Chronic Pelvic Pain: Overview of Evaluation and Treatment

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The sensation of pain varies greatly among individuals, with one person's nuisance being another individual's agony. Physical and Laboratory Evaluation of the Patient with Pelvic Pain

As stressed earlier, the most powerful tool in the armamentarium for the management of pelvic pain is the use of a carefully taken history and clinical acumen. Physical examination should be directed to the diagnosis of systemic disease processes, including malignancies. Chronic pelvic pain may be sub-divided into conditions with well-defined classical pathology (such as infection or cancer) and those with no obvious pathology. For the purpose of this classification, the term "specific disease-associated pelvic pain" is proposed for the former, and "chronic pelvic pain syndrome" for the latter. The following classification only deals with CPPS.

Definition of chronic pelvic pain syndrome

Chronic pelvic pain syndrome is the occurrence of CPP when there is no proven infection or other obvious local pathology that may account for the pain. It is often associated with CPP. Chronic Pelvic Pain (CPP) and Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome (CPPS) have a significant impact on men and women of reproductive and nonreproductive age, with a considerable burden on overall quality of life (QoL) and on psychological, functional, and behavioural status. Moreover, diagnostic and therapeutic difficulties are remarkable features in many patients. Therefore evaluation, assessment and objectivation tools are often necessary to properly address each patient and consequently his/her clinical needs. Here we review the different tools for pain assessment, evaluation, and objectivation; sp

Book description

Chronic pelvic pain is a common debilitating condition that impairs quality of life and reproductive function in the female population worldwide. It is also an area in which the level of knowledge is generally poor among gynecologists. This book will help gynecologists and pain management specialists optimize assessment and treatment of women with chronic pelvic pain. It addresses the most common conditions causing chronic pelvic pain in women and offers practical guidelines for treatment. Exploring issues such as pudendal neuralgia and pain caused by pelvic nerve injuries an