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Unveiling Chronic Pain: Understanding Prevalence, Management, Psychiatric Comorbidity, and Inflammatory Mechanisms

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Chronic pain affects approximately 20% of the world's population, thus posing both a prevalent and a daunting healthcare challenge. This Special Issue critically synthesizes the current knowledge on the global burden of chronic pain, elucidating its intricate association with psychiatric disorders and the emergent insights into the role of inflammation, as well as investigating how biological, behavioral, psychosocial, and environmental factors profoundly affect individuals suffering from chronic pain, ultimately impacting their quality of life.

By encapsulating diverse perspectives and fostering crossdisciplinary dialogue, this Special Issue is devoted to addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by chronic pain. It seeks to advance the healthcare field by integrating various research strands into a coherent framework that enriches our comprehension of this complex condition.



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