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Societal Impact of Pain

Impact of pain on the society

Report workshop 3

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Citizens rights for pain treatment in Italy

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The impact of pain from the patient perspective

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Pain and Rehabilitation

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Pain and family

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Pain management in practice

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Charter of Rights for people living with Chronic Pain

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Quality of life after pain treatment in patients with fibromyalgia

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Summary

- No common consensus of chronic pain across EU
- High prevalence and impact of pain and its treatment should be recognised as a health quality indicator
- Chronic pain is a major problem and should be recognised as a disease in its own right
- Need for education of providers of care to provide a multi-disciplinary approach
- Need diagnosis to reduce unnecessary investigations
- High societal financial costs: UK back pain €12.3 Bn, 1.5% GDP, 22% healthcare costs.
- UK sickness/absenteeism €100bn
- Hidden patients: Italy 20 million

Summary

- Pain has the greatest impact on quality of life irrespective of disease
- Typical patient?
- Pain relief: health perspective: reduced consultations, care costs, admissions
- Wider perspective: work, benefits, life
- Close the gap between patients and physicians: use care organisations e.g. Red Cross
- Treated patients cost less than untreated patients