

Workshop 6



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Societal Impact of Pain

**Pain care in the future -
societal requirements**

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Workshop title

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The presentations

Educating pain patients on HTA

Recent developments on controlled medicines

IMI European research projects

Ensuring access to pain treatments

Setting the framework EUnetHTA

Italian Healthcare programme

Pain in France

Suffering Pain Andlausian patient school

Non clinical dimensions on HTA

Summary

- Education and information for patients
- Access to pain treatments
- Organisation of health systems
- Innovation and research
- Training of health professionals

Discussion - Education of patients

- Nothing about us without us – empowered patients can take control of their lives
- role of patient organisations
- Expert patient programme and patient trainers
- Training on how to participate in HTA process
- PACE - prepared, articulate, concise, engaging

Access to treatment

- E Europe needs more access to Controlled medicines
- WHO programme and development of guidance - persisting pain in children 2011
- Consumption is marker for appropriate access
- Costs are a barrier
- cost effectiveness evaluation

Healthcare organisation

- National strategies but need local implementation
- Buy in across professional barriers and must include patients
- Guidelines for professional and patients
- Evaluation of benefits/ risk ratio
- Focus on most vulnerable (children and elderly) restructuring of care pathways

Innovation and Research

- UNMET NEED
- 1 in 5 Europeans suffer from chronic pain
- 31% have unbearable pain
- Poor concordance with therapies-side effects
- Gap between human and animal models not yet overcome
- Innovative medicines project 1bn eu matched by industry

Consensus

- What role can EU play in enabling harmonisation of health professional training to include adequate education on pain management
- Cutting the cost of HTA by more joint working at the assessment and appraisal stage
- Informed patients reduce the need for unplanned care, treatment and are able to live more fulfilling lives