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Platelet-Rich Plasma versus Corticosteroid Injections for Facet and Sacroiliac Joint Pain: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis With Trial Sequential Analysis

Pain Medicine

Facet and sacroiliac joint pathology are common causes of chronic low back pain. Corticosteroid injections provide short-term relief but limited durability. Platelet-rich plasma, an autologous biologic, may offer longer-lasting benefit. Researchers performed a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized and quasi-randomized controlled trials comparing platelet-rich plasma with corticosteroids. [Read More](#)

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Erdosteine Provides Effective Analgesia in Inflammatory Pain Without Impairing Pain Resolution

European Journal of Pain

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs provide effective analgesia but may paradoxically delay tissue recovery, pain resolution and contribute to chronic pain. Erdosteine, a thiol-based prodrug with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, is a mucolytic used for treatment of respiratory diseases but has recently been suggested to possess analgesic potential. [Read More](#)

Relationship Between Hygiene and Comfort Care and Pain in Patients Admitted to an ICU

Pain Management Nursing

Hospitalization in intensive care units is associated with high levels of pain, experienced both at rest and during nursing interventions. Hygiene and comfort care, essential to patient well-being, often require mobilization and manipulation maneuvers that can be nociceptive, intensifying pain and discomfort. [Read More](#)

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Topical Lidocaine 23%/Tetracaine 7% Ointment for Post-Hemorrhoidectomy Analgesia

ClinicalTrials.gov

This was a single-center, double-blind, placebo-controlled randomized controlled trial conducted at a private academic institution in Santiago, Chile. Participants were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to receive either active ointment (lidocaine 23%/tetracaine 7%) or an identical-appearing placebo ointment. Randomization was performed using a computer-generated sequence with allocation concealment via an encrypted randomization. [Read More](#)

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Racial Gaps in Cancer Pain Management Persist in Community Care

American Journal of Managed Care

Real-world data reveal racial disparities in cancer pain medication timing and strong opioid prescribing, with gaps most pronounced in breast and prostate cancer. [Read More](#)

Enlisting Pharmacists and Nurse Practitioners in Medication Management Can Fill Critical Gaps

Elsevier via Medical Xpress

A novel economic model projects that patients with heart failure would live longer and spend less time in the hospital by expanding heart failure care to include pharmacist- and nurse practitioner-led medication management. Findings from the novel study in the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology* demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of this service and offer a roadmap toward improved patient outcomes and a stronger, more sustainable health care system. [Read More](#)

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