

Developing HEAL Pain Strategic Research Priorities: The Intersection of Pain and Substance Use Disorders

Toward phenotyping and personalized pain medicine

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Definitions

Phenotyping is the process of analyzing, determining, or predicting an organism's phenotype (observable properties determined by the set of genes and environmental factors) including its physical appearance, development, and behavior.



Personalized medicine (precision medicine):

- ❑ A form of medicine that uses information about a person's genes, proteins, environment, and lifestyle to prevent, diagnose, or treat disease (*National Cancer Institute*).
- ❑ A medical model using characterization of individuals' phenotypes and genotypes (e.g. molecular profiling, medical imaging, lifestyle data) for tailoring the right therapeutic strategy for the right person at the right time, and/or to determine the predisposition to disease and/or to deliver timely and targeted prevention (*The European Commission*).

Do we need phenotyping for managing pain and OUD?

	Comparisons*	Participants†	Active pain relief	Placebo	Number needed to treat (95% CI)
Tricyclic antidepressants	15	948	217/473	85/475	3.6 (3.0–4.4)
Serotonin-noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors	10	2541	676/1559	278/982	6.4 (5.2–8.4)
Pregabalin	25	5940	1359/3530	578/2410	7.7 (6.5–9.4)
Gabapentin§	14	3503	719/2073	291/1430	7.2 (5.9–9.1)
Tramadol	6	741	176/380	96/361	4.7 (3.6–6.7)
Strong opioids	7	838	211/426	108/412	4.3 (3.4–5.8)

Buprenorphine/Methadone maintenance:

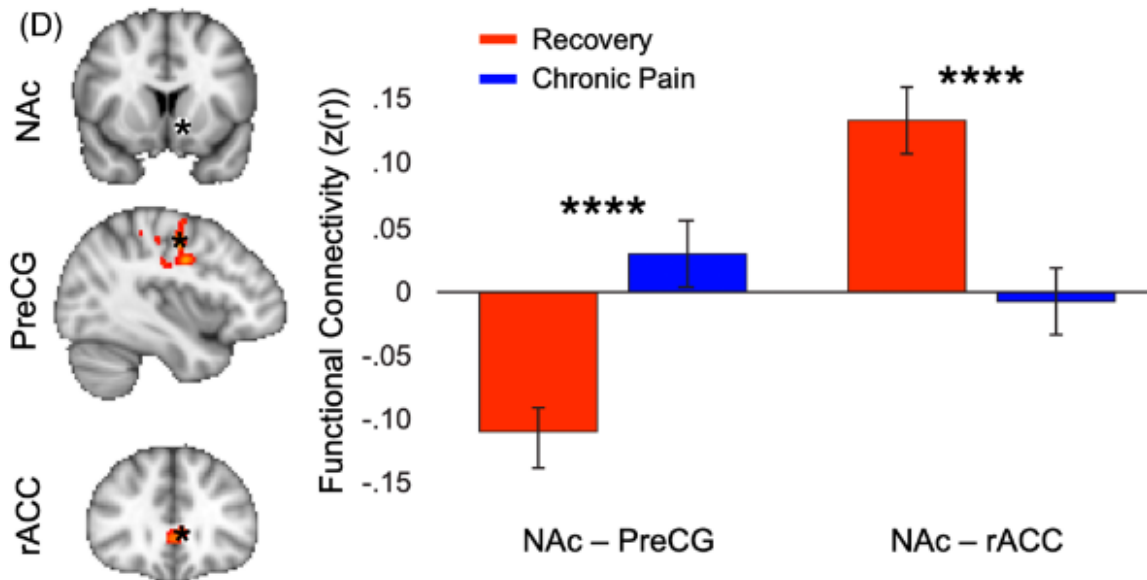
- NNT 2-3 for retention in treatment
- NNT ≈40 for prevention of an opioid overdose death

Finnerup et al, Lancet Neurol 2015; Schoenfeld et al, JAMA Network Open 2020

Examples of phenotyping-based approaches

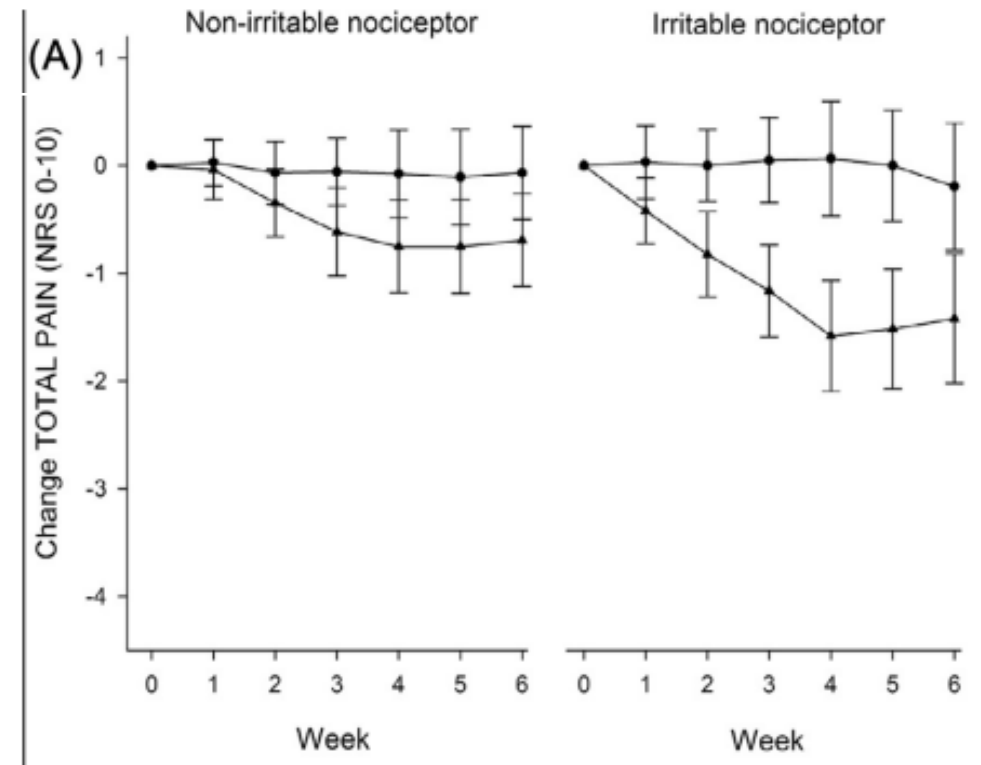
Brain Connectivity Predicts Chronic Pain in Acute Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

