

## STYLES AND COPING STRATEGIES AND VULNERABILITY TO PAIN. INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTION



### INTRODUCTION

This research group located in Psychology Faculty examine the different psychological aspects that affect chronic pain. Their research can be useful to pharmaceutical companies who want to be cognisant of the quality of life of patients, the psychological variables that affect them, the proper intake and its advantages over improper use and their consequences, et cetera. Additionally, these researchers work closely with the Public Agency Sanitary Costa del Sol, Fibromyalgia Association of Marbella, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome of Malaga (AFRIBROMA). They also have participated in the development of the process of "Chronic non-ontological pain" of the Regional Community of Andalusia.

### RESEARCH TOPICS

- Research of the psycho-social variables involved in models for chronic pain.
- Evaluation of the mediating effects of behaviours that disable chronic pain patients.
- Research of different methods to provide the patient resources to effectively deal with the pain and reach a non chronic pain level.
- Predictive variables of prescription opioid abuse in patients with chronic non-oncologic pain: Development of a risk detection scale.

### SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Advice given to families and patients, who suffer with chronic pain.
- Studies of psychosocial variables involved in chronic pain.
- Psychological assessments of chronic pain syndrome.
- Evaluations of public health programs.
- Appraisals of psychosocial variables in patients participating in clinical trails designed to test the effectiveness of experimental painkilling drugs or other analgesics.
- Drugs impact on quality of life and mood in patients with chronic pain.
- Psychological interventions in these patients.
- Programs to prevent postoperative pain.

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