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## **ADVANCING PATIENT CARE THROUGH INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION**

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# **Pain Management through Collaborative Practice: An Optimal Use of Available Resources**



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# Acute Pain Medicine: The Evidence

Impact of uncontrolled acute pain:

- **Clinical Perspective:** Increased morbidity, ↑ pulmonary and cardiac complications, ↑ risk of thrombosis.
- **Patient Perspective:** Poor sleep, fear, anxiety, limited mobility, low autonomy, reduced quality of life.
- **Administrative Perspective:** increased costs- higher rates of complications, ↑ hospital stay, ↑ risk of chronic pain development.

# Acute Pain Medicine: The Practice

**US:** >70% of patients who undergo surgery report postop pain.

**Europe:** (PATHOS) in 7 countries, fewer than half of postop patients receive adequate pain relief.

**Lebanon:** Private hospitals - 21% of POP is managed by anesthesiologists, 70% of hospitals do not dispose of PCA.

# Gaps between Evidence and Practice

## Problems List & Suggested Solutions (ISSP 2011)

- **Healthcare professionals**

Inadequate attitudes & knowledge, Opiophobia, Inadequate resources, Clinical inertia.

Education, pain management inclusion in clinical pathways, research and guidelines

- **Patients & the Public**

Out-of-date ideas, satisfaction with inadequate pain control, lack of awareness of the importance of pain control.




Education and empowerment in pain management strategies.

- **Problems related to the healthcare system**

Economic problem, practice restrictions, education


Establishing national strategies and frameworks.

# Learning Objectives

-  Optimize contexts which influence pain management through interprofessional collaboration.
-  Promote teamwork and shared understanding of roles between professional groups.
-  Identify patient, provider, and system factors that can facilitate or interfere with effective pain management.

# Pain Management through Collaborative Practice

**Activity:** Let's meet Mrs. Barakat  
Small group discussion- Group debriefing




Pain Assessment & Management - Vanda Abi Raad



Pain Management - Myths & Facts - Maya Abdul Rahman



Pain Management & IPE Role- Aline Saad



Conclusion

## **LAU-Clinical Simulation Center**

*" Using Simulation Education To Improve Patient Safety and Quality In Healthcare "*



*Meet Mrs. Barakat*

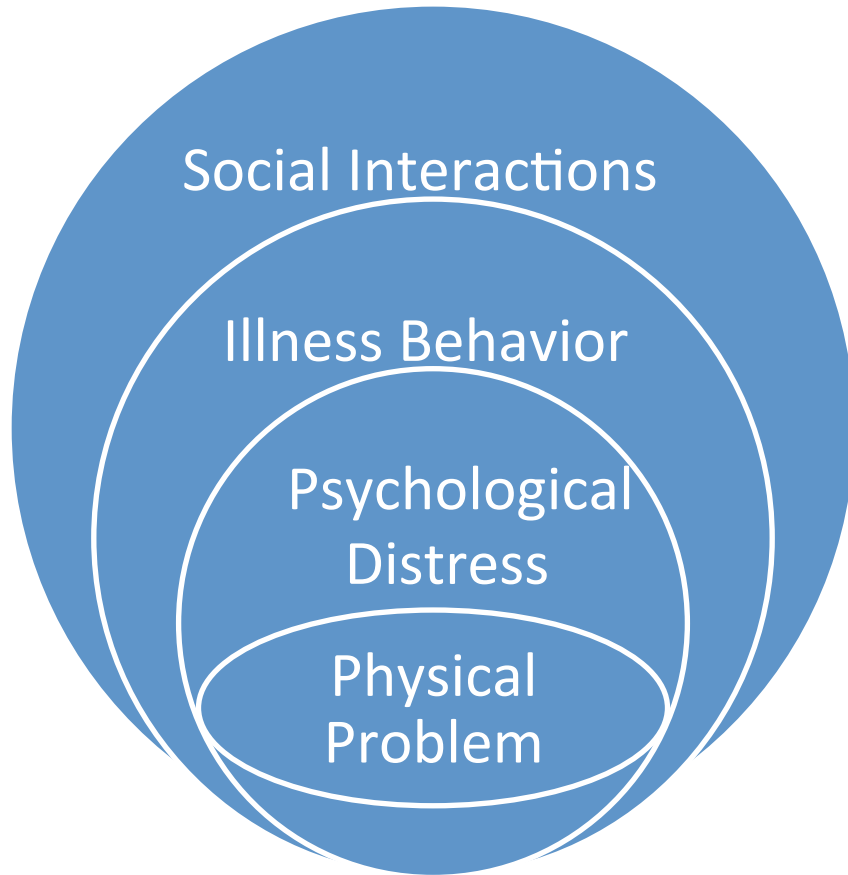


## Our Patient

Mrs. Barakat is a healthy 47 y-old who underwent Rt mastectomy + axillary lymph node dissection. She is now on the surgical ward 8h postop.

