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Spinal Cord Stimulation and Other Neuromodulation Therapies for the Treatment of Refractory Chronic Pain: What's New? What's Good? What's Better?

Message from the Guest Editor

Chronic refractory pain (CRP) is a major, worldwide health problem that generates considerable expenses for healthcare systems. Any lasting relief solution to failed back syndrome will be due to the physician who not only masters the pathology and the technical aspects, but who also understands the patient. Solutions to great problems usually come from men and women who are passionate, observing and skillful. At the epicenter of the refractory chronic pain enigma, this technological earthquake now underway can be considered as either a rare opportunity to better help the patient or a major source of opaqueness for physicians. There are three options available for scientific debates on our daily neurostimulation practice: intentional ignorance, standardized evidence-based practice or an alternative data mining approach. With this Special Issue of JCM, our intent is to bridge the existing scientific gap and to fruitfully address these topics.

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