

# Accredited Pain Medicine Fellowship Programs

The need for standardized  
practice

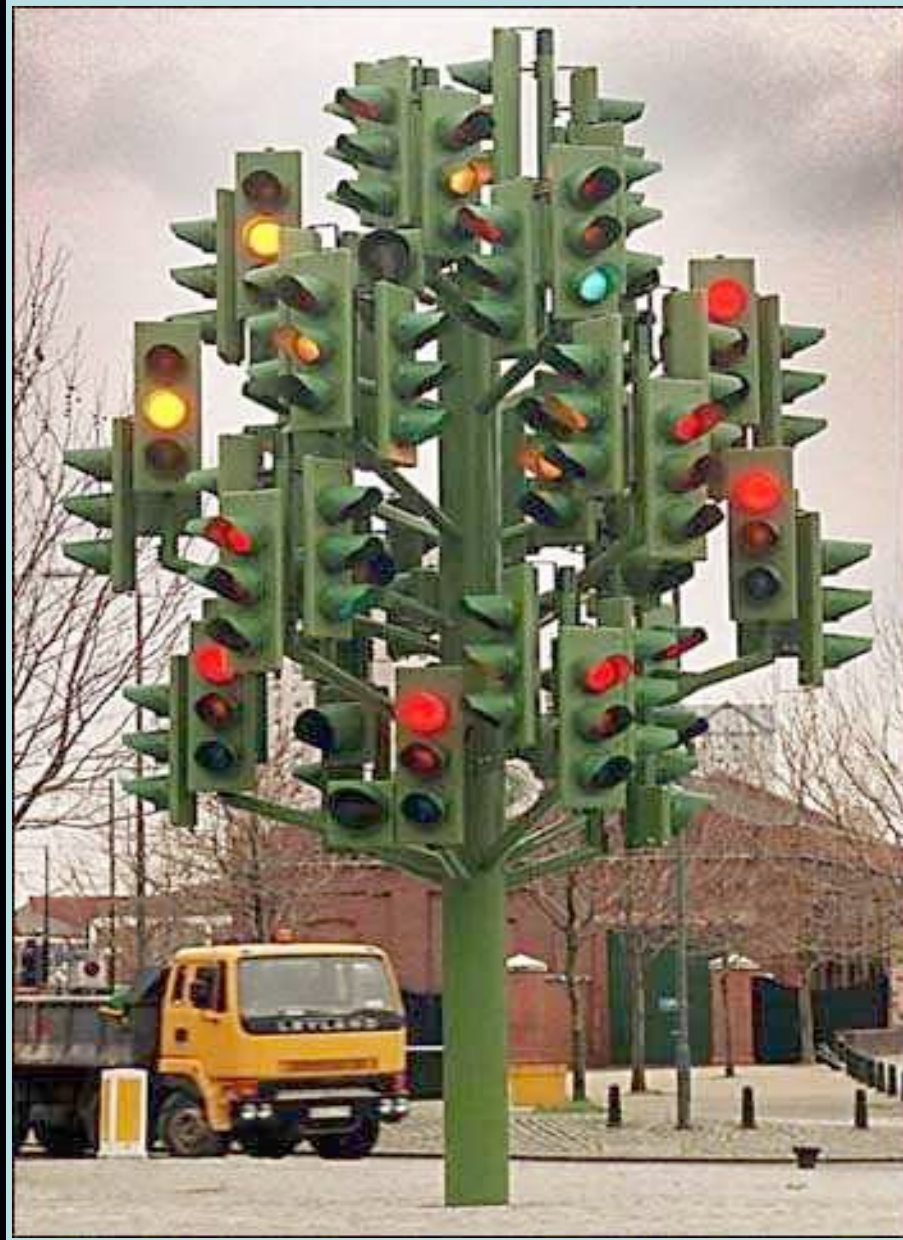
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# Overview

- Evolution of Pain Medicine Education
- Current Pain Medicine Credentialling Programs
  - U.S.A.
  - Australia
  - UK
- Future of Pain Medicine Education