- History: Hypertensive, smoker 1 PPD  
Mother died due to ovarian cancer at 52
- Labs: Normal
- Medications: Zestril (Lizinopril) 10 mg (for HTN) OD  
Perfalgan (Paracetamol) 1g IV q 6h PRN
- Allergies: Tramadol
- Vital Signs: HR 130 bpm, RR 22/mn, BP 140/94, SpO2 98%

# Pain Assessment



Pain as Biopsychological Phenomenon

- Pain is multidimensional- Its complexity makes it hard to measure.
- The intensity of pain correlates poorly between patient's self-assessment and caregivers' assessment.
- **Under rating results in under treatment.**

# Pain Assessment

- **Regular** and **routine** assessment of pain results in improved pain management.
- Use a pain measurement tool **appropriate** to patient's mental status, age and language.
- Measure pain scores both **at rest** and **at movement** to assess the impact on functional activity.
- **RE-ASSESS** pain regularly and before/after administering analgesics.
- **Document** pain measurements as part of routine observations to **Make Pain Visible**.

# Pain Assessment

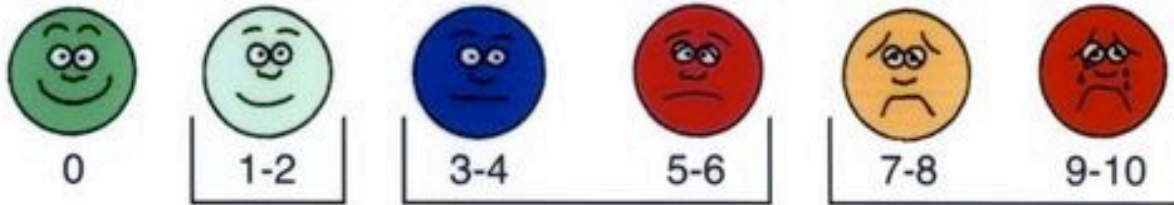
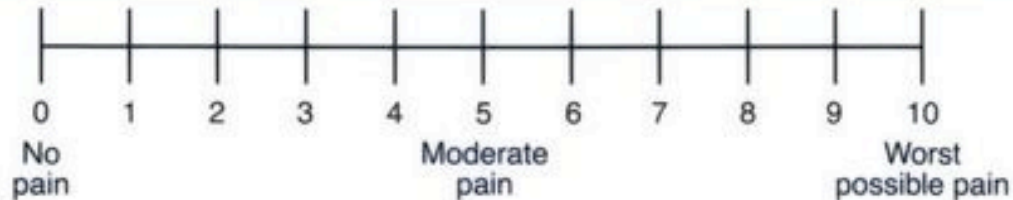
Pain assessment is a part of the initial clinical evaluation:

- Location, irradiation, quality, frequency, duration, aggravating and alleviating factors, intensity at rest and at movement.
- Previous treatments, current medications.
- Functional changes induced by pain.
- Basic psychological assessment: patient's tolerance of pain and desires for pain management.

# Pain Assessment Tools

## UNIVERSAL PAIN ASSESSMENT TOOL

This pain assessment tool is intended to help patient care providers assess pain according to individual patient needs. Explain and use 0-10 Scale for patient self-assessment. Use the faces or behavioral observations to interpret expressed pain when patient cannot communicate his/her pain intensity.