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The effect of oxcarbazepine in peripheral neuropathic pain depends on pain phenotype: A randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled phenotype-stratified study

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Opportunities to examine phenotypes of pain and OUD



Surgery

- ❑ 10-20% (not everyone!) will develop chronic post-surgical pain (CPSP)
- ❑ 6-9% will start using opioids chronically



Cancer chemotherapy

- ❑ 10-20% (not everyone!) receiving certain types of chemotherapy will develop painful peripheral neuropathy (CIPN)
- ❑ Double the rates of opioid use compared to cancer patients without CIPN



Non-personalized medicine: opioid use after surgery



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- ❑ 36 patients undergoing total knee arthroplasty procedure (TKA)
- ❑ Actigraphy monitoring with Activité Steel HR watch
- ❑ Mobile app-based recording of pain scores, opioid use and sleep quality

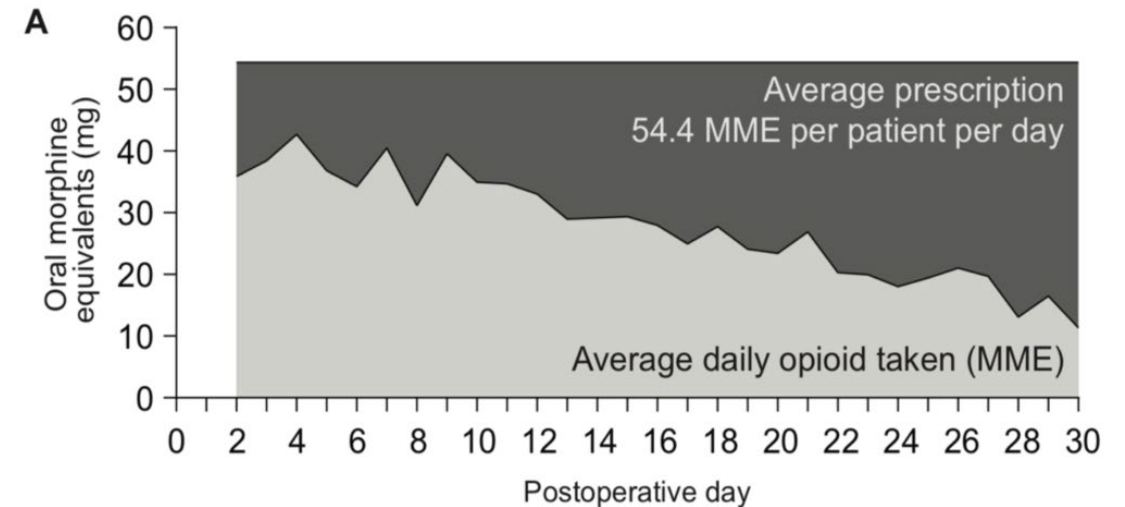
Opioid prescription at discharge: 54.4 MME/day

Actual opioid use: 28.1 MME/day

Cumulative unused excess: 28,404 MME

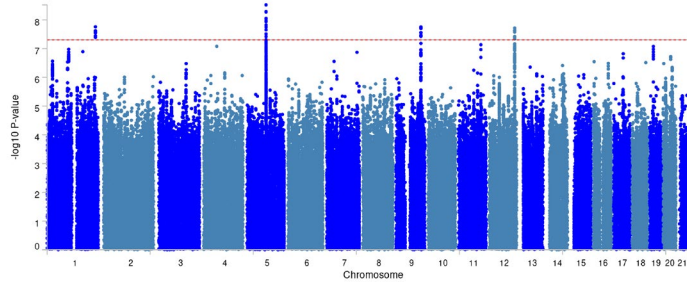
* Equivalent to **3,787 unused** Oxycodone 5mg pills

MME: oral morphine mg equivalents



Do genomic factors interact with social determinants of health to influence risk of pain and OUD?

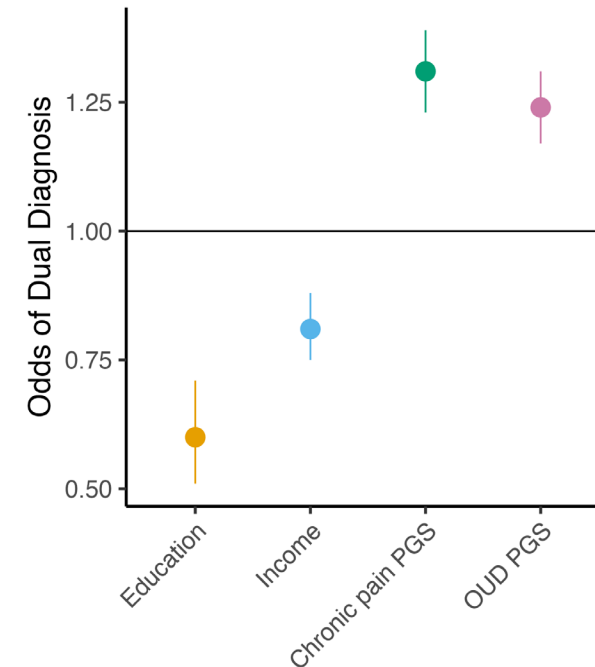
Multi-ancestral genome-wide association study to identify genetic variants and genes associated with chronic pain conditions