# Education-Early days

- 1974: Bonica et al – Founding of IASP and MPC
- 1975: Wall - 1<sup>st</sup> Editor of “PAIN”
- 1991: IASP Core Curriculum (3rd Ed. 2005)
- 1990’s: IASP Undergraduate Curricula in Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Physical Therapy



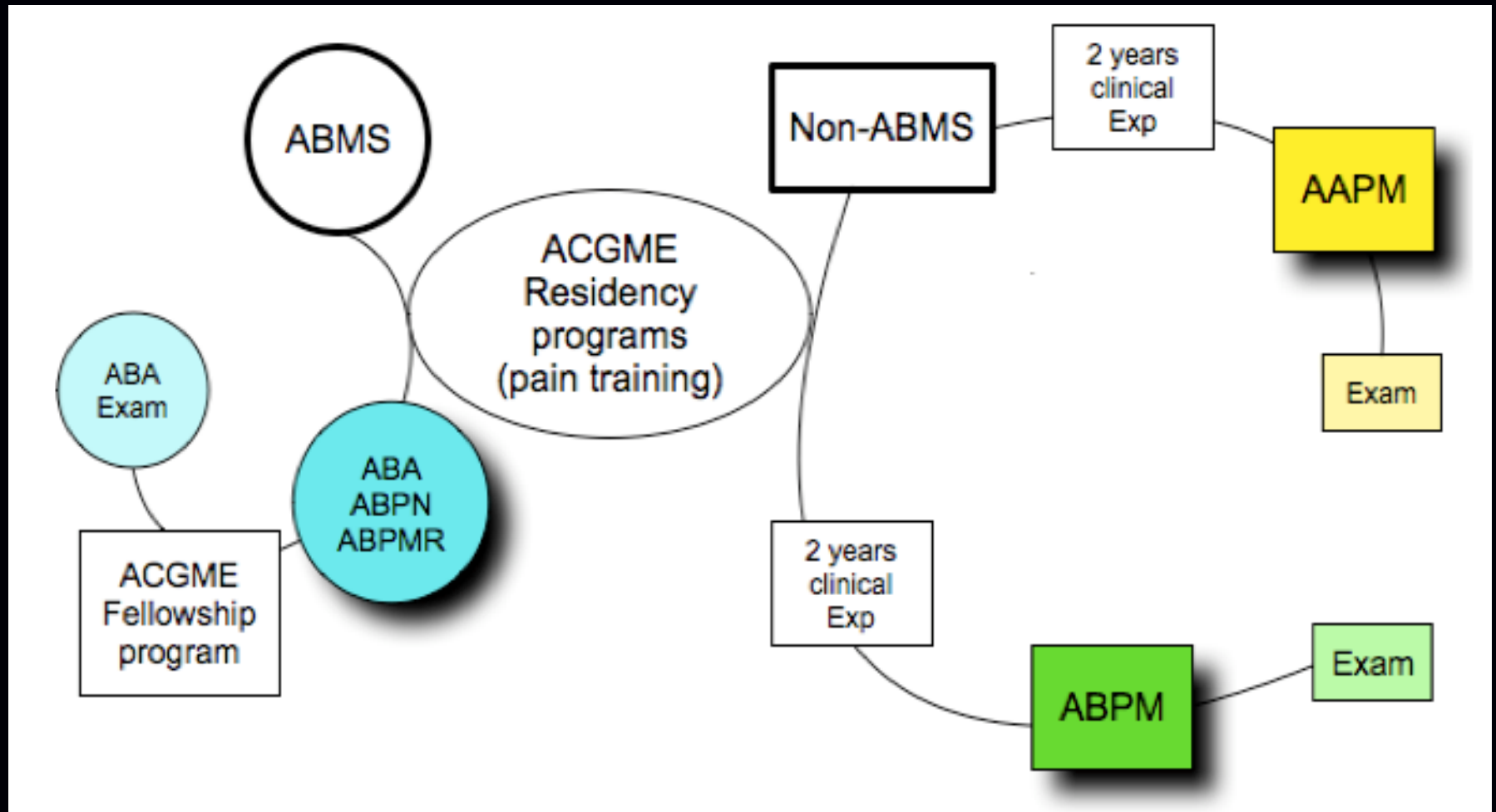
# Accreditation Complexity

“The Qualifications of Pain Physicians  
in Ohio.”