WONG-BAKER  
FACIAL  
GRIMACE SCALE

0

1-2

3-4

5-6

7-8

9-10

MILD

MODERATE

SEVERE

ACTIVITY  
TOLERANCE  
SCALE

NO  
PAIN

CAN  
BE  
IGNORED

INTERFERES  
WITH  
TASKS

INTERFERES  
WITH  
CONCENTRATION

INTERFERES  
WITH BASIC  
NEEDS

BEDREST  
REQUIRED

# Pain Assessment Tools

## Behaviour Pain Assessment

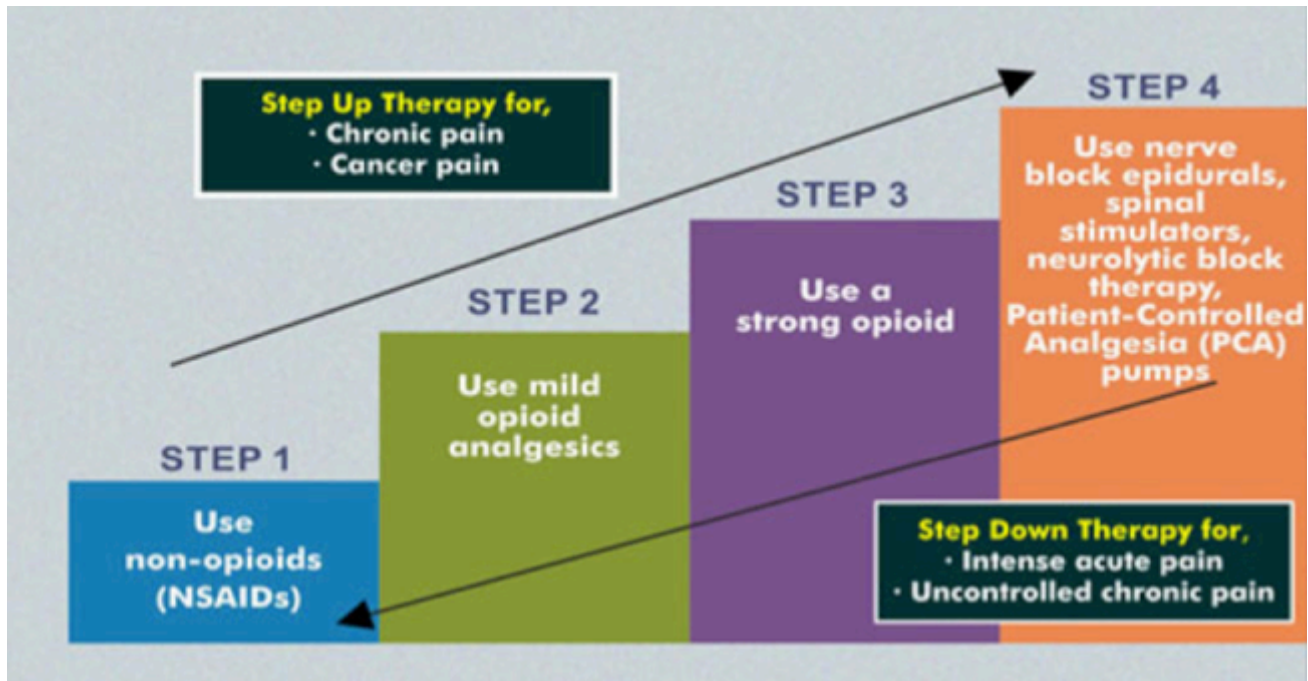
Face	<b>0</b> Face muscles relaxed	<b>1</b> Facial muscle tension, frown, grimace	<b>2</b> Frequent to constant frown, clenched jaw	Face score:
Restlessness	<b>0</b> Quiet, relaxed appearance, normal movement	<b>1</b> Occasional restless movement, shifting position	<b>2</b> Frequent restless movement may include extremities or head	Restlessness score:
Muscle tone*	<b>0</b> Normal muscle tone	<b>1</b> Increased tone, flexion of fingers and toes	<b>2</b> Rigid tone	Muscle tone score:
Vocalisation**	<b>0</b> No abnormal sounds	<b>1</b> Occasional moans, cries, whimpers and grunts	<b>2</b> Frequent or continuous moans, cries, whimpers or grunts	Vocalisation score:
Consolability	<b>0</b> Content, relaxed	<b>1</b> Reassured by touch, distractible	<b>2</b> Difficult to comfort by touch or talk	Consolability score:
Behavioural pain assessment scale total (0–10)				/10

Used in patients who are unable to provide a self-report of pain.  
Ex: cognitively impaired, confused or who have language difficulties.



# Principles of Pain Management

By mouth, By the clock, By the analgesic ladder



The revised WHO Analgesic ladder for Acute Pain, Chronic Non-cancer, and Cancer Pain.



