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SUPPORT ACT SECTION 6086 **The Dr. Todd Graham Pain Management Study**

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Acronyms in this Presentation

- COVID-19: Coronavirus Disease 2019
- HHS: Department of Health and Human Services
- MLN: Medicare Learning Network
- PHE: Public Health Emergency
- SUD: Substance Use Disorders
- SUPPORT Act: Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery & Treatment Act



Agenda

- **Welcome**

- Dr. Lee Fleisher, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality

- **Background**

- The Dr. Todd Graham Pain Management Study

- **Feedback Session**

- Targeted Questions to Providers and Suppliers, Discussion to Inform the Study

- **Closing Remarks**



WELCOME FROM DR. LEE FLEISHER



Background



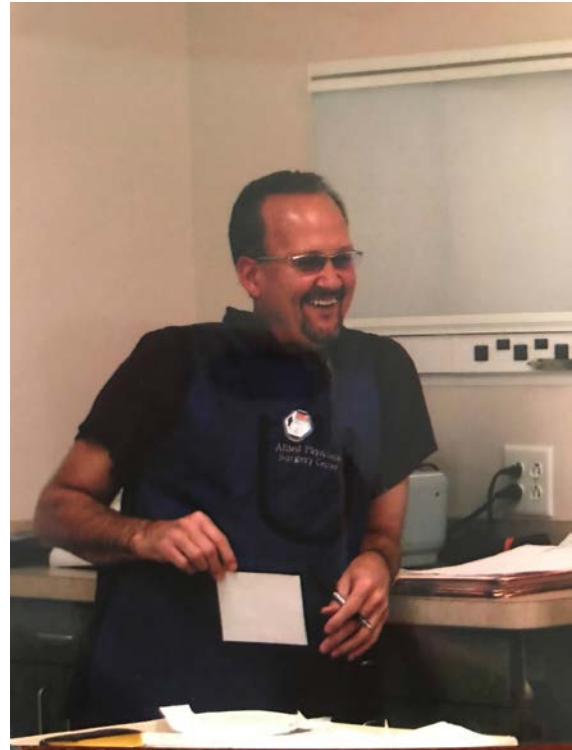
Background

- The Dr. Todd Graham Pain Management Study is section 6086 of 2018's SUPPORT Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery & Treatment for Patients & Communities Act (SUPPORT Act), which outlines national strategies to help address America's opioid epidemic, and advances policies to improve the treatment of pain, and substance use disorders
- The Study will provide HHS and CMS with key information about services delivered to Medicare beneficiaries with acute or chronic pain, help in understanding the current landscape of pain relief options for Medicare beneficiaries, and inform decisions around payment and coverage for pain management interventions, including those that minimize the risk of substance use disorders



Dr. Todd Graham

The Study is named in honor of the late Dr. Todd Graham, a renowned northern Indiana pain specialist who spent more than thirty years in practice providing person-centered pain care with great compassion and enthusiasm

