Medecines for the Treatment of

Pain in Children

Introduction

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Post-operative Pain in Children

a moving field where attitudes are changing...

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Eland mid 70's: almost 75% of insufficient analgesia
Beyer 80's: 50 children/50 adults
30 /70 treatment ratio
Asprey 90's: 968 doses given (against 24 in 1974)
(Eland repetition) (same population)
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... but still ... Newborns,
Chronic diseases...

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Causes of under treatment:

Poor Clinical Information and no incentives for pharmaceutical research?

Persistent Misinformation and fallacious belief that children do not suffer?

Different Cultural Approaches and endurance of pain as educational / character building?

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Breaking the cycle ...

what can we propose and achieve together, also at the level of the EU-Authorities?

.... Particularly at a time when a
New Regulation « Better Medecines for Children »
is open for a public debate ...

Although the world is full of suffering It is also full of the overcoming of it

Helen Keller

In: Pain in Infants, Children and Adolescents

Schechter, Berde & Yaster