Use GWAS to develop polygenic scores (PGS)



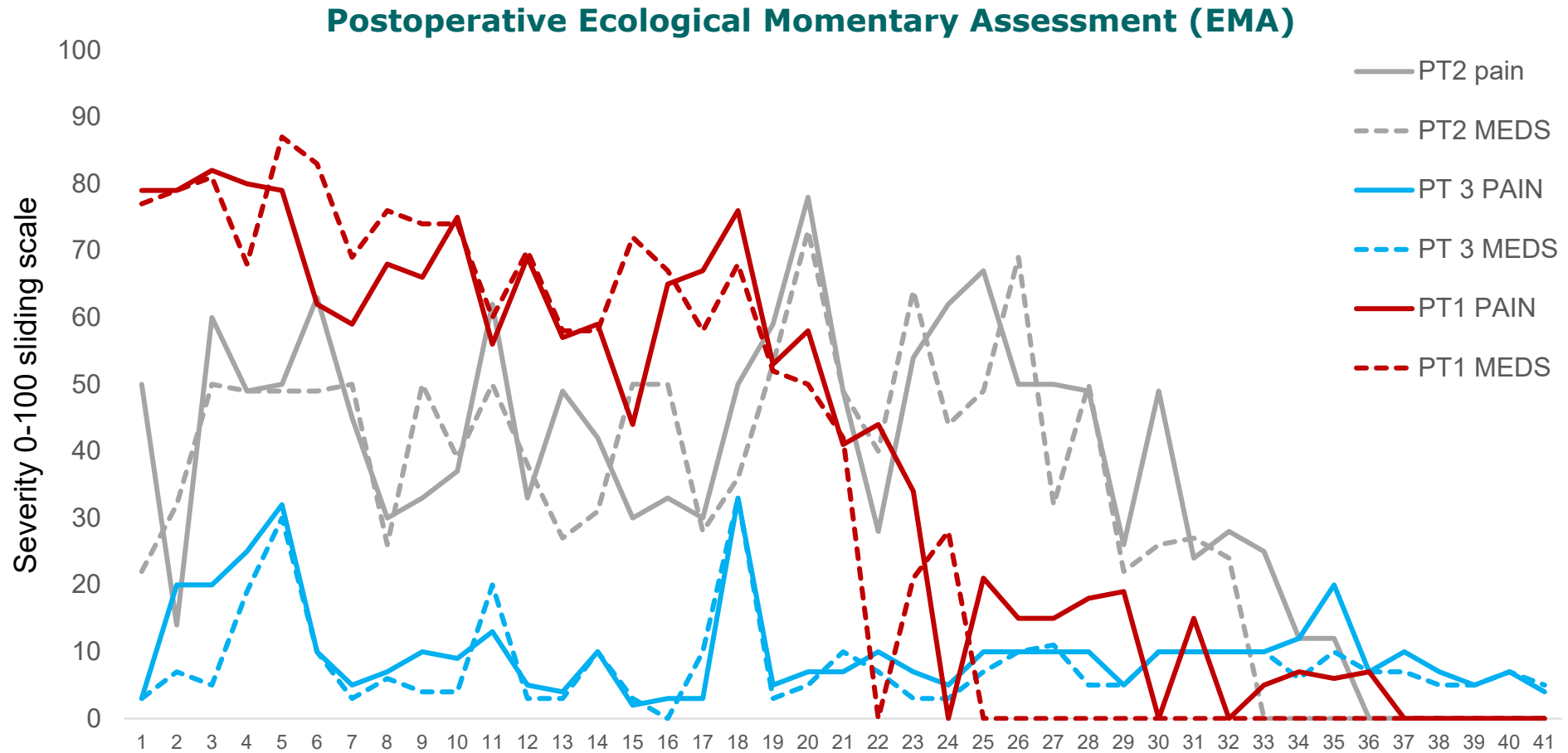
Individuals with co-occurring chronic pain + opioid use disorder (OUD) have lower SES and higher genetic liability than those with only one diagnosis



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Individual trajectories: Pain and analgesic needs after surgery

