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## Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Type I

Measuremeits and treatment

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- In the treatment of patients with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Type I (CRPS I) there is limited to no evidence for the efficacy of sympathetic blocks, radical scavenging, prednisolone administration, acupuncture and manual lymph drainage. Calcium regulating drugs seem to be promising treatment modalities. Dit proefschrift
- In Patients with CRPS I a relative pain reduction of 50% or more and a absolute pain reduction of at least 3 cm on a Visual Analogue Scale are accurate in predicting a successful pain reduction after a given treatment. Dit proefschrift
- A single pain rating is an accurate estimate of the average pain intensity measured by a multiple pain rating test in patients suffering from CRPS I. Dit proefschrift
- The impedance spectrum of the affected limb in CRPS I patients is altered compared to the contralateral side. Dit proefschrift
- Spinal cord stimulation seems to be an effective treatment in patients with chronic CRPS I, even after 2 years. Furthermore there are no differences in outcome between cervical and lumbar treatment. Dit proefschrift
- Economische sancties leggen op een land waarin mensenrechten geschonden worden, is zelf een vorm van mensenrechten schending.
- In de Cochrane Database zijn er 2570 manuscripten die betrekking hebben op geneeskunde, terwijl men slechts 40 manuscripten erin kan vinden over tandheelkunde. Dit geeft de lage graad van het Evidence Based van de tandheelkundige wetenschappen aan.
- De kracht van een democratie meet je af aan de manier waarop minderheden met afwijkende meningen worden behandeld. Charles Groenhuis
- Science is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it. Einstein
- De vrouw: een kameel die God ons gaf om de woestijn van het leven te doorkruisen. Mohammad