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Dr. Dworkin is chair of the Neuropathic Pain Special Interest Group of the International Association for the Study of Pain, co-chair of the Initiative on Methods, Measurement, and Pain Assessment in Clinical Trials (IMMPACT), and chair of the International Conference on the Mechanisms and Treatment of Neuropathic Pain, which is held annually. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of *Pain* and *Journal of Pain*, and has served as a consultant to and member of the Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and as a member of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella Working Group and the Shingles Working Group of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2005, he received the American Pain Society's Wilbert E. Fordyce Clinical Investigator Award for his contributions to the field of clinical pain research.

A primary goal of Dr. Dworkin's research has been the identification of risk factors for the development of chronic neuropathic pain. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and various pharmaceutical companies, and one of the major results has been that patients with greater acute pain are more likely to develop chronic pain. This suggests that attenuating acute pain might prevent chronic pain, and a primary focus of Dr. Dworkin's current research is developing approaches to test this hypothesis.

Dr. Dworkin lectures frequently on neuropathic pain and serves regularly as a consultant to pharmaceutical companies in the development and evaluation of analgesic and antiviral drugs. As Director of the Anesthesiology Clinical Research Center, he has served as the principal or co-principal investigator of a large number of clinical trials of analgesic treatments. Although the majority of these studies have examined neuropathic pain conditions of various types, clinical trials have also been conducted in patients with low back pain, fibromyalgia, cancer pain, osteoarthritis, and acute post-operative pain.