

Journal Watch – Cancer Pain (Assessment of Pain) – April 2018

Article:

Comparison of Indicators for Achievement of Pain Control With a Personalized Pain Goal in a Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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Review:

Strengths: This research builds on previous work in this theme in a different cultural and language setting.

Weaknesses: The limitations are well summarized in the discussion. A noteworthy item is the deliberate exclusion of more complex pain features such as psychological and emotional distress.

Relevance to Palliative Care: This single center cross sectional study provides further validation of the value of using a PPG to guide pain management.