

Health economic models in pain treatment

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Impact of pain on the society

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The presentations

The Social Economic Costs of Chronic Pain in Spain

Renata Villoro

How to assess the economic cost of pain in Denmark?

Morten Andreas Hjulsager

Issues in the Health Technology Assessment of Treatments for Pain

Ailsa Brown

Why do we need an ICD10 code for chronic pain?

Reinhard Thoma

Overview of objectives and methodology of ongoing real world studies

Ian Power

Medico-legal medicine and economic challenges in pain medicine

Eric Jensen

Monitoring of pain therapy in local healthcare unit

Pietro Giusti

Summary

- One economic model is not appropriate for all countries (develop regional economic models)
- Technology is not a drug; it is a process
- There is a big problem of heterogeneity (what is pain, different pain symptoms)
- Multidisciplinary approach in assessment and treatment
- Creating a new ICD diagnosis

Discussion

- 3 levels of discussion
 - Public general awareness of pain management
 - Health technology assessment
 - Information system of quality of care (it couldn't be retrospective, we need methods and we need additional information)

Consensus

- EFIC has an important role in collecting information throughout Europe about :
 - Organization of pain management system
 - Availability of drugs
 - Non-pharmacological treatment
 - Insurance
 - guidelines

Consensus

- There is a need for more detailed epidemiological study on the prevalence of different chronic pain syndrome
- Measurement of outcome
- Importance of education (public, professionals)