# Multimodal Analgesia



- No single drug or technique is perfect.
- Targeting more than one pathway with 2 or more analgesics with # mechanisms of action provides additional analgesia due to synergistic/additive effects

# Multimodal Analgesia

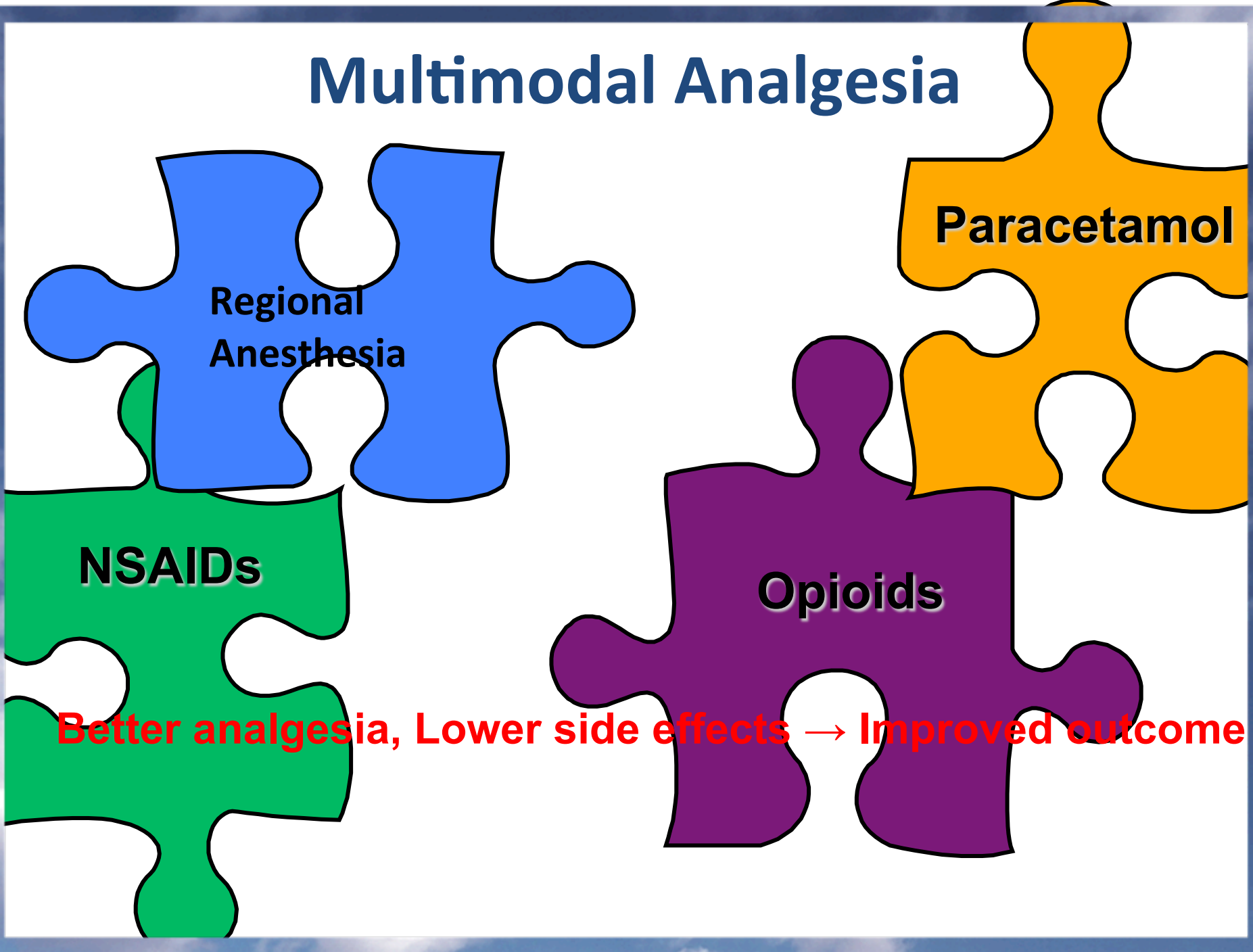
Regional  
Anesthesia

Paracetamol

NSAIDs

Opioids

**Better analgesia, Lower side effects → Improved outcome**



# Principles of Pain Management

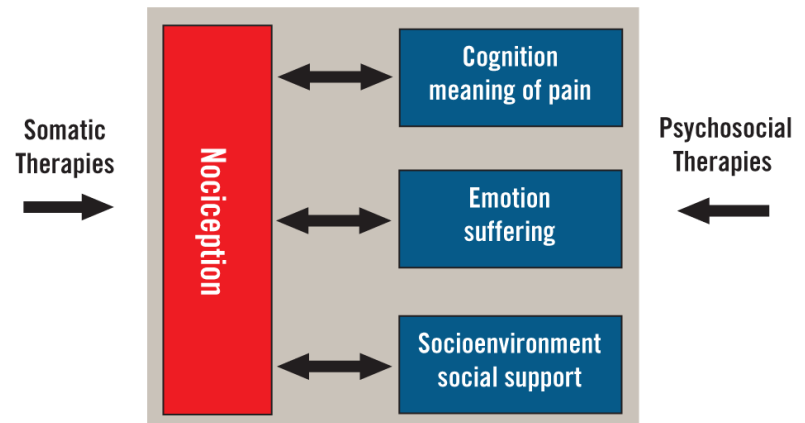
Pain is what the patient reports



Measure and record systematically



Use a multidisciplinary approach



# Barriers to Pain Management

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Love is the spirit  
that motivates  
the artist's  
journey.

Eric Maisel

# Barriers to Pain Management

## Health Practitioners

- Inadequate knowledge
- Inadequate assessment
- Misconceptions

## Health Care System

- Low opioid quota
- Restricted supply
- Limited opioid availability

## Patient

- Cultural taboo over morphine
- Fear of side effects
- Misconceptions about tolerance and addiction
- Cultural and religious beliefs



About Pain

**MYTHS**

Management

**FACTS**



# Pain Expression

- Visible signs, either physiologic or behavioral, accompany pain and can be used to verify its existence & severity



- Physiologic and behavioral adaptation occur, leading to periods of minimal or no signs of pain
- Lack of pain expression does not necessarily mean lack of pain



# Pain Stimuli

- Comparable noxious stimuli produce comparable pain in different people. The pain threshold is uniform.



- Comparable stimuli do not result in the same pain in different people. After similar injuries, one person may suffer moderate pain while another person may suffer severe pain

# Opioids for Pain

- Patients on opioids are likely to establish respiratory depression



- The likelihood of establishing a clinically significant, opioid-induced respiratory depression is less than 1% when given through I.M., I.V. or epidural routes

# Opioids in Special Populations

- Narcotic analgesics should be avoided in very young and older patients



- Start LOW and go SLOW



**..Makes PERFECT!!**

Thank  
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# Pain Management through Interprofessional Collaboration