*Buenaventura, AA 2005*

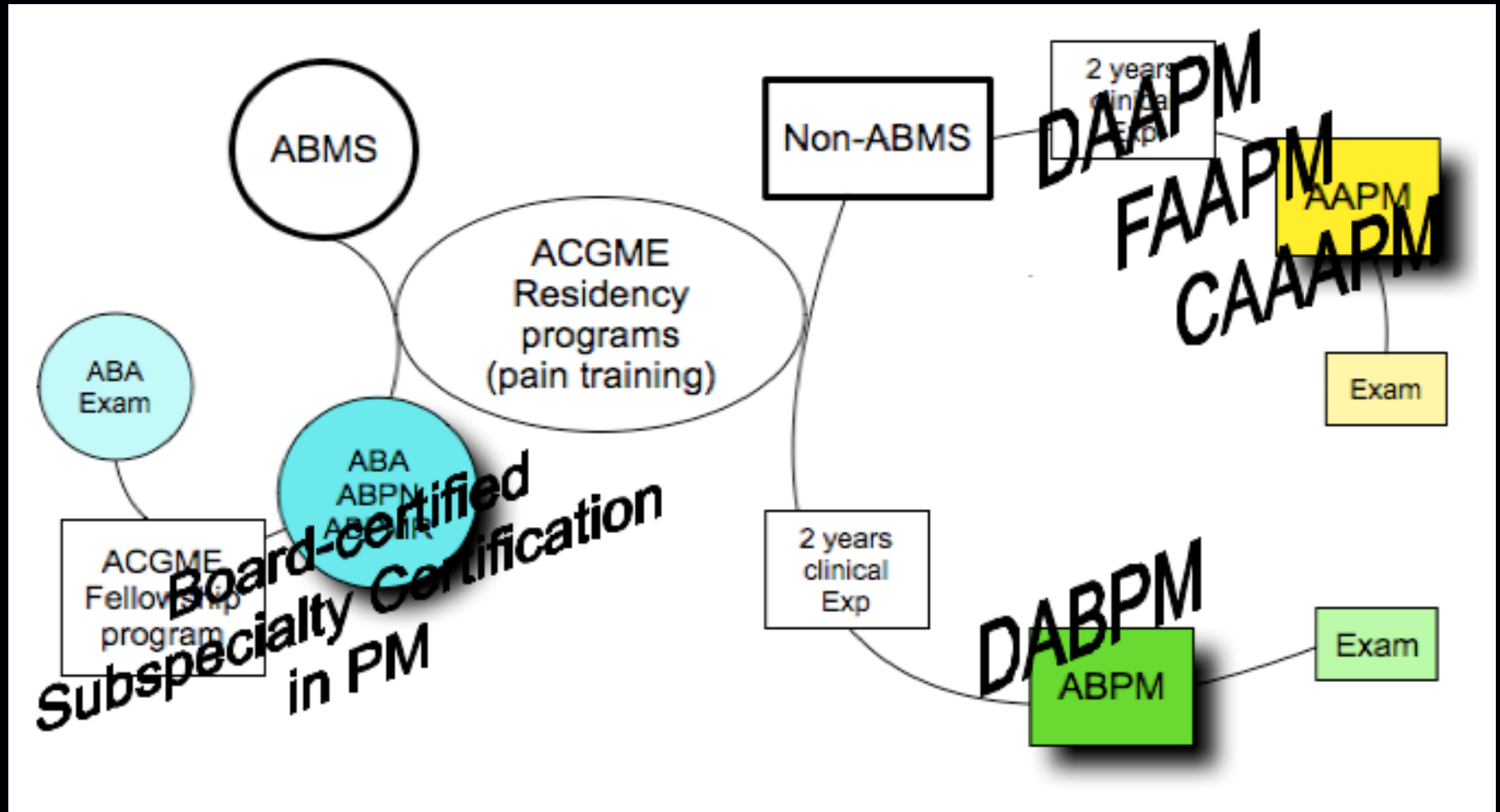