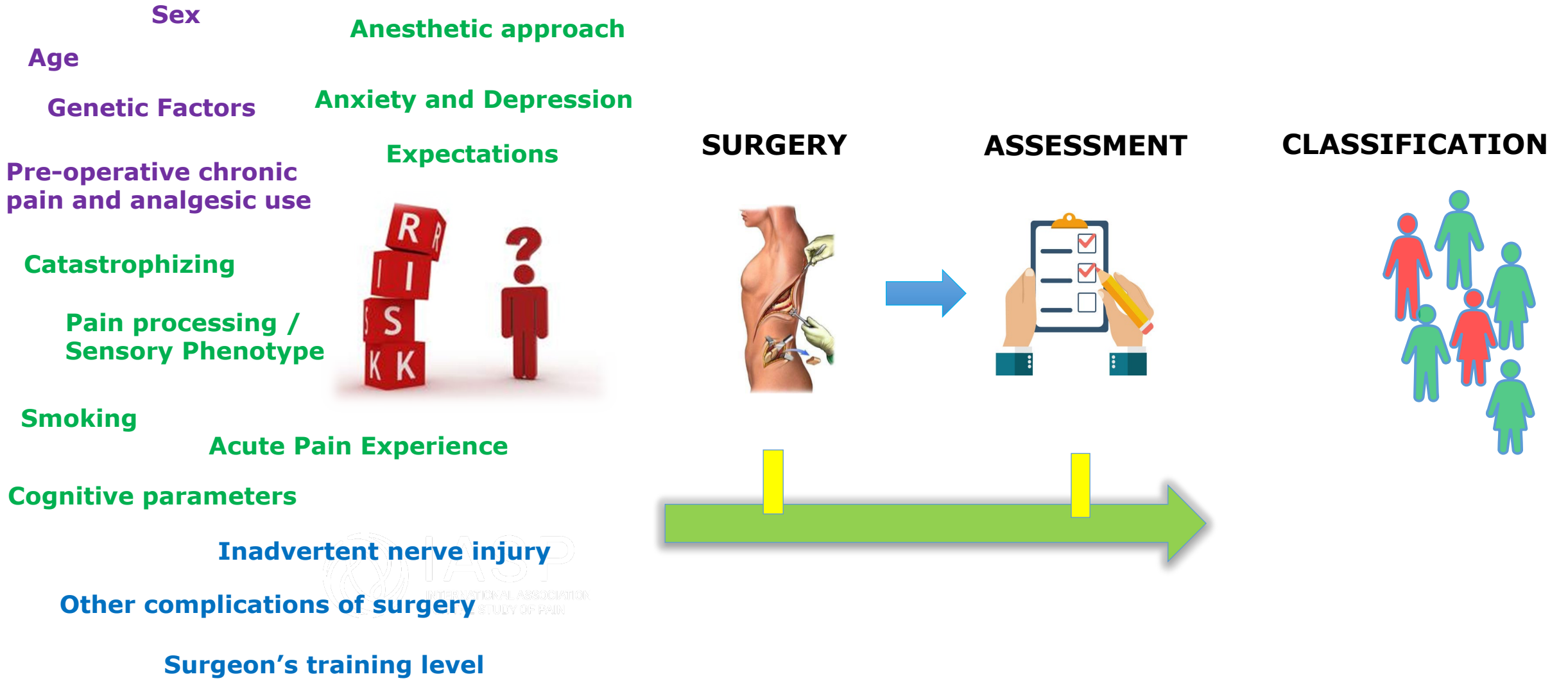


Unpublished data, **P5** (Personalized Prediction of Persistent Post-surgical Pain) study

What will determine an individual patient's trajectory?



CPSP – How do we identify patients at risk?



CPSP risk and its prediction



Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Risk factors for persistent pain after breast and thoracic surgeries: a systematic literature review and meta-analysis

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Review Article

Perioperative Risk Factors for Persistent Postsurgical Pain After Inguinal Hernia Repair: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Perioperative factors associated with persistent postsurgical pain after hysterectomy, cesarean section, prostatectomy, and donor nephrectomy: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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REPORTS

Factors associated with persistent postsurgical pain after total knee or hip joint replacement: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Postsurgical Pain Risk Calculator

- Calculator Inputs
- Calculator Results
- Variable definitions
- Publications

Patient characteristics

Age (yrs)
21

Sex
Female

Preoperative pain in the operative area
Yes

Average preoperative NRS pain in the operative area at rest (past 1 week)
0 4 10

Other preoperative pain
Yes

Preoperative opioid
Yes

Surgery type
Orthopaedic

Expected surgical technique
Minimally invasive

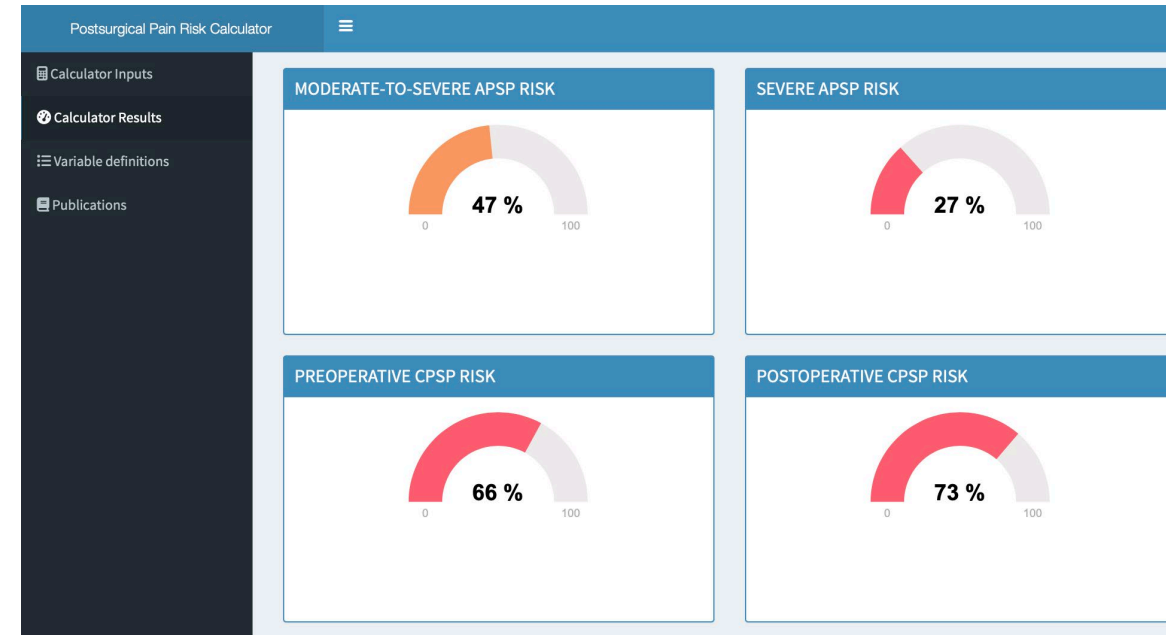
Expected surgery duration (minutes)
30

Regional anaesthesia
Peripheral

Actual surgical technique
Minimally invasive

Average acute postoperative NRS pain intensity in the PACU
3.6

Note: These models have not been externally validated and should not be used for clinical purposes



