Invitation to participate in PAIN OUT euCPSP: European observational study on chronic post surgical pain

Dear Colleague,

You may by now be aware of a large epidemiological study of chronic pain after surgery starting in 2011. PAIN OUT euCPSP is funded by the European Society of Anaesthesiology.

Presently around 50 colleagues have expressed an interest in participating in 20 different countries but we still need more hospitals to ensure our findings are accurate.

What is the goal of this study?
We want to collect a large sample of patients followed in different European countries after surgery to describe the incidence and characteristics of CPSP. We have made a selection of surgeries to be included.

What are your advantages in participating?
Your will be member of the PAIN OUT international group and authorized to use questionnaires validated by the PAIN OUT group and presently available in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Romanian and Swedish.

How can you participate?
I hope you will be able to join the PAIN OUT euCPSP study group and contribute to this important project. For more information including the study protocol, please visit ESA website http://www.euroanesthesia.org where you can register to take part via the Call for centre form to be sent to the ESA Secretariat mailto:research@euroanaesthesia.org with cc. to the Principal investigator dominique.fletcher@rpc.aphp.fr.

How will we help you to do it?
We cannot provide any financial resources but the contribution of every investigator will be publicly acknowledged.

If you accept to participate you will full access to the PAIN OUT website to collect data (www.pain-out.eu/) and will become a PAIN OUT international member.
We will offer you the validated questionnaire in the language adapted to your country

We realize that this participation is a lot of work and we want to thank you for your participation

Feel free to contact me for further information and to definitely agree or decline participation in this project.

Many thanks,

Dominique Fletcher
Chief investigator on behalf of the PAIN OUT group