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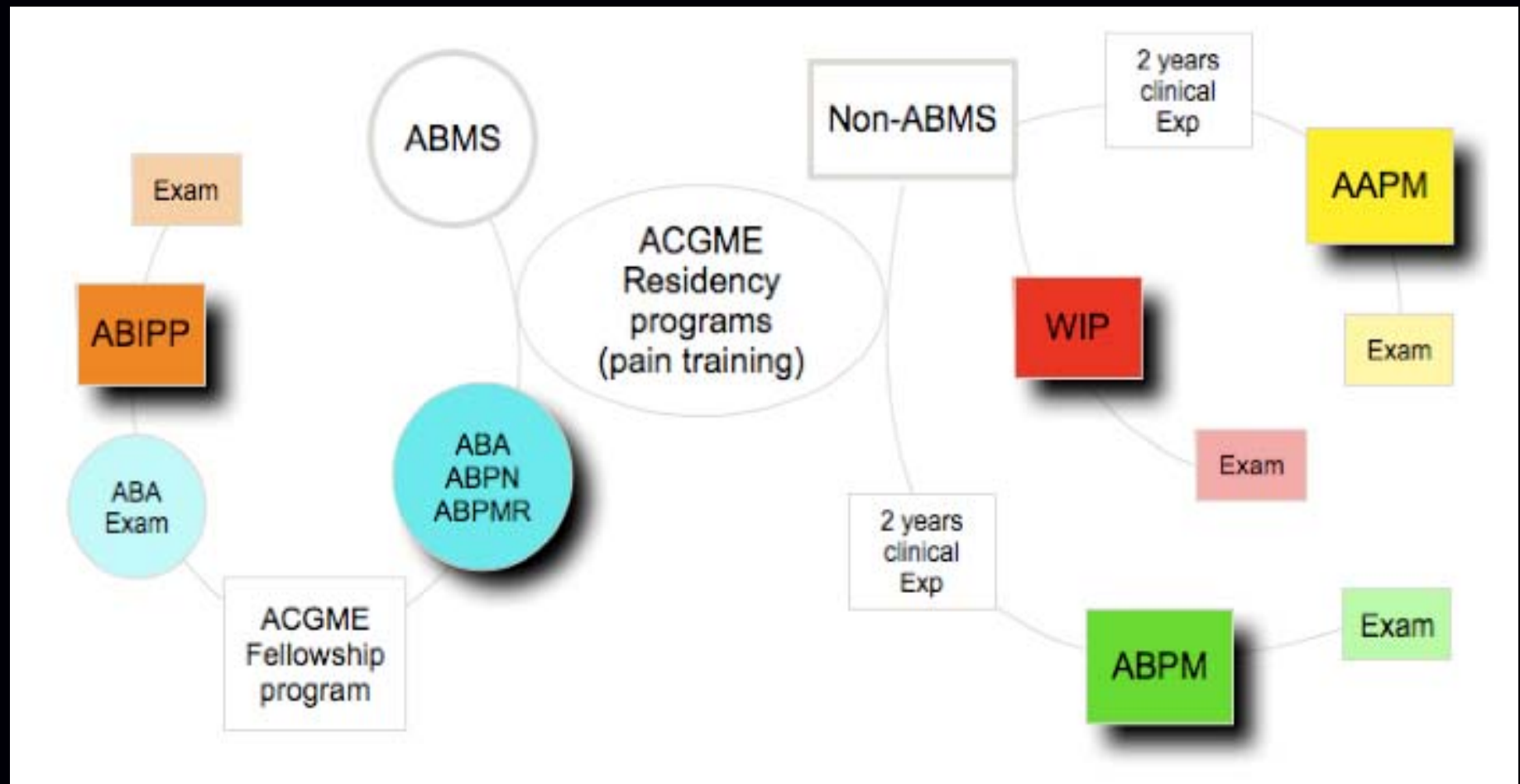


