

« Sociétal Impact of Pain »

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Pain is an important factor:

- **in limiting the quality of life and,**
- **should be put on the top priority of the national health care system list**

Societal Impact about awareness and pain undertaking:

- ❖ **Time to take a patient into care is too long**
- ❖ **Is leading to additional disability or incapacity and,**
- ❖ **Creates important overall cost for society**
- ❖ **New painful and adjacent traumatism to the original pain**

- ❖ **People are alone in front of their pain, and in a strong physical and mental distress**
- ❖ **When they succeed in contacting associations like ours, they are out of breath and have reached their limits**

❖ **Judgment and society look on pain lead to an additional handicap**

❖ **In other words:**

when pain is not translated into a physical or after-effects handicap, the patients have more than difficulties to express their condition because of the society/family beliefs

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**Knowledge and recognition of Pain, Chronic, or
Acute pain by health care professionals, media and
public need to happen!**

Draw attention of :

➤ **Politicians,**

➤ **Media,**

➤ **Health care professionals**

**for their support in changing
mentalities and the point of view about
pain successfully !**

Impact of pain on the relatives:

- ❖ Lack/ difficulties of understanding**
- ❖ Taking into consideration who cares too**

**Politicians can help
to improve pain care**

Thank you very much