



STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AND STUDENT CHAPTER FAQ'S

1. Do we have to form a chapter to join IVAPM?
 - a. No! Although we encourage chapter formation since group learning is often more effective – and fun – than learning on our own, we also understand that there are a lot of student groups already in place and forming yet another group can be overwhelming. We want all interested students to be members in IVAPM – either individually or in a chapter.
2. I am an individual student – or a faculty member – that wants to start a chapter but I'm not sure where to start. Any tips?
 - a. We have a group of IVAPM Student Officers that we can put you in contact with. They have a lot of ideas!
3. Should we have activities with – or even form a chapter with – other student groups?
 - a. Activities for sure! And even chapters, yes! Activities with other chapters are great for cross-pollination of ideas and appreciation of different viewpoints. There are ideas for activities with other chapters within the [Student section](#) of the IVAPM website.
 - b. Formation of chapters like 'anesthesia and analgesia' or 'IVAPM and Rehab' are common, especially since there are already a large number of student groups. Pain management does not belong to any one group. Like pain management groups in human medicine, the IVAPM is multidisciplinary. Here is our multidisciplinary statement:

The International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management unites veterinarians in general practice, specialty veterinarians, veterinary technicians/nurses, veterinary students, researchers and industry representatives from around the world in our mission to advocate for best practices in the treatment of animals in pain. By necessity, this is a multi-disciplinary mission, encompassing a diverse and robust commitment from numerous medical fields, including general practice, anesthesiology, surgery, internal medicine, emergency/critical care, oncology, neurology, dentistry, dermatology, physical therapy/rehabilitation, behavior and many others. Collectively, IVAPM members from these various disciplines provide a continued focus on the animal, and the relief of both acute and chronic animal pain.

4. We don't yet have an advisor (or I am an individual student) and we don't know what activities or learning opportunities are available to study on our own. What do you recommend?
 - a. In the Student section website there is a list of [suggested activities](#) and in your member portal (login required) there are numerous presentations, podcasts, journal articles, etc... all set up for student learning!
5. How can I communicate with other chapters or students from other schools?
 - a. We are in the process of forming an IVAPM student leadership group that will help coordinate contacts at all of the schools. We will send out more information as soon as we have this in place.
6. Who do I contact with questions about membership or any other concern?
 - a. There are two ways to reach us: info@ivapm.org or students@ivapm.org . Feel free to contact us at any time.

Let us know what other questions you may have. We are here for you!

Sincerely,
IVAPM Student Member/Chapter Committee