

Male Chronic Pelvic Pain

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Learning Objectives

Overview of Chronic Pelvic Pain

Recognise the complexity of CPPS and importance of detailed history

Understand the value of a multimodal and multidisciplinary approach

Urethritis

Inflammation of the urethra

Causes:

- Bladder and above
- Prostate and urethra
- Infections
 - CT, GC, TV, HSV, MG, Ureaplasmas, adeno virus
- Irritation from FP with Candida, BV
- Trauma
 - Prolonged and excessive masturbation, frequent inspection
- Chemicals



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Urethritis



Divided into:

- Episodic urethritis
 - Treated with Abx with powerful anti-inflammatory properties
- Recurrent urethritis
 - Symptoms resolved between episodes
- Persistent urethritis
 - ? Prostatitis, MG infection





Some of the diagnoses that may encompass pelvic pain

- Adhesions Colitis
- Constipation
- Chronic bowel obstruction Diverticulitis
- Inflamm/Irrit BD
- Hernia
- Proctalgia
- Urolithiasis
- Acute and Chronic bacterial Prostatitis, CPPS
- Epididymitis
- Orchalgia
- Scrotalgia
- Interstitial Cystitis Pelvic Floor Tension Myalgia -Sacroiliac joint disease
- Piriformis Syndrome



NIH – CPSI Classification

- 1. Acute bacterial Prostatitis
- 2. Chronic bacterial Prostatitis
- 3. Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome (CPPS)
 - 3a. inflammatory
 - 3b. non-inflammatory
- 4. Asymptomatic Prostatitis

Definition of CCPS

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- Chronic or recurring symptoms of perineal, testicular, penile pain or discomfort, sometimes associated with symptoms of voiding dysfunction and sexual dysfunction in the absence of infection.
- CP/CPPS show heterogeneity of clinical manifestations
- Arising from the variety of possible underlying aetiologies
- Symptoms can vary between patients or fluctuate over time



4 Symptom Domains

The four main symptom domains associated with CP/CPPS are:

- 1. Urogenital pain
- 2. LUTS
- 3. Psychological issues
- 4. Sexual dysfunction



Etiology

- No single aetiological explanation
- Infection
 - E Coli, Enterococcus
 - Altered prostatic host defense
- Pelvic floor muscle abnormalities
- Genetic, an atomical, neuromuscular, endocrine
- Psychological mechanism





CPPS clinical characteristics

Symptoms	%/ 764
Pain	82
Urinary	68
Abdominal	63
Sexual	40



Bartoletti R et al., 2007 (Italian Prostatitis Study Group)

Clinical features



Symptoms

Variety most of which involve genital pain Perineal pain Lower abdo pain Penile pain (especially tip) Testicular pain Ejaculatory discomfort or pain

Rectal and lower backache, dysuria

Signs

Few, may or may not be diffuse prostatic tenderness

Primary evaluation



<u>Detailed pain history</u> – site(s), predominate site, duration, type, severity, continues or intermittent, frequency, radiation, how long it lasts, impact of the pain on daily/work life.

Initial trigger

Aggravating and relieving factors (including triggers ie alcohol, spices etc)

Ejaculatory and erectile pain

Other regional pain syndromes (FM, constipation, IBS)



- LUTS Storage, voiding, post mic symptoms
- Haematuria and Haematospermia
- Sexual function
- Healthcare utilisation for this problem
- Sexual history and PSTD
- Recreation drug use/Alcohol/Smoking
- Social history/ Exercise history
- Domestic abuse/sexual violence/PTSD
- Psychiatric/Psychology
- PMH/Medicine/Allergy

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NIH Chronic Prostatitis Symptom Index useful to gauge and track symptoms

- 0-43 with higher score indicating increased severity
- Pain (four questions evaluating pain location, frequency and severity, 0–21)
- Voiding (two questions evaluating voiding and storage symptoms, 0–10)
- Impact on QoL (three questions, 0–12)

Name..... Date of birth :

NIH-Chronic Prostatitis Sympton Index

Pain or Discomfort

 1. In the last week have you experienced any pain or discomfort in the following areas?
 Yes
 No

 a. Area between the rectum and testicles (perineum)
 1
 0

 b. Testicles
 11
 0

 c. Tip of the penis(not related
 11
 0

 d. Below your waist, in your
 1
 0

 public or bladder area
 1
 0

 2. In the last week, have you experienced:
 Yes No

 a. Pain or burning during
 □1
 □0

 urination?
 □
 □

 b. Pain or discomfort during or after sexual climax (ejaculation)?
 □1
 □0

3. How often have you had pain or discomfort in any of these areas over the last week?

0 Never
1 Rarely
2 Sometimes
3 Often
4 Usually
5 Always

4. Which number best describes your AVERAGE pain or discomfort in the days that you had it, over the last week?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
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<u>Urination</u>

5. How often have you had a sensation of not emptying your bladder complete after you finished urinating over the last week?

0 Not at all
1 Less than 1 time in 5
2 Less than half the time
3 About half the time
4 More than half the time
5 Almost always

Date of completion:

6. How often have you had to urinate again less than two hours after you finished urinating over the last week?

0 Not at all
1 Less than 1 time in 5
2 Less than half the time
3 About half the time
4 More than half the time
5 Almost always

Impact of Symptoms

7. How much have your symptoms kept you from doing the kinds of things you would usually do, over the last week?

O None
1 Only a little
2 Some
3 A lot

8. How much did you think about your symptoms over the last week?

O None
1 Only a little
2 Some
3 A lot

Quality of Life

9. If you were to spend the rest of your life with your symptoms just the way they have been during the last week, how would you feel about that?

