

PERSISTENT PAIN IMPACTS 100 MILLION U.S. ADULTS AND COSTS \$500+ BILLION ANNUALLY

Pain Also Adversely Impacts Quality of Life

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It's well established that pain impacts quality of life, including activity, sleep, mood, and stress. An article published in the Journal of Pain reports on the economic costs of pain.¹ Pain is costly because it consumes resources, and it can complicate treatments for other conditions patients may have.



This published analysis used a sample representing 210 million adults. Pain was reported in a significant portion of this sample: 10% moderate pain, 11% severe pain, 33% joint pain, 25% arthritis, and 12% functional disability. Adults in pain had higher healthcare costs: Persons with moderate pain had \$4,516 higher costs than someone with no pain, and \$7,726 higher for severe pain.

Medications are often prescribed for pain management. An article in PAIN Practice reported on an analysis of medical and pharmacy claims of Veterans Health Administration patients.² Healthcare utilization and costs were assessed to determine opioid abuse prevalence and economic burden.

Annual healthcare costs for diagnosed opioid abuse patients (\$28,882) were higher than for those without diagnosed abuse (\$13,605).

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