

SCD-Related Acute and Chronic Pain



Excessive acute and chronic pain in SCD patients.



Why it matters

Acute and chronic pain in SCD patients is often severe and can significantly impact quality of life. It is associated with increased hospitalizations and healthcare costs.

Acute pain is often related to the underlying cardiac condition, while chronic pain may be related to the long-term effects of the condition or its treatment.

Healthcare providers should be aware of the potential for acute and chronic pain in SCD patients and should take steps to identify and manage these symptoms.



Who it affects

Hematologists and other clinicians providing pain management care:

Cardiac patients with SCD often have complex pain management needs. Hematologists and other clinicians providing pain management care should be aware of the potential for acute and chronic pain in these patients.

Emergency room physicians: SCD patients often present to the emergency room with acute pain. Emergency room physicians should be aware of the potential for acute and chronic pain in these patients.

Primary Care and Family Physicians: Primary care and family physicians are often the first to identify SCD in their patients. They should be aware of the potential for acute and chronic pain in these patients.

Individuals living with SCD and their family members: SCD is a chronic condition that can significantly impact quality of life. Individuals living with SCD and their family members should be aware of the potential for acute and chronic pain.

Policymakers: Policymakers should be aware of the potential for acute and chronic pain in SCD patients and should take steps to ensure that these patients have access to the care they need.

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What are the highlights

Acute pain: I s s t t t t t s t
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Chronic pain: t st tt t t t t s s
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Pain management approaches beyond and in addition to prescription medicines:

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Transfusion: l s t CD t t t
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Total number of panel recommendations: 18