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Societal Impact of Pain

What does best  
practice in pain  
management look  
like?

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# **WS 5 Pain – What does best practice in Pain management look like**

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# The presentations

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**Patients with back pain  
in Switzerland 2010**

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Jose M Castro-Lopes

**The role of a national  
Observatory of Pain**

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Richard Rokyta

**The management of pain  
and pain care in the  
Czech Republic**

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Jan Van Emelsen

**Innovative Pain  
Approached for future  
health care systems**

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# The presentations

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Bernard Bannwarth

**Chronic Musculoskeletal pain : should we advocate a three level stepwise approach?**

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Michael Lanteri Minet

**Pain policy in France**

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**Pain management in Belgium: a 3 level stepwise approach**

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Marijana Bras and Veljiko Exordevic

**Stand by Me**

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Maria Dolores and Martin Rodriguez

**Goals and achievements  
in acute pain**

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Andre Ljutow

**Are social problems a  
consequence of chronic  
pain?**

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# Summary

- The present systems are expensive and need to be more cost effective.
- There the beginnings of new pain management initiatives in many European countries.
- A successful pain management strategy needs the policy makers, pain societies and universities to succeed.
- Most countries find a multidisciplinary approach is the best model, including social workers and clinical pharmacists (in acute pain setting to avoid development of chronic pain.)

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- A successful pain management strategy needs the policy makers, and insurance companies to ensure financial backing.

Education of pain management is needed at all levels – universities, specialists, GPs and patients.

# Consensus

- A different mindset to the treatment of chronic pain
- EU standards including quality criteria and indicators
- Share best practice
- One IT system that is consistent for all departments