

Frontiers in Pain Management

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Concurrent Workshop C1

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9:15 am - 10:30 am

Update on Pharmacology and Clinical Interventions in Pain Care

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This session will review available pharmacological agents and treatment modalities employed in pain management for patients suffering from chronic pain as well as acute post-operative pain. We will discuss the pharmacological, psychological, societal, and practical aspects of treating chronic and acute pain and highlight new therapies on the horizon.

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

- recall options for acute/post-operative pain management and the modalities and/or combination of modalities currently available to achieve optimal pain control
- describe necessary assessment parameters to predict post-operative pain levels, treatment options, and occurrence of adverse effects
- identify the consequences of ineffective pain management in acute and chronic pain
- discuss the benefits and risks of useful chronic pain treatment strategies
- understand the myths and realities, including safety and efficacy, of opioids for pain management