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Development and internal validation of a clinical risk tool to predict chronic postsurgical pain in adults: a prospective multicentre cohort study

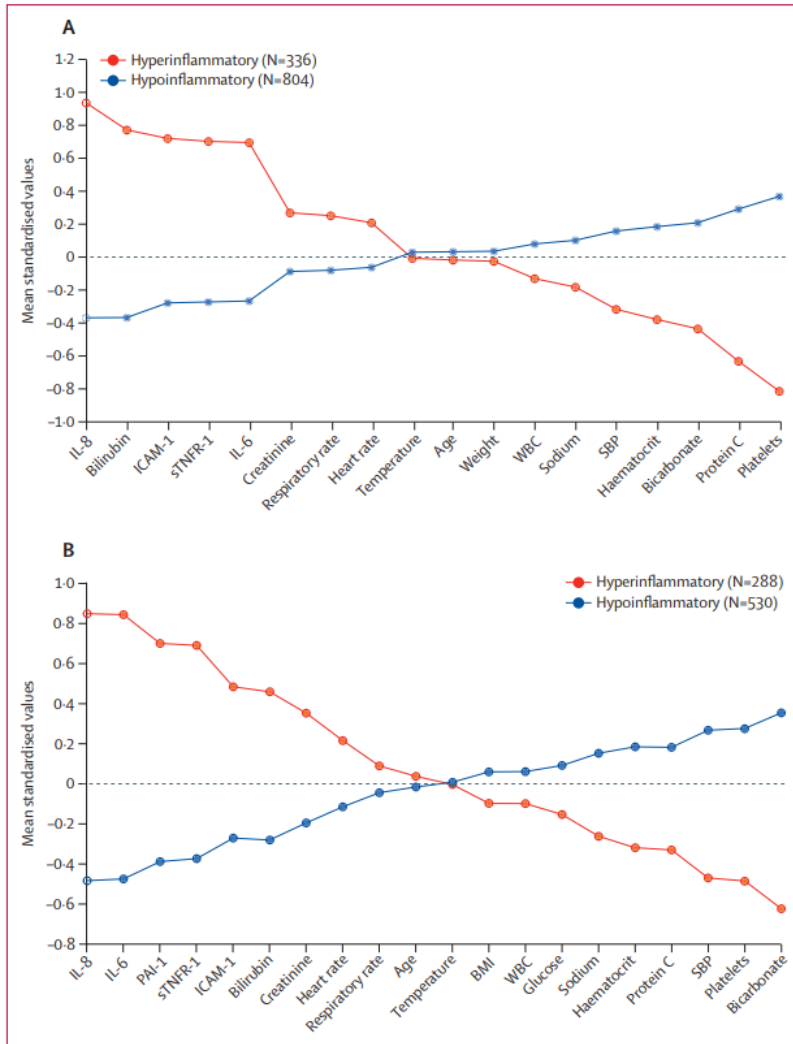
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https://psp-risktools.shinyapps.io/psp_risk/

Sepsis - Example of Comprehensive Phenotyping



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	Hypoinflammatory			Hyperinflammatory			p value	
	N	ICU-free days (IQR)	Mortality	N	ICU-free days (IQR)	Mortality	ICU-free days	Mortality
VALID*	804	21 (11-24)	133 (16.5%)	336	7 (0-22)	143 (42.6%)	<0.0001	<0.0001
EARLI*	530	23 (17-25)	107 (20.2%)	288	12 (0-23)	129 (44.8%)	<0.0001	<0.0001
VALID* ARDS excluded	532	23 (17-25)	70 (13.2%)	236	16 (0-23)	80 (33.4%)	<0.0001	<0.0001
EARLI* ARDS excluded	346	24 (21-25)	48 (13.9%)	226	22 (0-24)	77 (34.1%)	<0.0001	<0.0001
PROWESS-SHOCK†	1142	13 (0-20)	233 (20.4%)	538	0 (0-14)	192 (35.7%)	<0.0001	<0.0001
VASST†	455	11 (0-20)	127 (27.9%)	323	0 (0-12)	163 (50.5%)	<0.0001	<0.0001

ICU-free days were censored at day 28, such that patients that died before day 28 were assigned zero ICU-free days. p values for ICU-free days were generated using the Wilcoxon rank test and for mortality using the χ^2 test. Class 1=hypoinflammatory and Class 2=hyperinflammatory in VALID and EARLI. ICU=intensive care unit. VALID=Validating Acute Lung Injury biomarkers for Diagnosis trial. EARLI=Early Assessment of Renal and Lung Injury trial. ARDS=acute respiratory distress syndrome. PROWESS-SHOCK=Prospective Recombinant Human Activated Protein C Worldwide Evaluation in Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock trial. VASST=Vasopressin and Septic Shock Trial. *In-hospital mortality. †Mortality at day 28.

