

Defining TMD for Clinical Care

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Overlapping Chronic Pain Conditions: Implications for Diagnosis and Classification



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Abstract: There is increasing recognition that many if not most common chronic pain conditions are heterogeneous with a high degree of overlap or coprevalence of other common pain conditions along with influences from biopsychosocial factors. At present, very little attention is given to the high degree of overlap of many common pain conditions when recruiting for clinical trials. As such, many if not most patients enrolled into clinical studies are not representative of most chronic pain patients. The failure to account for the heterogeneous and overlapping nature of most common pain conditions

Chronic Overlapping Pain Conditions

- Most highly prevalent pain conditions in individuals under age 50
 - **Fibromyalgia**
 - **Chronic fatigue syndrome**
 - Irritable bowel
 - TMJ Disorder
 - Headache
 - Interstitial cystitis
 - Low back pain
 - Endometriosis
 - Vulvodynia
- Same central mechanisms play significant roles in all pain conditions, even those with known peripheral contributions

Evolution of Thinking Regarding Fibromyalgia

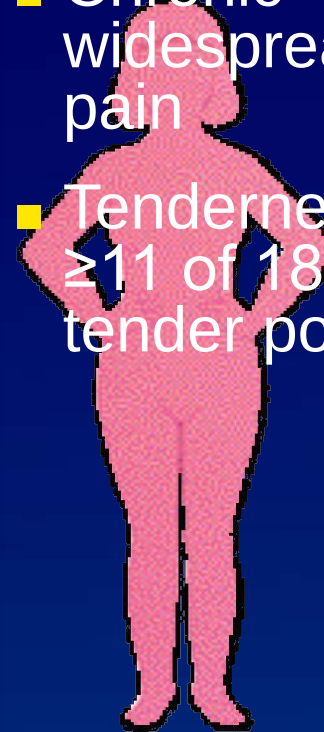
American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Criteria

- Discrete illness
- Focal areas of tenderness
- Pathophysiology poorly understood and thought to be psychological in nature



- Chronic widespread pain

- Tenderness in ≥ 11 of 18 tender points



- Final common pathway (i.e. pain centralization)

- Part of a much larger continuum

- Not just pain

- Pathophysiology fairly well understood and is a CNS process that is independent from classic psychological factors

Mechanistic Characterization of Pain

Variable degrees of any mechanism can contribute in any disease

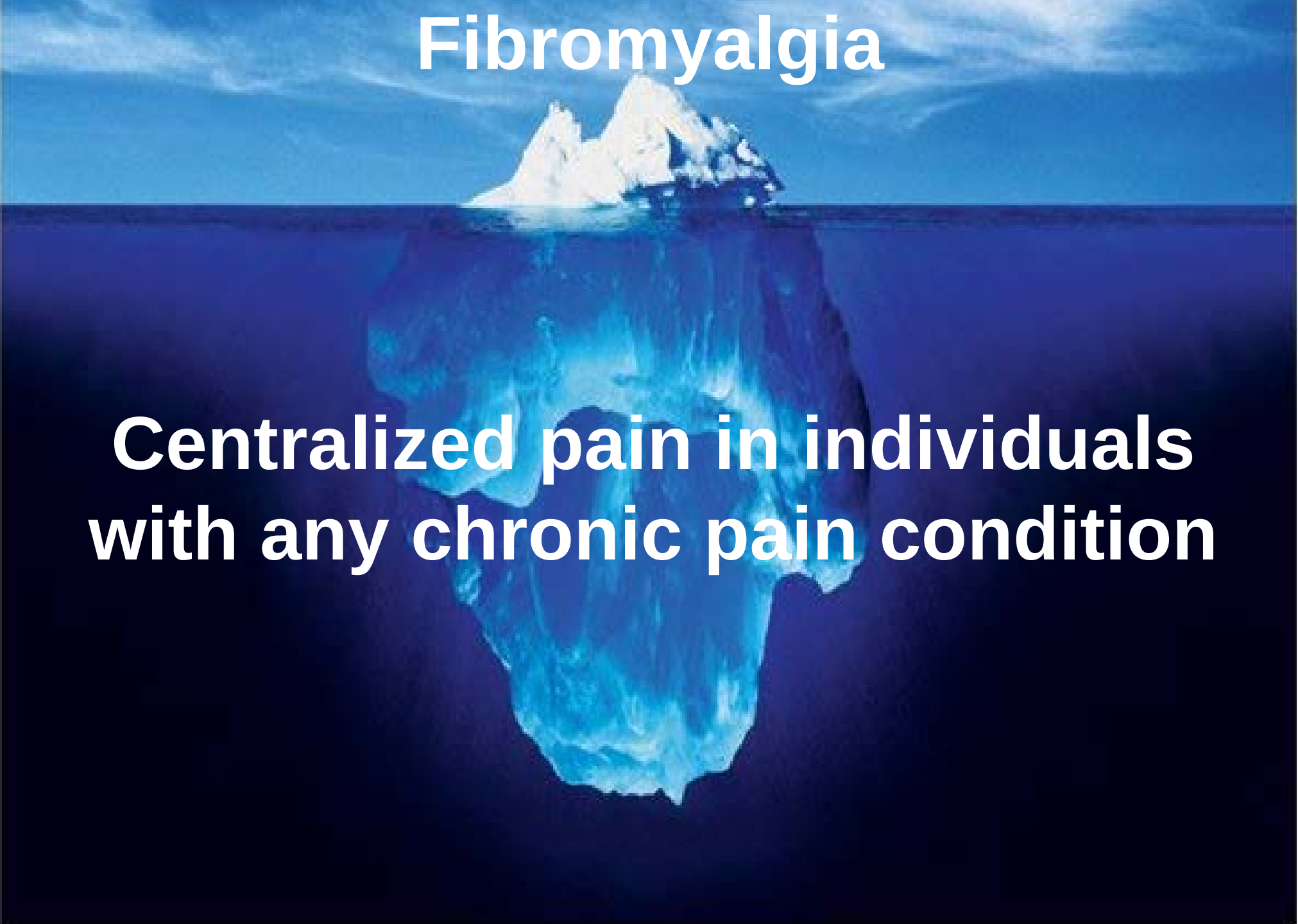
	Nociceptive	Neuropathic
Cause	Inflammation or damage	Nerve damage or entrapment
Clinical features	Pain is well localized, consistent effect of activity on pain	Follows distribution of peripheral nerves (i.e. dermatome or stocking/glove), episodic, lancinating, numbness, tingling
Screening tools		PainDETECT
Treatment	NSAIDs, injections, surgery, ? opioids	Local treatments aimed at nerve (surgery, injections, topical) or CNS-acting drugs
Classic examples	Osteoarthritis Autoimmune disorders Cancer pain	Diabetic painful neuropathy Post-herpetic neuralgia Sciatica, carpal tunnel syndrome

