

The persistence of primary healthcare practitioner's adherence to clinical practise guidelines for chronic pain.

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Introduction

Chronic pain is quite widespread and is a serious public health issue. Back discomfort affects an estimated 54 million persons in the United States, resulting in 31 million physician office visits each year and 60 percent higher health-care spending than those who do not have back pain. Congress proclaimed 2001–2010 the Decade of Pain Control and Research, recognising the economic, societal, and human costs of untreated and undertreated pain. Several national organisations released or revised clinical guidelines to establish best practises and improve pain management, and the Veterans Health Administration implemented the "Pain as the 5th Vital Sign" (P5VS) National Pain Management Strategy, a multimodal approach to expedite and improve pain screening, treatment, and documentation of assessments and plans [1].

The factors at the system, clinician, and patient levels that make guideline-concordant care for chronic conditions difficult to implement have been well documented and systematic reviews of guideline implementation efforts have yielded mixed results, with few practically significant effects on care processes or outcomes. Studies on pain management have focused on improvements in care processes or service use rather than patient pain-related outcomes; interventions, once again, resulted in little or no change in clinician management behaviour. Except when nurses were educated in motivational counselling, Becker et al RCT 's of guideline implementation in primary care for acute and chronic back pain had little influence on patient outcomes. The quality of pain management did not improve when the Veterans Administration's P5VS strategy was implemented, according to patient records. For example, despite recommendations requiring "complete pain assessment and quick response" for patients reporting pain intensity of 4 on a 0–10 scale, 22% of those who met this condition had no pain-related care indicated in their medical records [2].

Multidimensional methods are crucial to guideline implementation and improved patient outcomes, according to evidence. Collaborative treatment interventions in primary care are based on evidence indicating multifaceted approaches are critical to guideline implementation and improved patient outcomes. The Study of the Effectiveness of a Collaborative Approach to Pain (SEACAP), a randomised controlled trial of a multidisciplinary collaborative intervention for chronic non-malignant pain, just published its major findings. The

Assistance with Pain Treatment (APT) project aimed to improve chronic pain management by boosting clinician adherence to chronic pain treatment recommendations with moderate or greater evidence of effectiveness, as well as enhancing the detection and treatment of concomitant depression. The strategy was twofold: educate and activate patients by reducing fear-avoidance beliefs, identifying personal goals, and increasing physical activity, and provide primary care clinicians with assessment results, treatment recommendations, reminders, and resources. APT intervention patients experienced considerably larger, albeit minor to moderate, improvements in pain interference and severity when compared to TAU patients. Using data pulled from a regional VA administrative database, we also compared care to multiple pain management recommendations [3].

If their assigned main care practitioner was a participant in the trial, all primary care clinic patients were potentially eligible. Patients of participating doctors with scheduled appointments received recruitment letters, and educational flyers were put in medical centres and clinics urging interested patients to contact the study office for screening [4].

Documented International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification musculoskeletal pain diagnosis of back pain, arthritic pain, or neck or joint pain pain duration of at least 12 weeks; and 3) moderate or greater pain intensity and functional interference (Chronic Pain Grade [CPG] item scores of 4 on a 0–10 scale and Roland-Morris Disability Questionnaire (RMDQ) scale score of 6 out of 24 respectively). Patients with a proven medical diagnosis of dementia, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, somatization disorder, bipolar disorder, psychotic disorder, or terminal illness were excluded to limit variation in case-mix and prognosis (including potential treatment resistance). The diagnosis of one or more of these clinical problems led to the exclusion of 81 (9.6%) of the patients who were screened. Patients with active suicidal ideation or record flags for disruptive or risky behaviour (n = 21) were also eliminated. Patients 65 years and older, or if concerns about confusion or memory occurred during screening, were given the six-item Orientation-Memory-Concentration test; a score of ten was considered exclusionary (n = 29). Patients were randomly assigned to the same treatment arm as their clinician (APT or TAU).

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