Table 2: Differences in clinical outcomes between the hypoinflammatory and hyperinflammatory phenotypes across four sepsis cohorts

Sinha et al, Lancet Respir Med 2023

Applying Patient Phenotyping approaches to CPSP

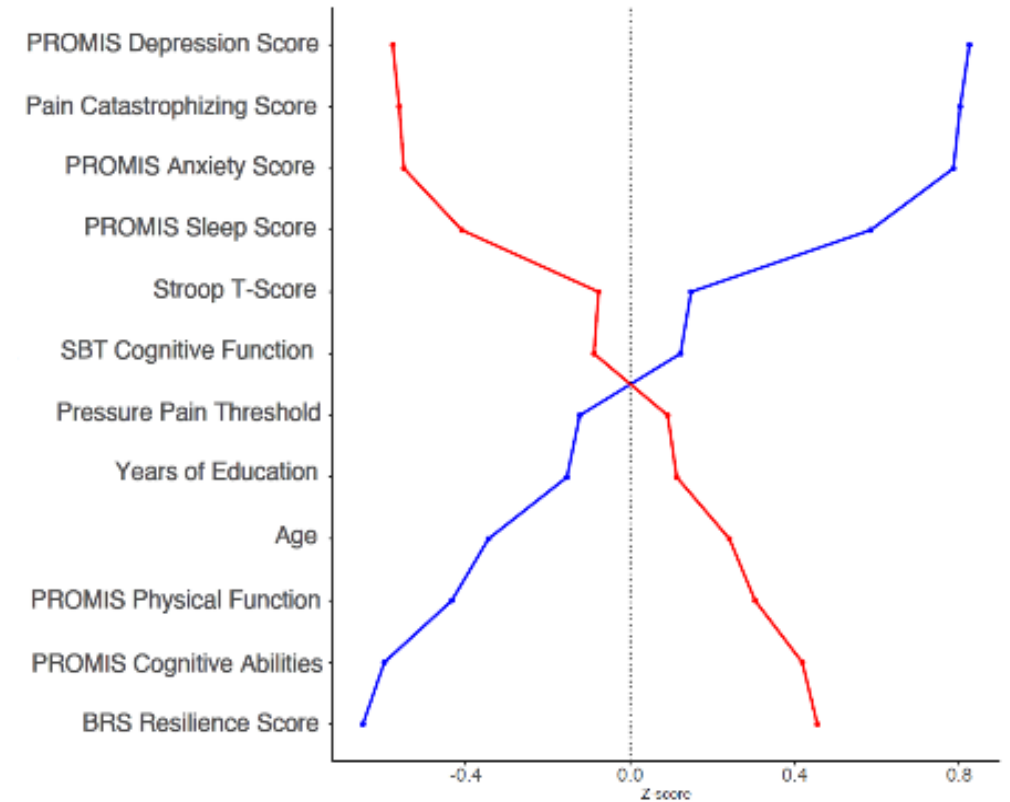


684 patients from P5 cohort who developed chronic post-surgical pain (CPSP)

Preoperative data used to generate clusters, using K-mean clustering

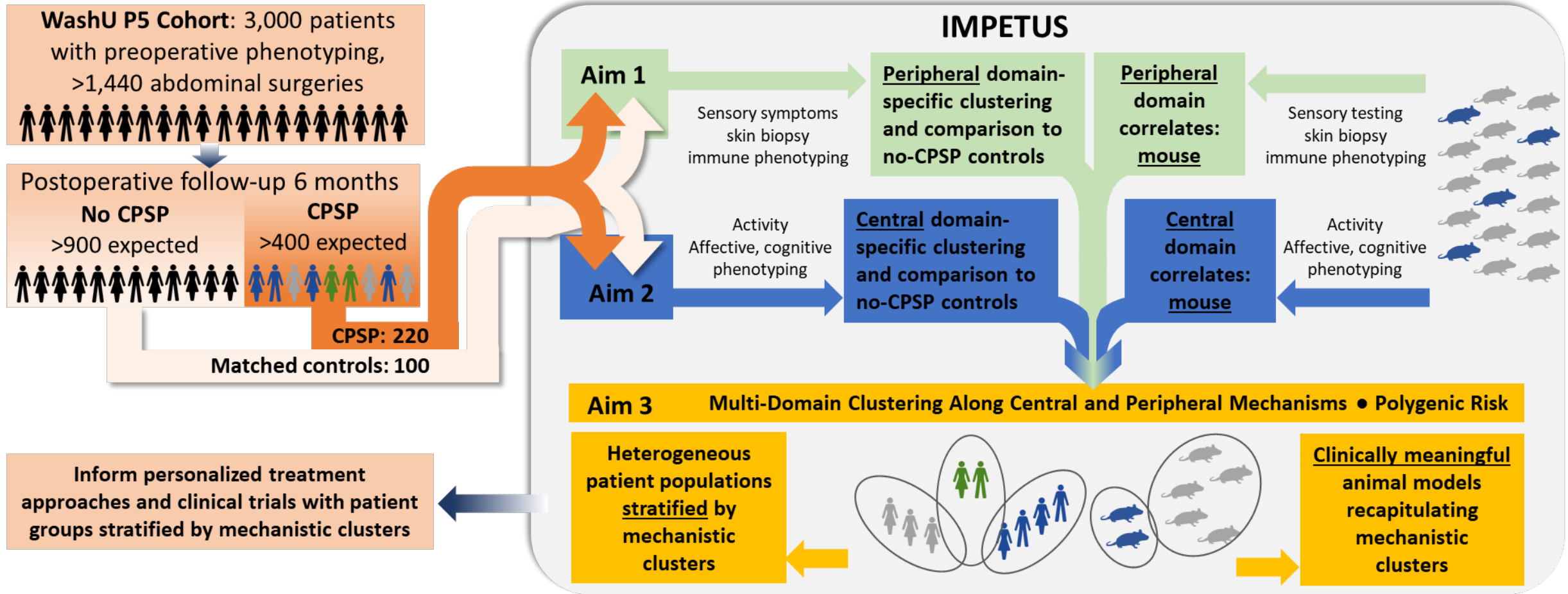
Cluster 1 (blue):

- High depression
- High anxiety
- High catastrophizing
- Poor sleep
- Poor cognitive abilities
- Younger age
- Poor physical function
- Low self-reported resilience



Unpublished data, Haroutounian lab

Our view of next step in phenotyping approaches to CPSP



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Patient perspectives for phenotyping and personalized medicine