Delighted
I Pleased
Mostly satisfied
Mixed (about equally satisfied and dissatisfied)
4 Mostly dissatisfied
5 Unhappy
6 Terrible

<u>Scoring the NIH-Chronic Prostatitis Symptom</u> <u>Index Domains</u>

Pain: Total of items 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 2b, 3 & 4 =

Urinary Symptoms : Total of items 5 & 6 =

Quality of Life Impact: Total of items 7, 8, & 9 =

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Total Score Depression Severity for PHQ-9

1-4	Minimal depression
5-9	Mild depression
10-14	Moderate depression
15-19	Moderately severe depression
20-27	Severe depression

Total Score Anxiety Severity for GAD 7

1-4	Minimal anxiety	
5-9	Mild anxiety	
10-14	Moderate anxiety	
15-21	Severe anxiety	

Mood Symptom Questionnaire

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

(Circle your answer)

0 = Not at all	1 = Several days	2 = More than half the days	3 = 1	Vearly	every	day
		PHQ 9				
Little interest or plea	asure in doing things		0	1	2	3
Feeling down, depre	ssed, or hopeless		0	1	2	3
Trouble falling or sta	ying asleep, or sleepin	g too much	0	1	2	3
Feeling tired or havi	ng little energy		0	1	2	3
Poor appetite or overeating				1	2	3
Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down				1	2	3
Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television				1	2	3
Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed? Or the 0 1 2 3 opposite — being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual					3	
Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way			0	1	2	3
-		Total	=	+	+	+

0 = Not at all	1 = Several days	2 = More than half the da	ays	3 = Nea	rly ever	y day	
	GAD 7						
Feeling nervous, anx	tious or on edge		0	1	2	3	
Not being able to sto		0	1	2	3		
Worrying too much		0	1	2	3		
Trouble relaxing		0	1	2	3		
Being so restless that	t it is hard to sit still		0	1	2	3	
Becoming easily ann	oyed or irritable		0	1	2	3	
Feeling afraid as if so	Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen			1	2	3	
Total = + + +					+		

If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?

Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult

Physician Reviewed:

Yes, 15 minutes

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Spine and SI joints

Lower abdo and hernias

Genitalia

Perineum, perianal area and natal cleft

Examination

DRE

- Pelvic floor
- Prostate
- Seminal Vesicles
- Bulbourethral glands

Focused neurological examination

Special Investigations

- Urinalysis and culture
- STI screen
- Specialized evaluation Meares-stamey four glass test Pre and post-massage two glass test
- Semen culture
- Transrectal ultrasound
- Urodynamic studies (only if lower urinary tract symptoms or outflow obstruction present)
- New/optional evaluation Serum prostate-specific antigen Cystoscopy Computerized tomography Intra-anal electromyography Pelvic floor ultrasound

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Figure 2 Pre- and post-massage two glass test.

Khan A et al. Updates on CP/CPPS



Phenotyping CPPS

- CPPS comprises a heterogeneous group of patients with very different aetiologies, symptom complexes, and progression trajectories
- Phenotypically directed multimodal management: UPOINTS
- Aims to stratify patients into specific symptom-led phenotypes.
- Measures urinary symptoms, psychosocial dysfunction, organ-specific findings, infection, neurological/systemic routes, and tenderness of muscles and sexual function



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Figure 3 Multimodal therapy based on clinical phenotype (urinary, psychosocial, organ specific, infection, neurological, tenderness of muscle) approach for chronic prostatitis/chronic pelvic pain syndrome.



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Contemporary Management of Chronic Prostatitis/Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome

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> Most clinical trials conducted so far speak in favour of the extended UPOINTs approach. First studies suggest that the multimodal treatment guided by UPOINT leads to a significant improvement of symptoms and quality of life

Case Study



- A 42-year-old man modest perineal discomfort. Burning sensations radiating to the abdomen and his back.
- The patient is anxious about his symptoms and fears a malignant process. His worries and doubts have been progressing in recent years.
- It started with his diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome. The development of chronic fatigue syndrome and intermediate episodes of migraine headaches are secondary findings that emerged in the last 3 yr.
- The patient admits that depressive episodes have become more frequent since the perineal pain started. The patient is on no regular medication.





Examination:

- Spine, SI joints, Abdo normal
- No hernia or nerve entrapment
- Tender in the perineum, natal cleft normal
- On DRE the prostate feels normal.
- The pelvic floor is tender to touch.
- UA, MSU and semen cultures negative, STD negative
- A two-glass test is performed but no signs of inflammation
- or bacterial infection are detected.
- CPSI P = 13, U = 1, QoL = 10, Total = 24
- GAD 7 = 14 (moderate anxiety), PHQ 9 = 19 (mod severe depression)

Diagnosis



UPOINTS	
U	NA
Р	Depression and anxiety
Ο	NA
I	NA
Ν	Neuropathic Pain
Т	Perineal and pelvic floor muscle tenderness
S	NA

Treatment	
Р	Psychological support, MBCBT, Antidepressants
Ν	Pregabalin, Tricyclic antidepressants, Acupuncture
Т	Physiotherapy/pelvic floor relaxation



Overview of JWC

Physiotherapy Psychology

Weekly meeting Patients seen in one place



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