Mixed Pain States

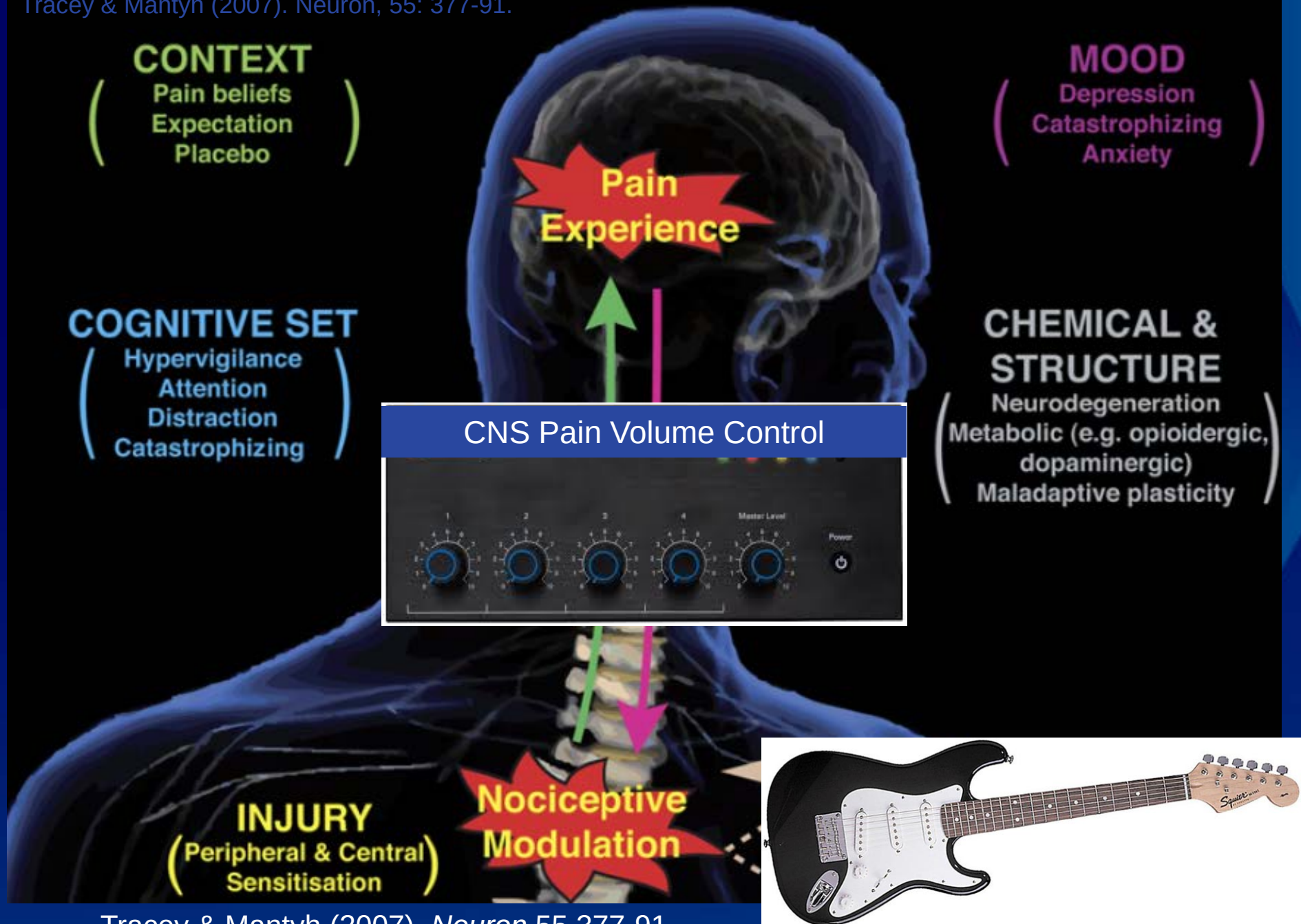
Fibromyalgia-ness

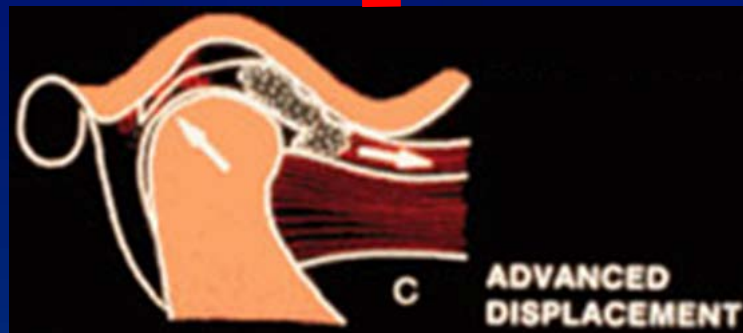
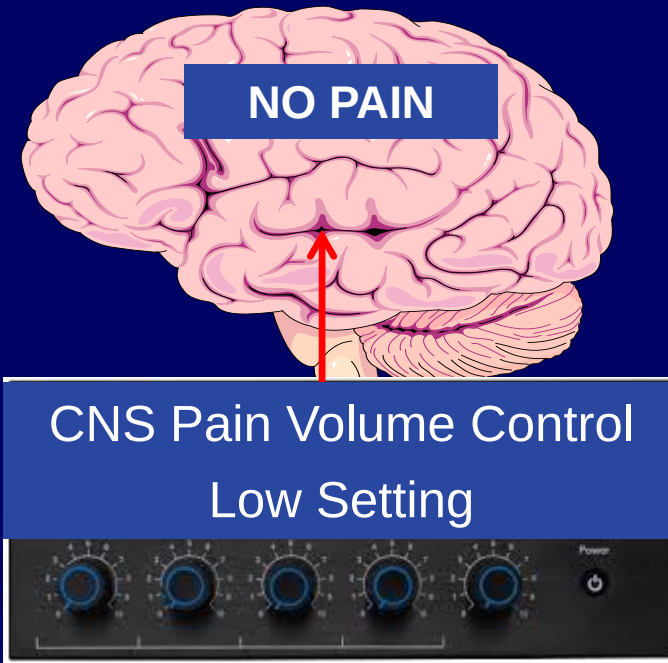
- Term coined by Wolfe to indicate that the symptoms of FM occur as a continuum in the population rather than being present or absent ¹
- In rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, low back pain, etc. this score is more predictive of pain levels and disability than more objective measures of disease ^{2,3}
