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# ABOUT OUR PAIN SCHOOLS

The European Pain Federation EFIC Pain Schools are a series of interactive teaching courses, taking place over 4-5 days, targeted at healthcare professionals interested in further developing their knowledge and expertise in the field of pain management.

## [EFIC offer 15 places at each School free-of-charge](#)

Candidates should apply for a place at their chosen School via EFIC directly or through their EFIC national chapter. Applications are reviewed by the EFIC Education Committee.



## WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

1. The Pain Schools are free-of-charge to 15 chosen applicants
2. The Pain Schools are led by some of the most distinguished and talented educators from across Europe
3. The Pain Schools are taught in highly interactive and engaging formats
4. The Pain Schools offer teaching that follows the curriculum for the European Diploma in Pain Medicine and makes for a strong preparation for the Examination
5. The Pain Schools are held at attractive locations across Europe and are great networking opportunities for young clinicians

# THE SCHOOLS

## [Basics in Pain Medicine](#)

**Location:** Klagenfurt, Austria  
**When:** September (usually)  
**Directors:** Prof. Rudolf Likar and Dr. Reinhard Sittl

Focus: Basic knowledge of pain physiology and pharmacology, anamnesis of chronic pain patients, basics of psychological pain therapy and interdisciplinary multimodal therapy. Basics of therapy for acute pain, tumour pain, headache, neuropathic pain, musculoskeletal pain and visceral pain. All pain syndromes are interactively discussed and deepened in the course based on case studies.

## [Cancer Pain and Palliative Care](#)

**Location:** Liverpool, UK or Maribor, Slovenia  
**When:** Varies  
**Directors:** Dr. Manohar Sharma or Prof. Nevenka Krceviski Skvarc

Focus: Skills for assessing and treating pain related to cancer and its treatment. Developing an evidence-based approach to assessment, formulating diagnoses and designing a comprehensive management plan including pain management. The emphasis is on a multidisciplinary approach to managing pain related to cancer.

## [Translational Pain Research: From Lab to Clinic](#)

**Location:** Krakow, Poland  
**When:** June (usually) – biennial  
**Director:** Prof. Barbara Przewlocka

Focus: To develop skills on translational pain research for the purpose of building research projects based on the latest knowledge on physiology, pathophysiology and pharmacology of pain, based on bi-directional translational studies.

## [Neuropathic Pain](#)

**Location:** Venice, Italy  
**When:** 2<sup>o</sup> week of October  
**Director:** Dr. Roberto Casale

Focus: To develop skills for assessing and treating neuropathic pain. To offer clarity on the most recent scientific evidence and guide lines on assessing neuropathic pain, its disease entity and its burden. Critical appraisal on pharmacological and non pharmacological treatment options.

# FAQ

## How do I apply?

Candidates should apply via EFIC centrally, or via their EFIC national chapter. Deadlines are established earlier in the year the Pain School takes place and a formal application form is provided. The application form should be accompanied by proof of medical qualification, professional referees and proof of English language competence.

## What will it cost me?

For the chosen 15 applicants, all teaching and related activities are provided for free, along with accommodation and meals. The only significant cost these applicants should expect to pay is their travel. Each Pain School usually accepts additional self-paying applicants, so if you are unsuccessful in achieving a free place, you can usually apply directly with the School for a self-paying place.

## Who should apply?

Our Pain Schools are primarily targeted at early career medical doctors from all disciplines relevant to pain, including but not limited to pain medicine, anaesthesiology, neurology, psychiatry, palliative care medicine. The Schools also cover interprofessional aspects and physiotherapists, psychologists and nurses are encouraged to apply. Basic researchers can also benefit and are encouraged to apply for the translational pain research School in particular.

## Will the Pain School assist me in studying for EFIC Exams?

The Pain School programmes are established with the Core Curriculum for the European Diploma in Pain Medicine (EDPM) in mind. Each School covers certain sections of the Curriculum and these will be indicated in advance. Attendance of a School will serve as strong preparation for the EDPM Exam, though it is unlikely that an applicant will be able to attend all Schools in one year.