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Pain Awareness Open House planned for October 10 at Mission Mill in Salem

What: Oregon Pain Commission is hosting a free Pain Awareness Open House as a belated celebration of national Pain Awareness Month in September.

When: Thursday, Oct. 10, 1-4 p.m.

Where: The Dye House at the Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem.

Who: The event is open to the public and to the health care community.

Why: According to a 2011 report from the Institute of Medicine, chronic pain affects at least 100 million American adults and costs up to \$635 billion annually.

Details: Participants will have the opportunity to talk with Oregon Pain Management Commission members, to ask general questions about pain management and to share information about their own chronic pain story. The agenda for the event will be rotated twice during the afternoon so that participants who are not able to sit for lengthy periods will need to attend only about 90 minutes of the program. Parking is free.

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The mission of the Oregon Pain Management Commission is to improve pain management in Oregon through education and the development of a recommended pain management education program curriculum for healthcare professionals. The commission performs research and policy analysis, works on model projects and represents concerns of Oregon patients on issues of pain management to the Governor and the Legislature.

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