- Domain overlaps with somatization in many regards, and there are many questionnaires that collect somatic symptom counts as a surrogate for this construct

Fibromyalgia

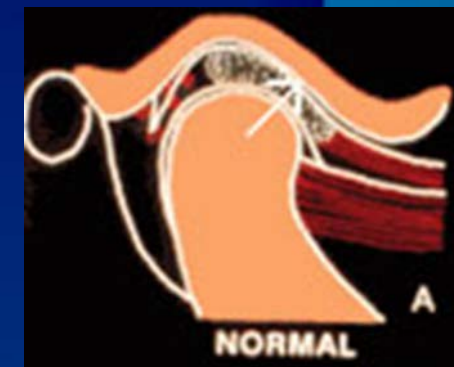
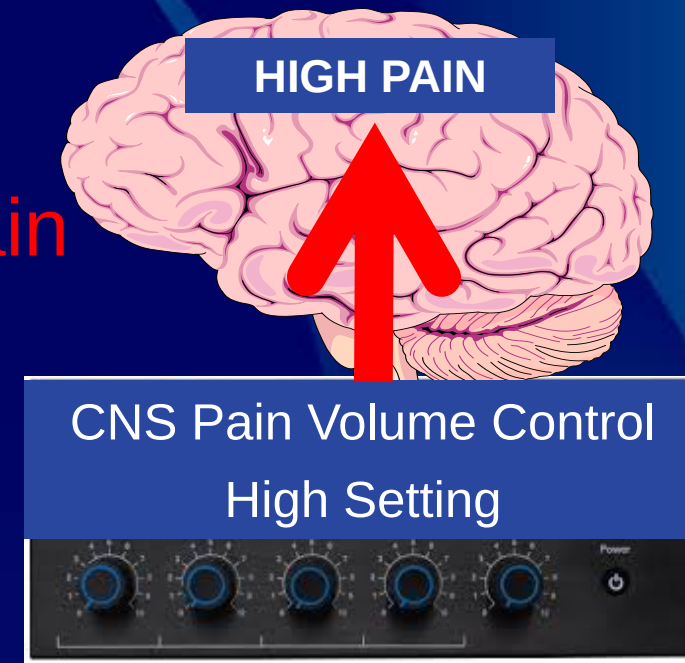
An iceberg floating in a dark blue ocean under a blue sky with light clouds. The visible tip of the iceberg is small and jagged, while the submerged portion is much larger and more complex in shape, illustrating the concept of a hidden or unrecognized condition.

