



New Trends in Prevention, Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis, and Treatment of Persistent Musculoskeletal Pain

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Persistent pain of musculoskeletal origin has been defined as a societal epidemic. These are highly prevalent conditions, representing one of the main contributors to disability-adjusted life-years worldwide, and posing a serious socioeconomic burden. Similarly, predicting which patients are at higher risk for suffering persistent symptoms remains a challenge. Proper physical activity has shown good results for prevention and treatment. Despite this, adherence to active interventions and self-management strategies is often low, which detracts for the success of such approaches. New trends in the management of these disorders recommend a multidisciplinary approach with an adequate diagnostic evaluation.

This Special Issue seeks high-quality research (including systematic reviews and meta-analyses) investigating new evidence in the prevention, evaluation, differential diagnosis, and treatment of individuals with recurrent musculoskeletal pain and their related disorders. Studies on the biological, physical, psychological, and social risk factors for the development and persistence of pain and research focused on diagnostics are welcome.





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