CHRONIC PAIN IN EUROPE: IMPACT, TREATMENT CHALLENGES AND POLICY GAPS

IMPACT

OF 46,364 PEOPLE ACROSS 16 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

SUFFER CHRONIC PAIN: 19%

1/3 Reported pain was so severe they could not tolerate any more

1/5 Reported losing a job or being diagnosed with depression as a result

PAIN FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS
SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK
INTENSITY OF ≥ 5/10

TREATMENT CHALLENGES

OF PATIENTS HAVE INADEQUATE PAIN CONTROL FROM MEDICATION: 36%

NEARLY ONE IN FOUR health care providers do not believe their patients

APPROX. 25 MILLION pain patients get care from a provider who does not believe them

POLICY GAPS

LAWMAKERS lack a common, agreed-upon definition of disability to guide policy

PATIENTS lack a statement of employment rights for those with chronic pain

European citizens with chronic pain need:
• Greater public awareness
• Improved access to treatment
• Policy protections

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