Freeman. *Post your questions during the Q&A on Facebook.***

12:30pm ET -- the full one-hour panel discussion

More than 100 million Americans struggle with chronic pain, according to one Institute of Medicine estimate, at an annual cost of as much as \$635 billion in treatment and lost productivity. Further, the misuse of potent opioid painkillers, while increasing risk of addiction and abuse, can confuse the conversation around appropriate chronic pain management. This *Forum*

brings together a panel of experts to discuss the causes, treatment and impact of chronic pain, while exploring the neuroscience behind the pain experience. The panelists will examine how clinicians can best serve their patients, highlighting the recommendations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' recent [National Pain Strategy](#). The *Forum* will also look at myriad pain management options, including marijuana and mindfulness meditation. And panelists will examine relevant pain care policies, including prescription monitoring program regulations, drug development and funding for research.

EXPERT PARTICIPANTS

[Anne Louise Oaklander](#), Associate Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, and an attending neurologist, Massachusetts General Hospital

[Linda Porter](#), Director of the Office of Pain Policy, National Institutes of Health, and Co-chair of the National Pain Strategy

[Vaughan Rees](#), addiction specialist and Lecturer on Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

[Cindy Steinberg](#), National Director of Policy and Advocacy, U.S. Pain Foundation, and Member, Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee, NIH

MODERATOR

[David Freeman](#), Managing Editor, Impact & Innovation, The Huffington Post

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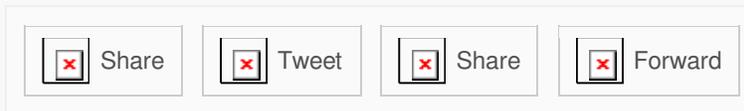
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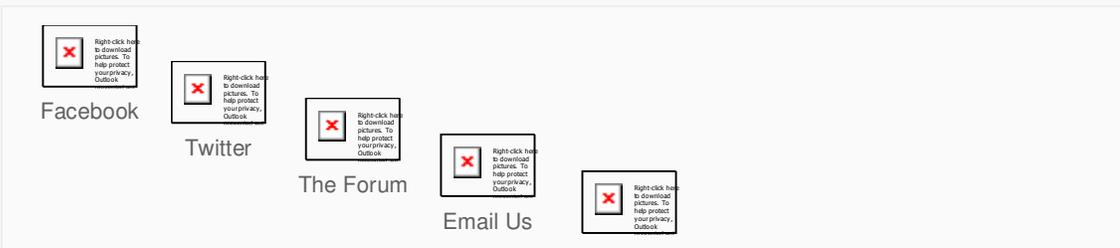
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