**Centralized pain in individuals
with any chronic pain condition**





Central pain
signals

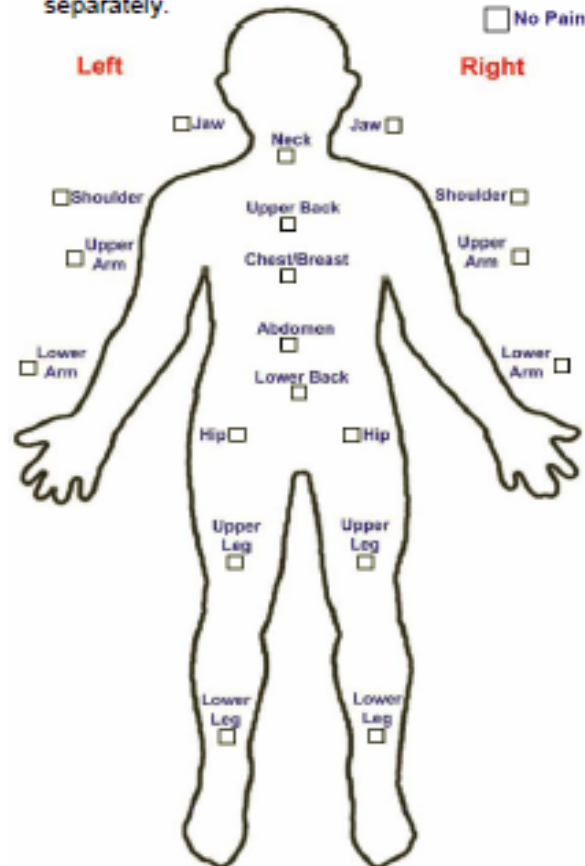


Peripheral
pain signals

Concept of “Fibromyalgia-ness”

Fibromyalgia Symptoms (Modified ACR 2010 Fibromyalgia Diagnostic Criteria)

1. Please indicate below if you have had pain or tenderness over the past 7 days in each of the areas listed below. Check the boxes in the diagram below for each area in which you have had pain or tenderness. Be sure to mark right and left sides separately.



2. Using the following scale, indicate for each item your severity over the past week by checking the appropriate box.

No problem

Slight or mild problems: generally mild or intermittent

Moderate: considerable problems; often present and/or at a moderate level

Severe: continuous, life-disturbing problems

	No problem	Slight or mild	Moderate	Severe
a. Fatigue	☐	☐	☐	☐
b. Trouble thinking or remembering	☐	☐	☐	☐
c. Waking up tired (unrefreshed)	☐	☐	☐	☐

3. During the past 6 months have you had any of the following symptoms?

	No	Yes
a. Pain or cramps in lower abdomen	☐	☐
b. Depression	☐	☐
c. Headache	☐	☐

4. Have the symptoms in questions 2-3 and pain been present at a similar level for at least 3 months? No ☐ Yes ☐

5. Do you have a disorder that would otherwise explain the pain? No ☐ Yes ☐

Centralization Continuum

Proportion of individuals in chronic pain states that have centralized their pain



Interstitial Cystitis

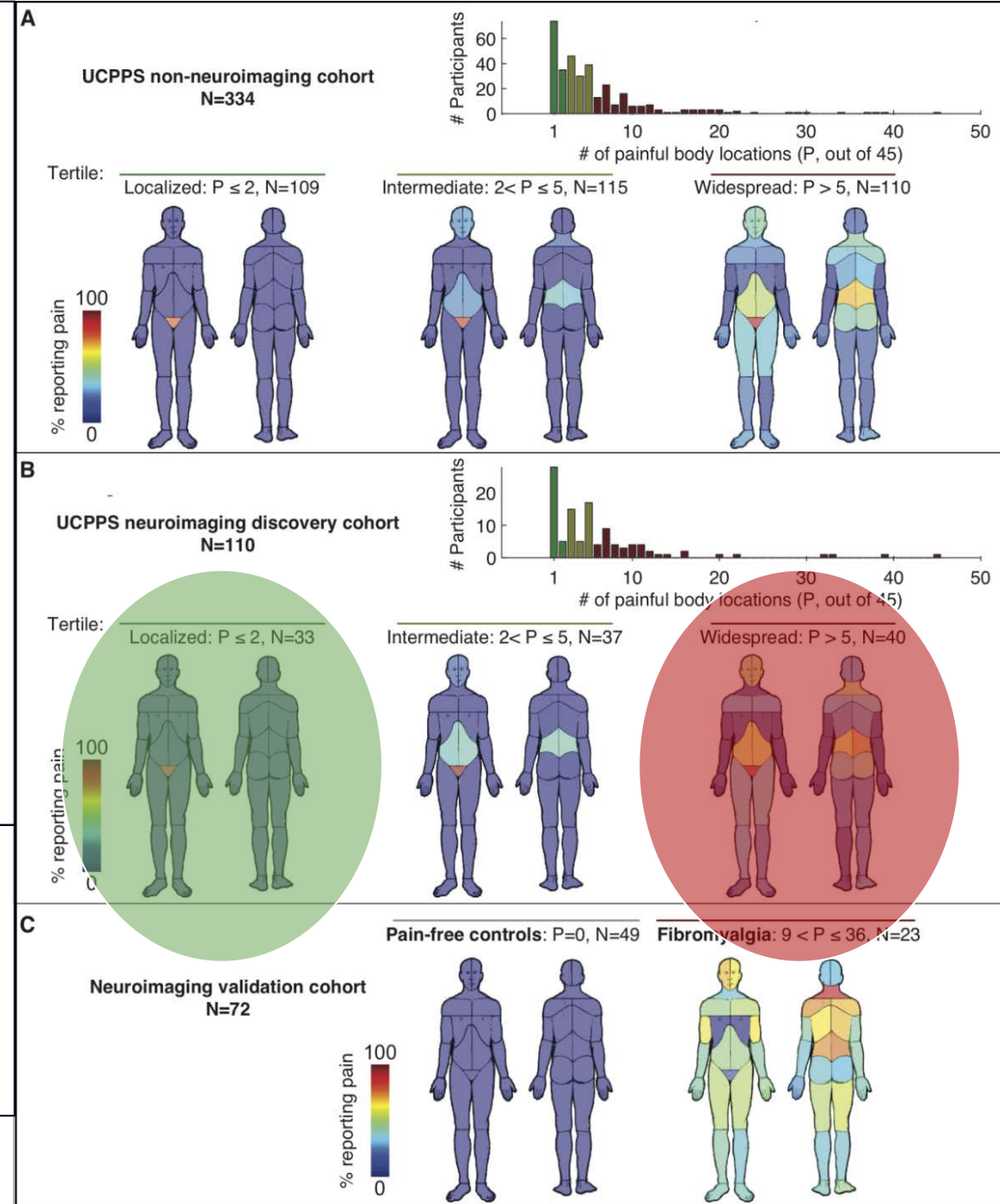
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local, intermediate, widespread

