

Frontiers in Pain Management

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Concurrent Workshop B3

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3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Pain Management in Culturally Diverse Groups

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Ethnic minority populations are at higher risk for ineffective pain management. This session will explore the interface of the pain experience and cultural disparities in the treatment of pain. Participants will learn specific strategies to effectively advocate for their underserved patients in pain.

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

- apply concepts to a case study of a patient diagnosed with Sickle Cell Disease
- understand the literature discussing the influence of genetic variability on the effectiveness of analgesics
- describe strategies to reduce these barriers to pain management in culturally diverse groups
- identify patient, healthcare provider and healthcare system barriers to pain management in culturally diverse groups
- recall statistics demonstrating cultural disparities in pain management