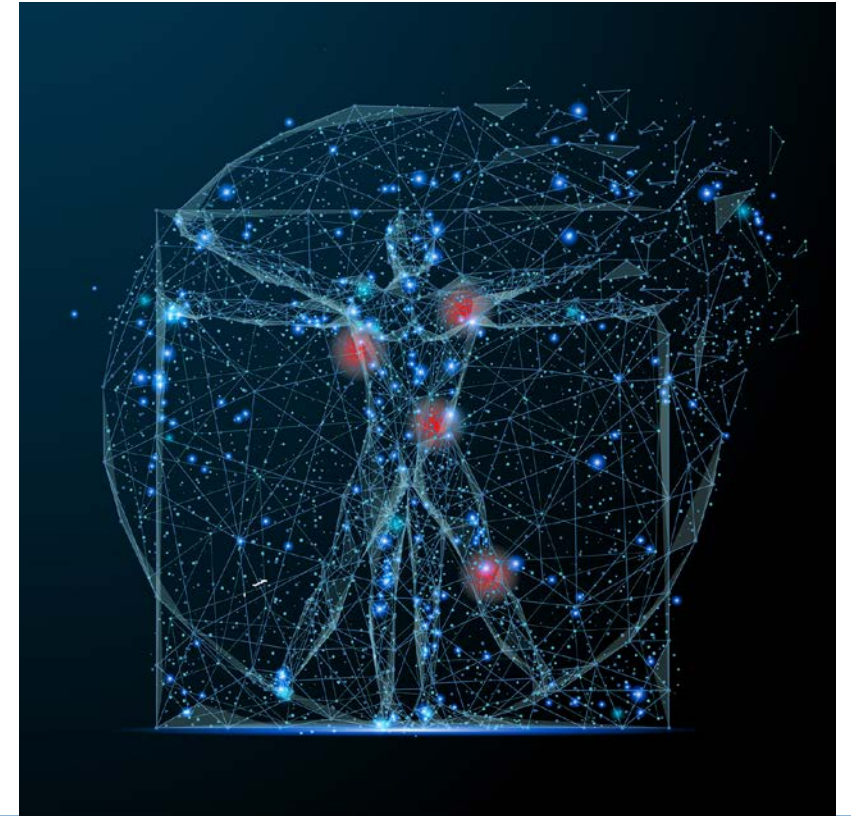


Feedback Session



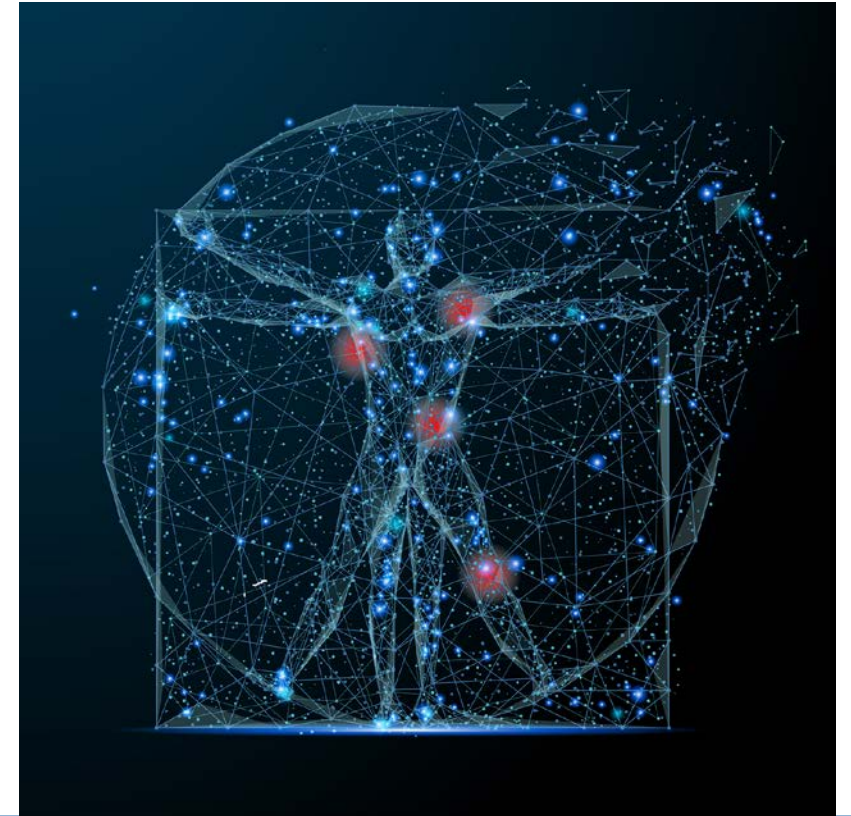
Barriers to Care

- What barriers impede Medicare clinicians and beneficiaries from utilizing non-opioid treatments and technologies to help treat acute and chronic pain?



