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Working to end pain issues

In the past few weeks, arrests have been reported throughout South Florida regarding clinics that recklessly distribute pain medication.

While abuse of prescription drugs and pill mills continues to make news, physicians around the world will be gathering in Miami soon to discuss cutting edge treatments to help individuals with real pain, without drug dependency.

The 6th World Congress, hosted by the World Institute of Pain, is truly a meeting of the minds for the top physicians and medical professionals across the globe, and it meets in Miami from Feb. 4 to 6.

While most of the country will be watching the Super Bowl, 2,000 world-renowned doctors will be en route to resolving the pain issues that many of the football players will encounter.

This extraordinary assembly of brilliance includes more than 2,000 health care professionals from 70 countries and six continents who share their insights toward the goal of relieving and eradicating pain.

Highlighting this conference are the cooperative efforts of four significant global pain societies: World Institute of Pain, European Federation of IASP Chapters, the World Society of Pain Clinicians and the World Institute of Pain Foundation.

These organizations have come together to sign a declaration for better pain treatment and promoting pain medicine all over the world.

As with any major endeavor, it takes the unified effort of many people to work toward a common goal.

With so much media attention focused on pill mills, these physicians are working together to eradicate pain without drug dependency.

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