

Frontiers in Pain Management

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General Session V

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11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Putting the Puzzle Together: Assessing Pain in the Cognitively Impaired

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Considerable evidence exists documenting underrecognition and undertreatment of pain in older persons with cognitive impairment. This presentation will discuss the challenges of pain assessment in the cognitively impaired older adult and provide recommendations for best practices for identifying and evaluating pain in this vulnerable group.

At the conclusion of the session, participants should be able to:

- discuss evidence-based strategies for assessment of pain in cognitively impaired older adults
- identify the problem and challenge of pain assessment in cognitively impaired older adults