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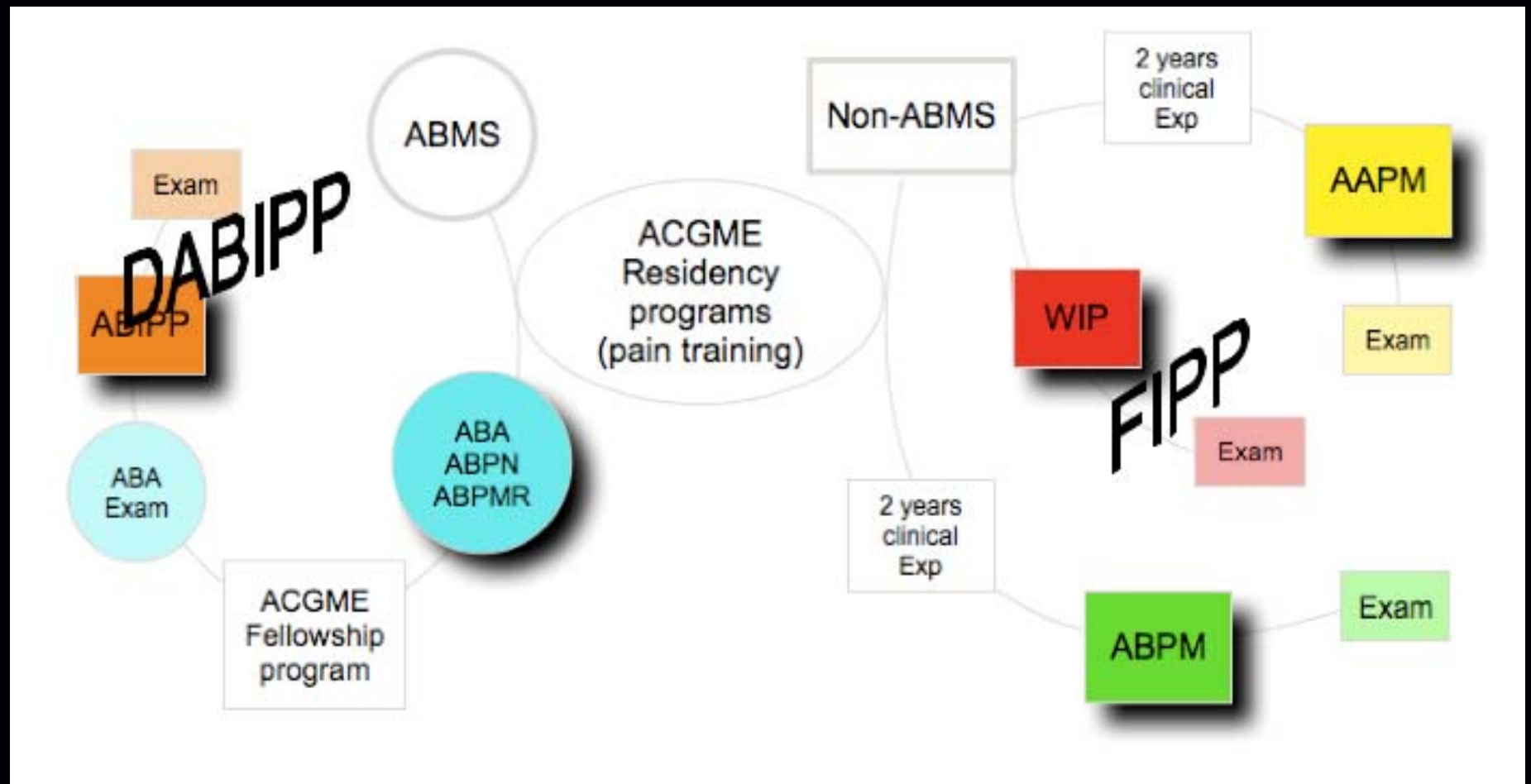
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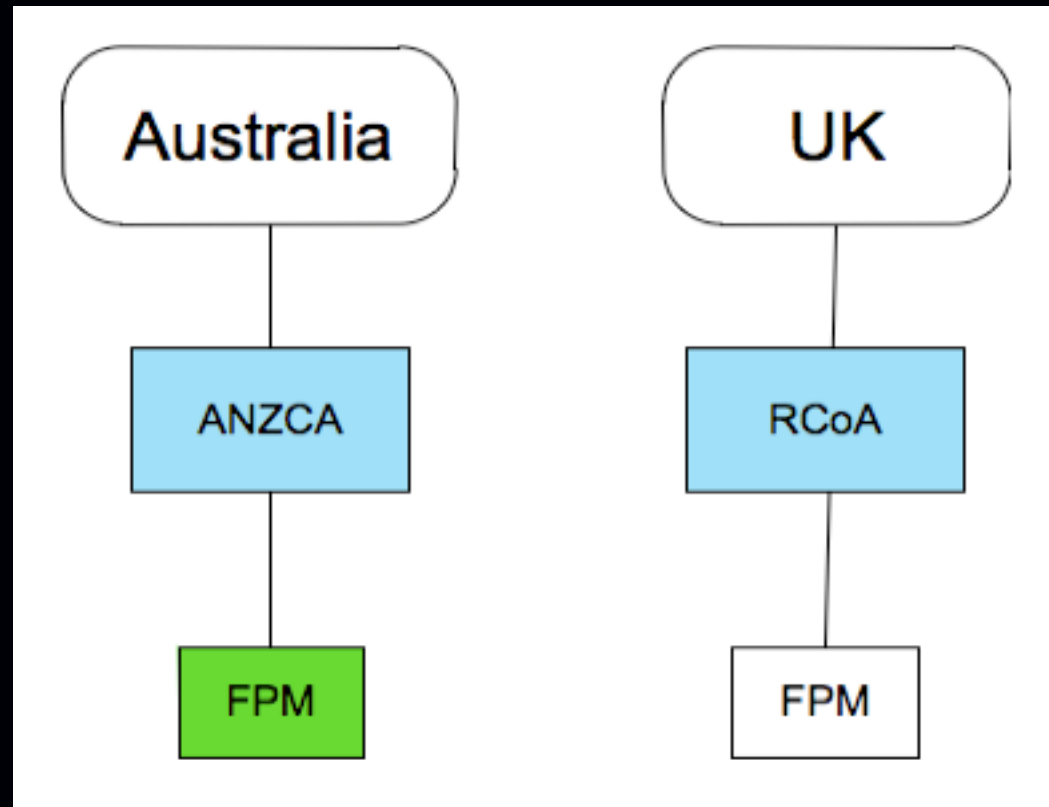
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# Pain Education Challenges

