



# Needed: Feedback on Endo Pain

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Dear Women and Girls with Endometriosis,

For the first time ever, this last spring, a world meeting was focused on pain and endometriosis. Entitled, *The First World Meeting on Gynecological Pain and Endometriosis*, it was held in Milan, Italy and was a very exciting event since it did indeed focus on what so many of us have as our first and foremost complaint related to endo: **PAIN!**

I'm very excited that this turning point event is being followed by a conference on pain for scientists and physicians sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to be held this fall. The goal of the conference is to determine how best to measure endo pain for scientific studies and clinical trials. (In other words, the meeting will not be discussing how to treat pain and is not geared to patients.) However, this is a very important step in the direction of better studies and eventually better treatment.

I have been given a half hour to speak at this important conference on what is important to patients related to pain. Of course, after 26 years of listening to the stories of women and girls all over the world (plus my own painful experiences), I've many ideas about this topic. However, I would welcome your input. **Please click the button below to send us your feedback.**

Just like our other scientific and clinically-oriented work, your input helps achieve much greater goals than possible when scientists and clinicians function in a vacuum. (After all, the disease is in us, the patients, not in the abstract somewhere.)

Also, please let us know if you have specific questions and ideas and frameworks for adhesion-related pain issues.

Bless you all.

Cordially,  
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President/Executive Director

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