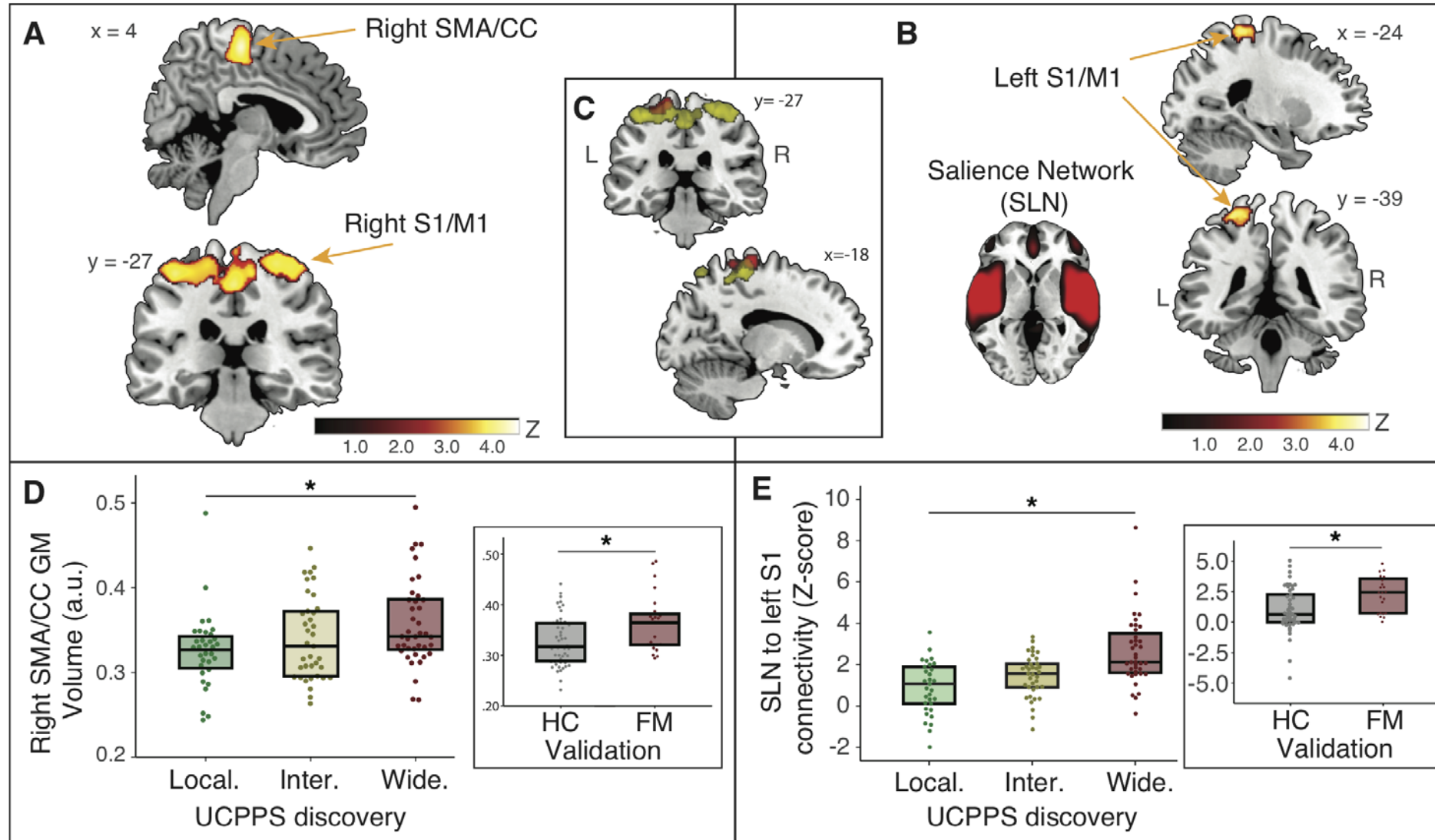
Non-Neuroimaging
(N=334)

Neuroimaging
(N=110)

