Faculty Bio



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Dr. Bill McCarberg is Founder of the Chronic Pain Management Program for Kaiser Permanente (retired) in San Diego, California. He is currently working with Neighborhood Healthcare in Escondido California (Federally Qualified Health Center) and Elizabeth Hospice. He is treasurer and past president of the

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