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Societal Impact of Pain

**Evidence in pain
therapy from a
societal
perspective**

Report workshop 2

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Workshop 2

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The presentations

Pain undertreatment in oncological patients

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"WHO Treatment Guidelines on Pain: Processes, Status and Challenges"

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Measuring Functionality as Treatment Outcome in Low Back Pain

Thomas R. Töle

Painlessly into the package: incorporating pain treatment innovations

Martin van der Graaff

Practice of benefit assessment of pain relieving medications

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Summary

- There is still a considerable underconsumption of strong opioids
- This is due to political, legal and cultural barriers, to lack of knowledge and lack of application of guidelines
- The development and application of standardized tools to measure and compare prevalence of pain and quality of analgesic care is important
- WHO pain guidelines have an important function. Update and new guidelines are in process

Summary (2)

- Topics to be included into guidelines: revision of old recommendations, patient profiling, fit into local context, cost-saving, children, non-drug interventions
- Criteria needed for innovations in the field of adequate pain therapies
- Standardisation is necessary of tools for the assessment of therapeutic value and cost benefits of pain therapies from a societal perspective
- Conditional reimbursement is a tool to apply for new drugs/interventions in the area of pain treatment(CED)

Consensus

- Better education and implementation of pain guidelines is necessary
- Better tools for assessing the quality of life are needed
- Manufacturers should take into account the needs of reimbursement authorities by comparing new medicines directly with the standard treatment on clinically relevant outcome measures