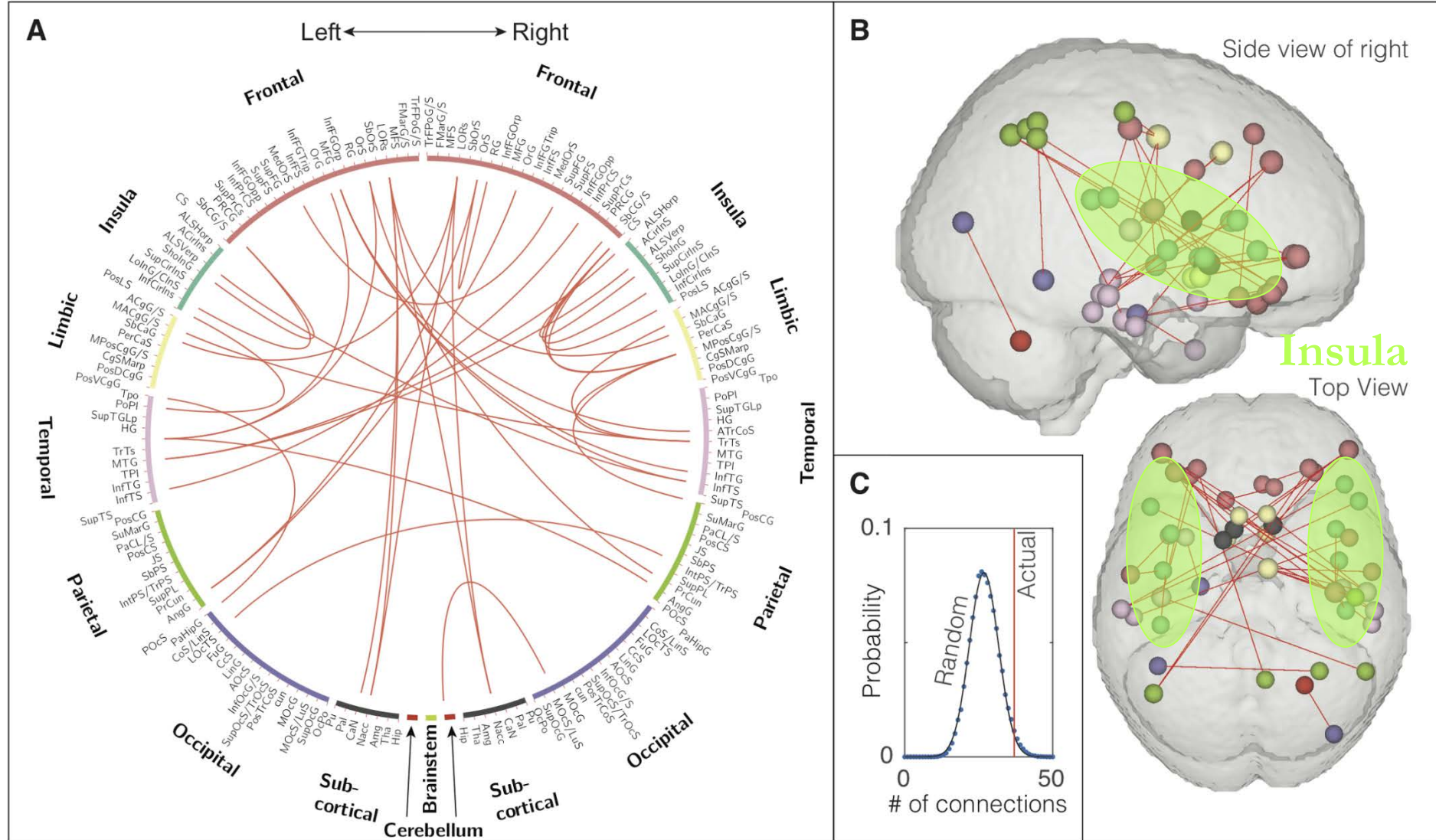
Validation
FM (N=23)
HC (N=49)



Increased Gray Matter Volume *in* and Connectivity *to* Sensory Cortex In Widespread Pain



Neurological Signature of Widespread Pain Includes Sensory and Insular Cortices



Sub-threshold FM is Highly Predictive of Surgery and Opioid Non-responsiveness in Patients Undergoing Arthroplasty and Hysterectomy

- Primary hypothesis of studies is the measures of centralized pain in OA (FMness) will predict failure to respond to arthroplasty and hysterectomy
- Extensive preoperative phenotype using validated self-report measures of pain, mood, and function
- Two outcomes of interest:
 - Postoperative opioid consumption
 - Pain relief from procedure at 6 months

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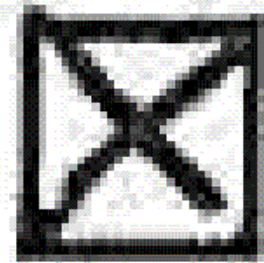
Knee



Lower



Knee



Lower



New Patient Questionnaire - Back and Pain Center

NAME

REG NO.

BIRTHDATE

Michigan Body Map

On the image below identify all the areas of your body where you have felt persistent or recurrent pain present for the last 3 months or longer.

Left **Right**

orgasmic Headaches
need to see Neurologist.

Im turning into a recliner chair since Dec. 4th.
Limited Rheumatology in GA. 3 in Atlanta area. Primary help from 2 in other places now.
LT carpal tunnel release went bad in GA on 4-26-11. worse since.
Nerve damage continues with spasms that mimic MS, carpal tunnel 2, spasms, twitching etc. very painful.
Severe Polyneuropathy after chemo for AML in 1990. Took some time, months - 1yr - 2yrs to recover to feel the ground. Mid thigh to feet. Mid upper forearm to fingers. See pt. list please for more info.

tics - sometimes painful.

GA plan of tx changed per Dr. Dobson informed @ 1st visit to be done. No PE performed.
- due to using cane from Δ in plan b tx from GA.
surgery for carpal tunnel postponed due to move back home to MI.
Arthritis or just sore filing ad dozens of forms for 3 people.
- due to wt loss no butt left, use special cushion to sit on.
** Sciatica - bilaterally.*

** pain in back the priority. need an epidural. Last one was difficult to get in, allergic to Sodiwer, eat seafood + no problems. Severe problems many hrs later after last epidural. Pain Specialist concern.*