- Fragmentation by special interest groups
- Inconsistent quality of teaching programs
- Variable clinical practices

# Single Entry



FFPMANZCA

FFPMRCA

# Assessment Processes

	Start date	Clinical workload	Accreditation of Pain centers	Written Case Reports	In-training Assessments	Case Based Discussion (CBD)	Direct observation procedural skills (DOPS)	Written exam	Oral exam
Australia	1999	1-3 years established curriculum  Logbook: Acute 200 Chronic and cancer: 300	FPM guidelines and site visit  Clinical volumes: Acute: 500 Chronic 250 Cancer: 50	1	4	1/week		Short answer	Long Case Study  Short Cases
UK	Sept 2008	Logbook: no min  Clinical exams: 4  Competence criteria not numbers based	Clinical volumes in situ or access to: Acute: 200 Chronic: 300	4	Multi-sourced feedback (MSF)	4/year	6		
USA	2003	Variable	ACGME					MCQ	

# Uniformity of Practice?

“U.S. Board-Certified Pain  
Physician Practices:  
Uniformity and Census Data of  
Their Locations.”

*Breur, JoP 2007*

# Future of Pain Medicine Education

- The way of Emergency Medicine (EM)
- Until the late 70's: no emergency medicine residency programs
- "EM Physician Role": variety of specialists
- EM Residency: the Generalist-Specialist

# Pain Medicine Residency

- Specialty unto its own
- ABPM 4 year residency curriculum for ACGME consideration

*Follett & Dubois, PM May 2008*

# Pain Medicine Fellowships

- Single Entry
- Core curriculum: multidisciplinary
- Training Center Accreditation
- Assessment Process

International Challenge  
Consensus Opportunity