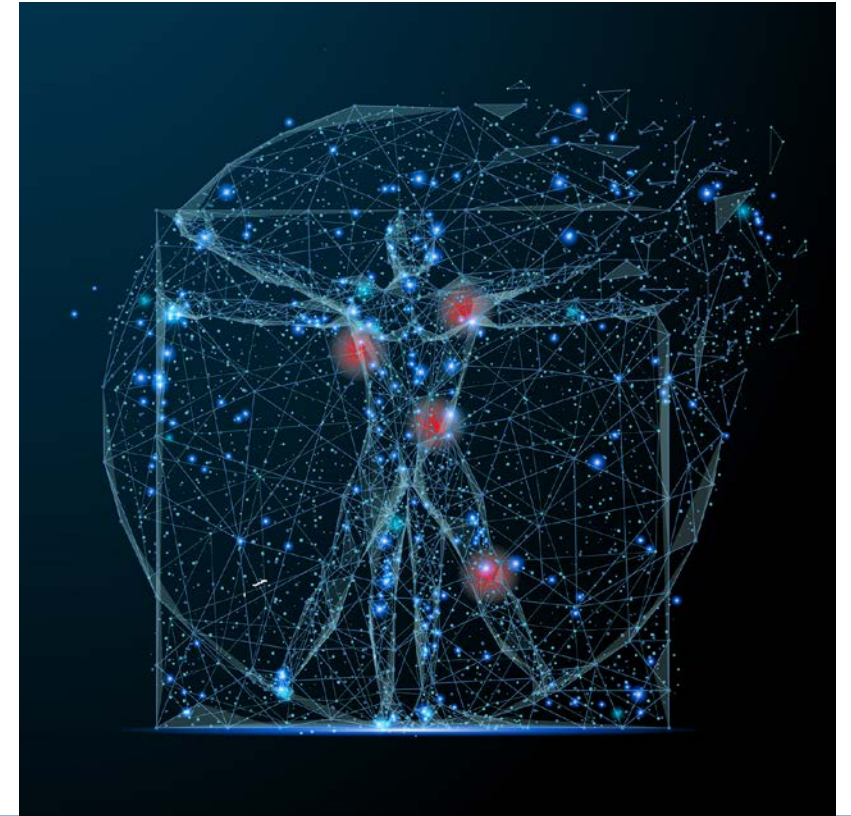
Medicare Coverage

- What evidence-based treatments, technologies, and models should Medicare cover for the treatment of acute and chronic pain that it currently does not?



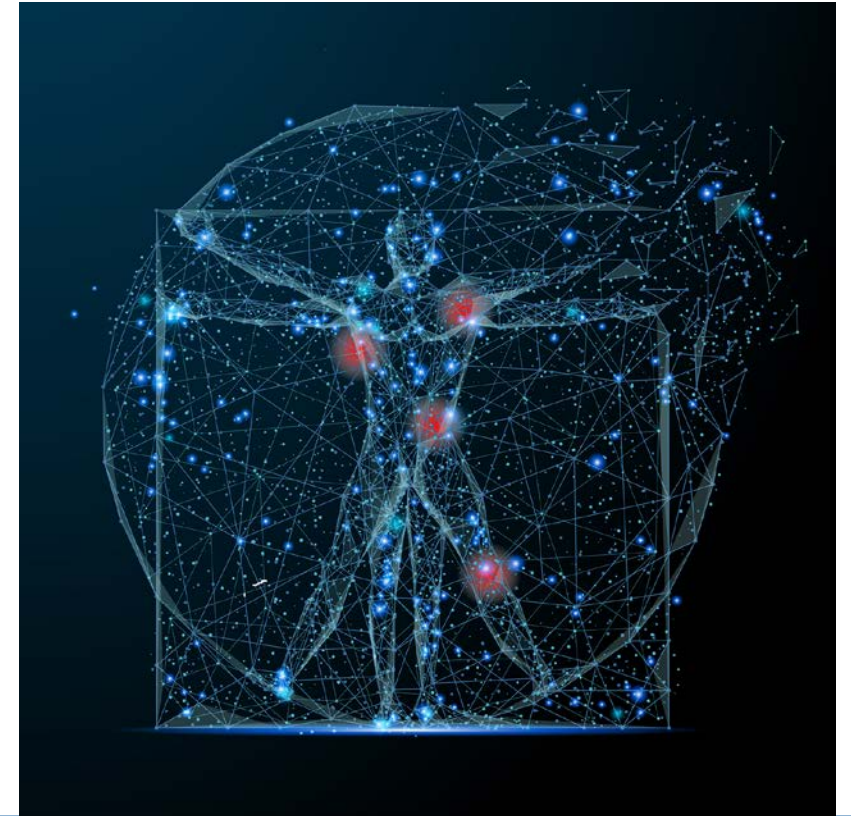
Medicare Beneficiaries with Substance Use Disorders

- How can Medicare improve care for beneficiaries with pain who have a current or past history of mental or substance use disorder(s) or are at higher risk for these conditions, including people at increased suicide risk?



Pain Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- How has the COVID-19 public health emergency, including federal waivers and other flexibilities, impacted your ability to treat pain in Medicare beneficiaries, and their access to pain treatment?



Resources

- To submit additional comments, please write to: PainandSUDTreatment@cms.hhs.gov
- HHS Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force Report: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pmtf-final-report-2019-05-23.pdf>
- CMS Opioid Misuse Resources: <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Story-Page/Reducing-Opioid-Misuse>



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