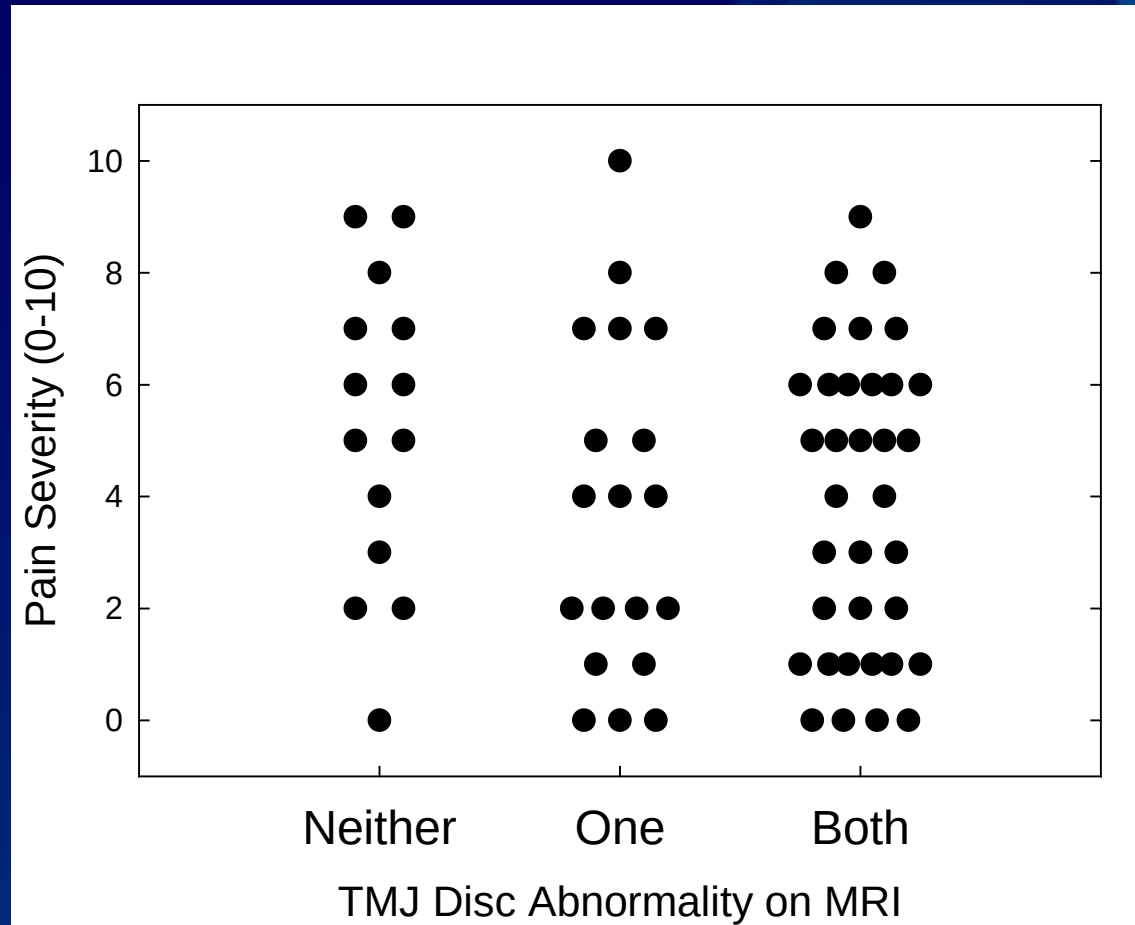
☐ No Pain

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Mismatch Between Injury and Pain

- Collaboration with S. Aronovich, DMD
- Prospective study on patients being treated for TMD
- n=68 with MRI of temporomandibular joints



Harper et al. (Manuscript in preparation)

Variables Analyzed

- Age
- Sex
- Surgery (Knee vs Hip)
- Primary anesthetic (GA vs neuraxial)
- Home opioids (IVME)
- Pain severity (BPI)
 - Overall
 - Surgical site
- Neuropathic pain score (PainDETECT)
- Depression (HADS)
- Anxiety (HADS)
- Catastrophizing
- Physical function-WOMAC

“Fibromyalgia-ness” can be scored 0-31

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Left  Right ☐ No Pain

19/31 potential FM score derived from how widespread pain is

2. Using the following scale, indicate for each item your severity over the past week by checking the appropriate box.

No problem
Slight or mild problems: generally mild or intermittent
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Severe: continuous, life-disturbing problems

a. Fatigue ☐ Severe
b. Trouble remembering ☐
c. Waking up (unrefreshed) ☐

12/31 potential FM score derived from co-morbid CNS-derived symptoms that accompany CNS pain

3. During the past week, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?
a. Pain or tenderness in the neck ☐
b. Depression ☐
c. Headaches ☐

4. Have the symptoms been severe enough to interfere with your normal activities?
a. Pain or tenderness in the neck ☐
b. Depression ☐
c. Headaches ☐

