



## Management of Postoperative Pain

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Patients usually suffer after operation. Acute postoperative pain is one of the most feared complications by the patients. Postoperative pain, especially when poorly controlled, results in harmful effects such as adverse physiologic responses. Besides, a variable portion (5%–85%) of acute postoperative pain converts to chronic pain, which is a devastating outcome after surgery. Because chronic pain is difficult to treat, and is often persistent, efforts should be made to prevent the development of chronic pain after surgery. To do so, pathophysiology of postoperative pain (acute or chronic) should be understood, a variety of treatment options should be evaluated, and preventive measures of chronic postoperative pain need to be established. Proper managements of postoperative pain are essential to safe and rapid recovery after operation. Please join us in presenting this Special Issue on the up-to-date research currently being performed on postoperative pain in different academic fields to improve postoperative care of surgical patients.

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