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Patient engagement in designing, conducting, and disseminating clinical pain research: IMMPACT recommended considerations

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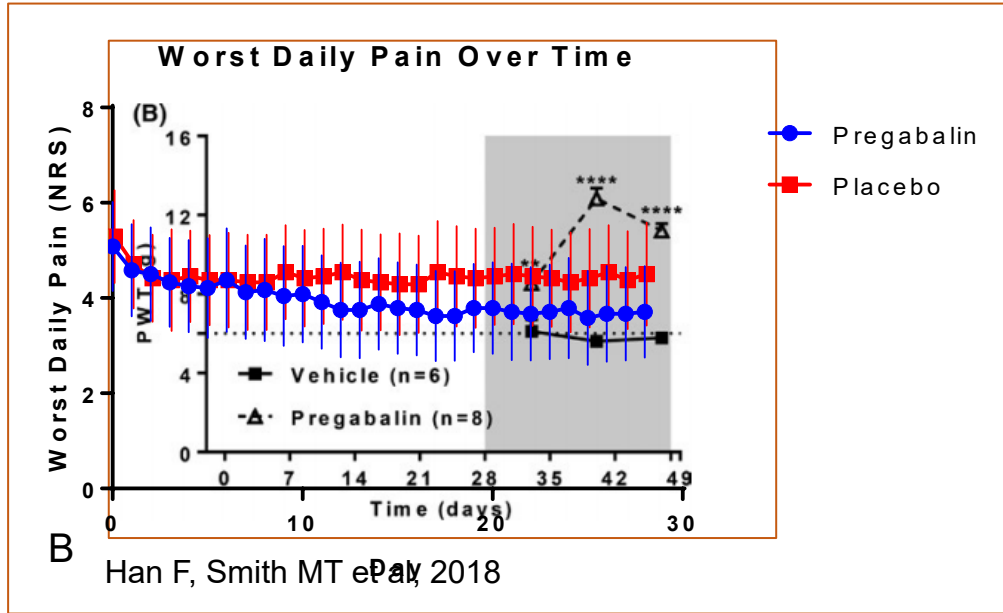


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Phenotypes, predictors, and what patients care about



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Somatosensory predictors of response to pregabalin in painful chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy: a randomized, placebo-controlled, crossover study

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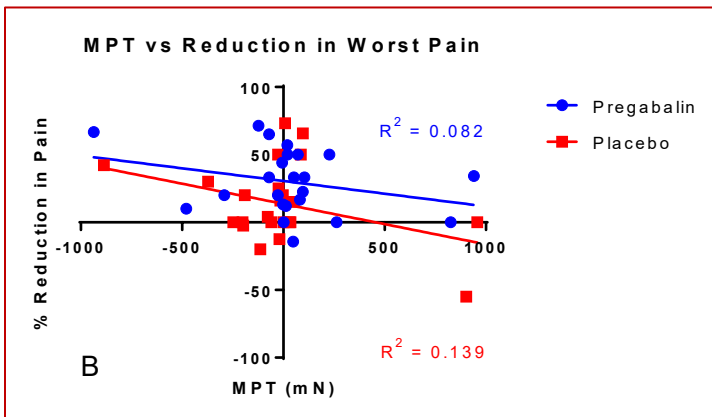


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	Pregabalin	Placebo	P value
Evoked pain (NPSI), % reduction	30%	12%	0.02



8. Is your pain provoked or increased by brushing on the painful area?

No pain 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 worst pain imaginable

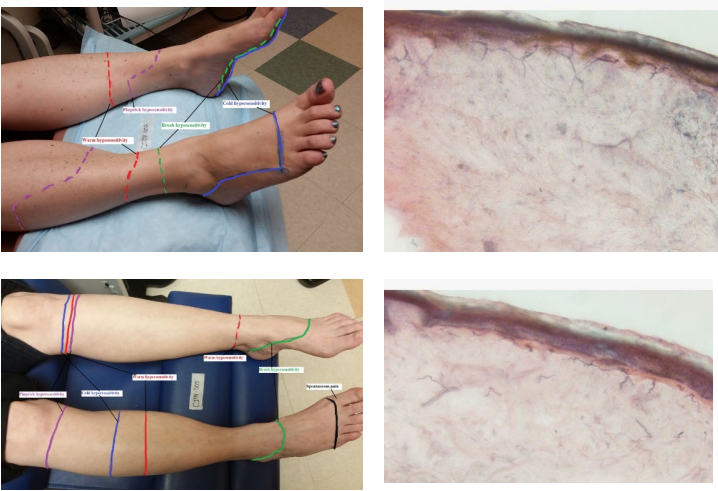
9. Is your pain provoked or increased by pressure on the painful area?

No pain 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 worst pain imaginable

10. Is your pain provoked or increased by contact with something cold on the painful area?

No pain 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 worst pain imaginable

Can we “dig deeper” while focusing on what patients care about?



Angiotensin II Triggers Peripheral Macrophage-to-Sensory Neuron Redox Crosstalk to Elicit Pain