5. Do you have any of the following symptoms?
a. Pain or tenderness in the neck ☐
b. Depression ☐
c. Headaches ☐

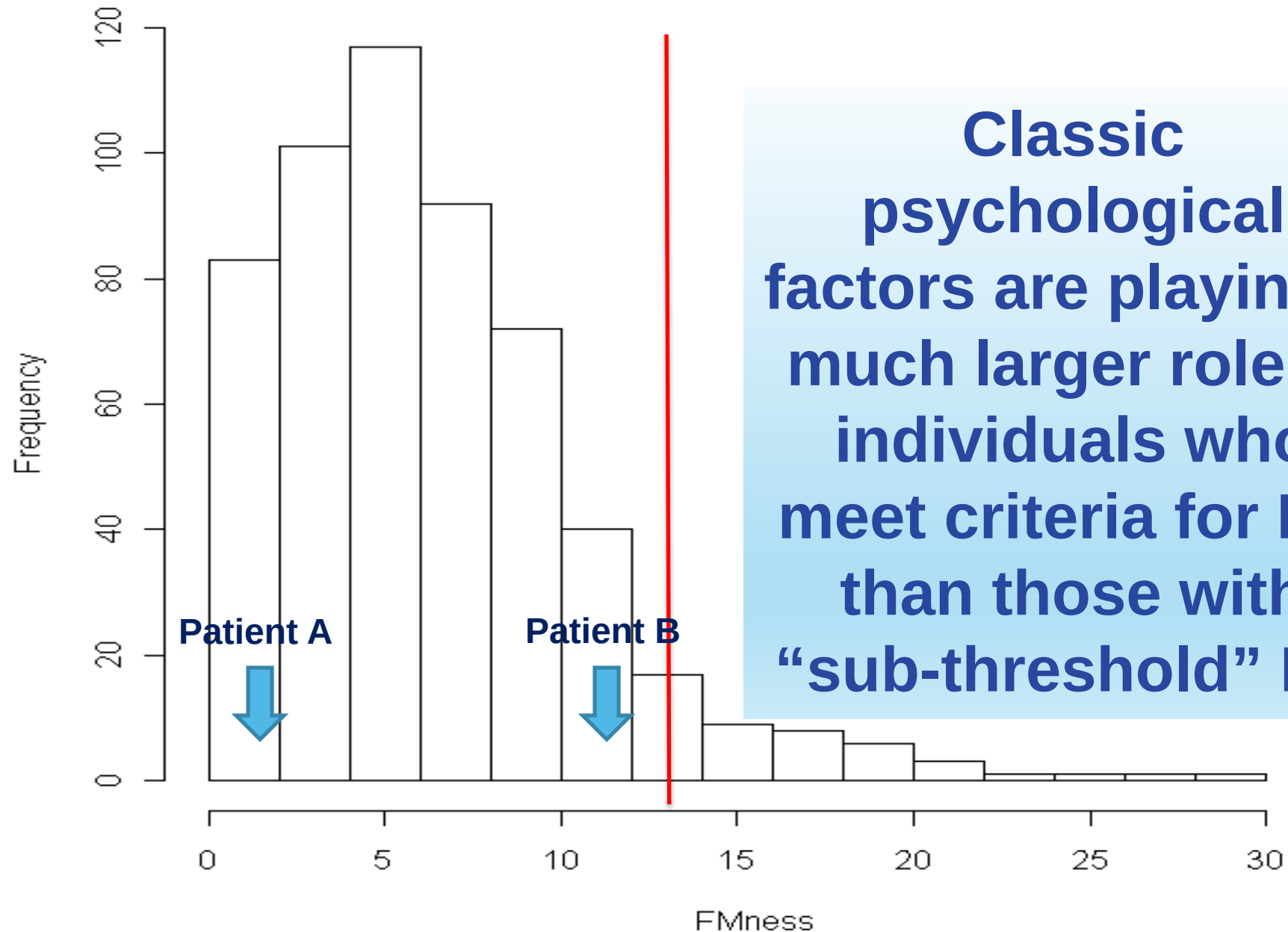
Lower Leg ☐ Lower Leg ☐

No ☐ Yes ☐

Each one point increase in fibromyalgiansess led to:

- 9 mg greater oral morphine requirements during acute hospitalization (8mg greater when all individuals taking opioids as outpatients excluded)
- 20 – 25% greater likelihood of failing to respond to knee or hip arthroplasty (judged by either 50% improvement in pain or much better or very much better on patient global)
- These phenomenon were linear across entire scale up to a score of approximately 18 - and equally strong after individuals who met criteria for FM were excluded
- This phenomenon was much stronger than and largely independent of classic psychological factors

Distribution of FMness



**Classic
psychological
factors are playing a
much larger role in
individuals who
meet criteria for FM
than those with
“sub-threshold” FM**

Arthroscopic Surgery in TMD

- After controlling for baseline pain, those who had WPI <3 had significantly more improvement in their pain after intervention compared to those with WPI ≥ 3 ($R^2 = .586$, $p < .05$)

Treating Based on Mechanisms

Any combination may be present

	Peripheral (nociceptive)	Neuropathic	Centralized Pain
NSAIDs	+	-	-
Opioids	+	+	-
Surgery/ Injections	+	+	-
Tricyclics	+	+	+
SNRIs	+	+	+
Gabapentinoid	-	+	+
CBD	+	-	-
THC	-	+	+

Symptoms of Pain, Fatigue, etc.

- Nociceptive processes (damage or inflammation of tissues)
- Disordered sensory processing

Functional Consequences of Symptoms

- Increased stress
- Decreased activity
- Poor sleep
- Obesity
- Maladaptive illness behaviors

Dually Focused Treatment

- Pharmacological therapies to improve **symptoms**
- Nonpharmacological therapies to address **dysfunction**

Summary

- When clinically defining TMDs, one of key issues will be whether individuals have pain and symptoms confined to the face, or whether – and to what extent – this is a more centralized, systemic process
 - Phenotype is easily identifiable and includes multifocal pain, fatigue, sleep, memory and sensory sensitivity issues
 - Even though there are many causes for centralized pain (think hypertension) this demarcation can already be helpful clinically in guiding treatment by matching underlying mechanism(s) with treatments targeting those mechanisms
- Lessons from old guy in this field
 - Nothing about any of these conditions is yes or no
 - This is not peripheral vs central – it is peripheral plus central
 - This is not a primary psychological problem
 - Assess psychological factors independently – some people have them (especially as they have pain and symptoms longer), some do not