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# Social Impact of Pain

Patients Perspective

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Pain (fibromyalgia) patients are not alone. There are a lot of them. They want not only be heard by physicians, politicians, insurance company's, civil servants and there social surrounding be also be understood and recognized as normal individuals with a limitation.

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# What is it like to be a fibromyalgia patient?

How does it effects the day to day activities

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How is a fibromyalgia patient treated by ...

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How is a fibromyalgia patient treated by ...

1) The Physician

2) The insurance company



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- 1) The Physician
- 2) The insurance company
- 3) Disability centres



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- 1) The Physician
- 2) The insurance company
- 3) Disability centres
- 4) Politicians

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1) Family life

2) Family, friends, employer

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Thank you for your attention

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