# Health Care Deja vu



# Interprofessional Collaboration- IPC

- Difference in concepts:
  - Multidisciplinary
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Interprofessional
- Through IPC: we learn with, from and about one another to empower individual and team capacity for timely, safe and effective patient-centered care.



# Definition of Interprofessional Collaboration



# Interprofessional Collaboration- The Evidence

- Improving patient care around postoperative pain management requires **regular communication** and **collaboration** among health care providers
  - Guidelines for pain management emphasize the importance of multimodal, interprofessional care, which incorporates a team-based approach as well as a combination of non-pharmacological and pharmacological treatment modalities.
  - Literature is full of successful models of such teams with proven positive outcomes for the patients: acute pain services, integrated pain clinics, opioid reassessment clinic...

# Pain Management through Collaborative Practice- Outcomes:

- In-depth pain assessment
- Multimodal treatment recommendations
- Thorough monitoring for efficacy and safety
- Follow-up and care coordination
- Patient engagement and education
- Increased patient and providers satisfaction
- Improved patients' outcomes
- Development of standard protocols to encourage effective prescribing
- Audit and evaluation of pain practice

# Interprofessional Collaboration Outcomes

- Trust and respect among health care providers and patients
- Knowledge and value of other professionals role
- Less tension and conflict among health care providers
- Sharing power and decision making
- Maximizing patient-centered care



How can they work together  
if they don't learn together?

# Core Competencies for Pain Management



# The Road to IPC

- Must build competence through IPE
- Senior leadership support
- Change leaders in the education and practice settings to embrace IPC
- Resources



# Take Home Message- Getting Started

- Determine your goals for Interprofessional collaboration
- Gain support from leadership at all levels
- Conduct audit to identify strengths and areas of improvement
- Document and promote IPC in pain management



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