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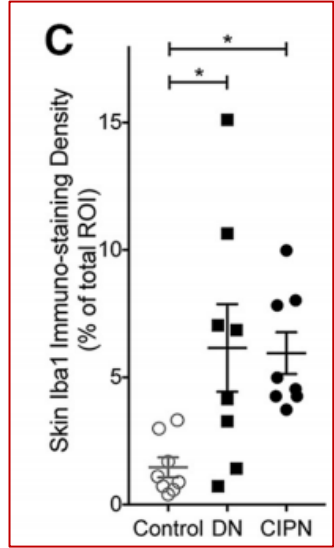
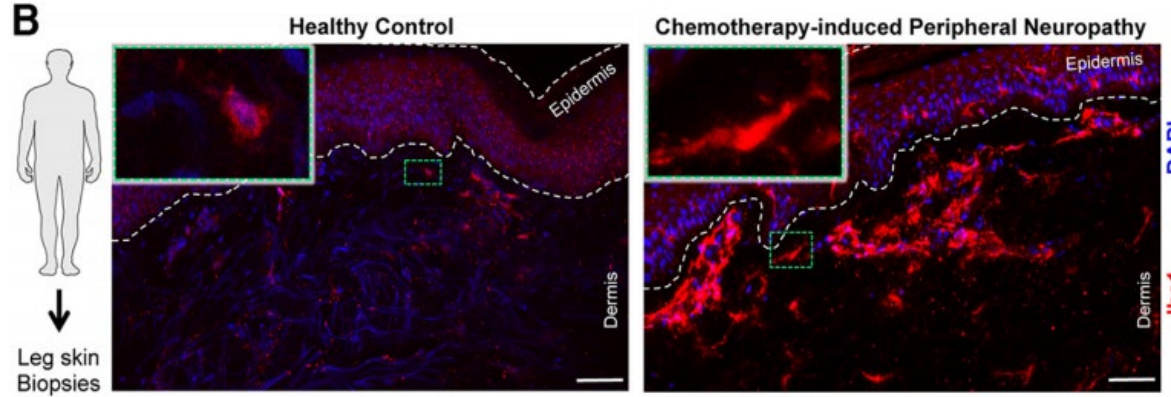


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Macrophage density in human skin fibers



Shepherd et al, J Neurosci 2018

Exploring Patient and Clinician Perspectives on Risk Prediction for Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN)



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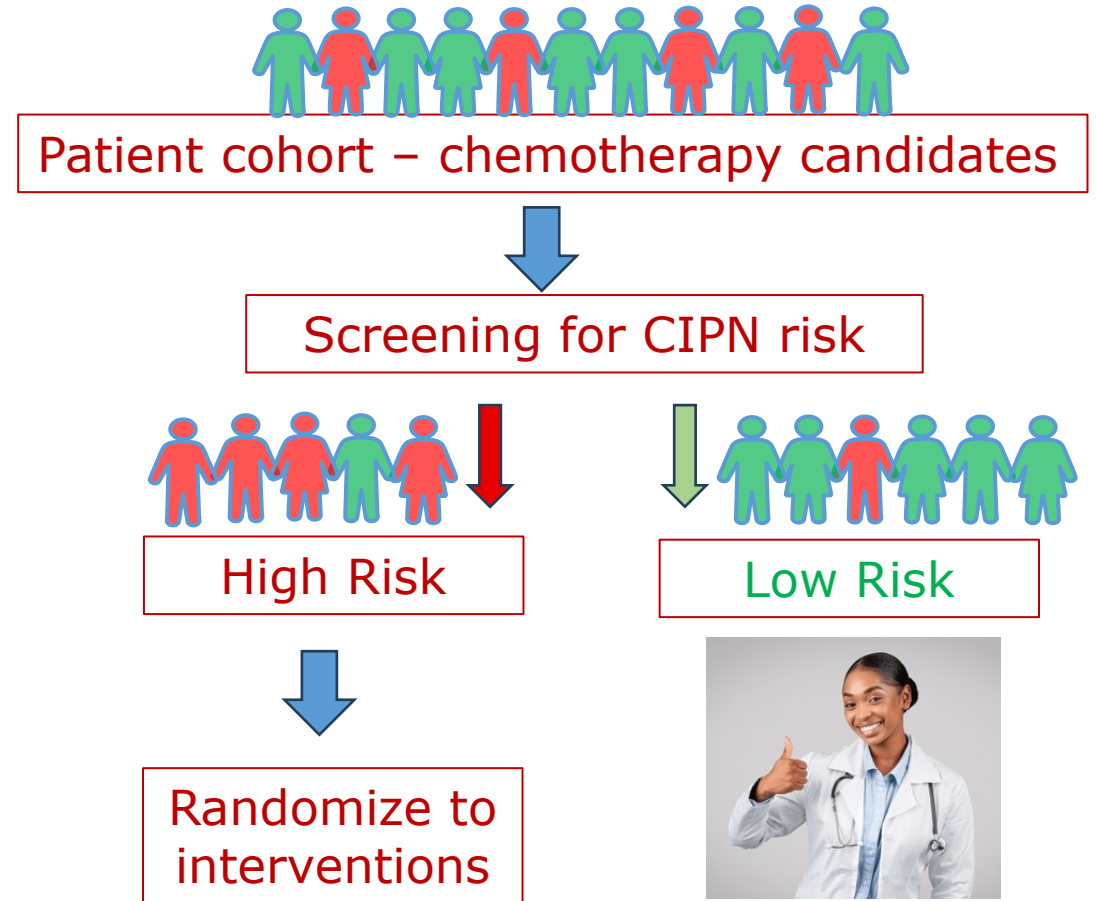
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Themes that are important for patients:

- Be able to attain full benefit of chemotherapy and not require dose reduction / discontinuation due to neuropathy
- Be better informed about risks of CIPN, and participate in shared decision making
- Having a sense of individual risk will help make decisions about participating in prevention trials

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Prediction of CIPN to inform personalized care and research



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Summary

- ❑ One-size-fits-all approach does not work for pain prediction or treatment; results in patient harm and recourse/time waste
- ❑ Phenotyping approaches has been used, mostly unimodal, with limited applicability so far
- ❑ Performing comprehensive phenotyping where mechanistic insights can be gained (e.g., with genotyping and multi-omics) likely to provide added beneficial
- ❑ Critical to maintain patient-centered focus
- ❑ Opportunity to develop animal models that are phenotypically aligned, to bridge translational gaps

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