

NEW PAIN POLICY FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCED

The International Palliative Care Initiative of the **Open Society Institute** and the **Pain & Policy Studies Group of the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center** is pleased to announce the *International Pain Policy Fellowship Program*. The overall goal of the fellowship program is to improve the availability of opioid analgesics for pain management in developing countries for patients with pain from cancer, HIV/AIDS, or other chronic diseases.

The two-year fellowship program will include training, mentoring, and an in-country pain policy project. A salary stipend covering up to 20% of each fellow's professional salary will be given. Applications will be accepted from mid-career physicians, health care administrators, policymakers, or lawyers from a health care facility, policy center, or university from low- or middle-income economies (as classified by the World Bank's GNI per capita method--see World Bank GNI Data Country Classification on the web). Applicants must have a sincere interest in improving access to opioid analgesics for pain management through drug policy advocacy.

Fellows are required to participate in a five-day learner-centered training program at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin from 23 October to 27 October, 2006. The training program will cover the relationships between disease, pain, palliative care, and inadequate opioid availability, and will use WHO Guidelines to examine regulatory barriers and resources for evaluating national policy, as well as examples of their use. Each fellow will be responsible for outlining their drug availability project plan and timeline during the training program in Madison, and then incorporating it into their in-country pain policy project.

For more information and the application form, please visit <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/health/focus/ipci/grants/palliative/guidelines>.