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Advances in Postoperative Pain Management and Chronic Postoperative Pain

Message from the Guest Editor

Acute pain is usually associated with a specific illness or trauma. The most characteristic acute pain is postoperative pain (POP). The clinical features of POP vary from subject to subject and in the same patient over time. This variability is due to the pre-existing pathology and location, type, and invasiveness of the surgery.

Clinically, POP involves a constellation of unpleasant sensory and emotional experiences associated or not with autonomic and behavioral responses. The complex humoral responses that initially work to maintain the homeostasis, when excessive and prolonged, can cause organic, psychological, and behavioral alterations and can become particularly difficult to treat. Consequently, if not properly treated, POP can assume the characteristics of a complex chronic pain issue. Remarkably, chronic POP (CPOP) is defined by painful symptomatology in the operated area unrelated to previous pain, present for more than 3 months, and without any link to surgical complications.

This Special Issue will identify the gaps in the prevention, diagnosis, and management of POP/CPOP based on a combination of original research and review papers.

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