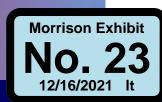
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# Pharmacoeconomics/ Managed Care

**Commonly Asked Questions** 

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# Pharmacoeconomics and Managed Care Question 1

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# Pain: Human and Economic Consequences

- Greater than 25% of adults in the US experience pain >3 months duration each year
- Total annual cost of pain disorders in US estimated to be in excess of \$100 billion
- National Institutes of Health lists pain as the most common reason for medical appointments (40 million/year)

# Pain: Human and Economic Consequences

- In the US, consumers spend \$1 of every \$7 they earn to ease some sort of physical suffering, of which pain is by far the most common
- Pain is a common human malady that spares no group and often impairs function

#### **The Cost of Pain**

- Lower back Pain (National Institutes of Health, www.nih.gov)
  - 15% of adults at some point in their life
  - 93 million lost workdays
  - \$15 billion economic impact<sup>1</sup>
- Arthritis (Arthritis Foundation, www.arthritis.org)
  - 20 million Americans
  - \$125 billion in cost to nation

### The Cost of Pain (cont)

- Headache
  - 40 million Americans affected
  - 157 million missed workdays due to migraine alone (National Headache Foundation www.headaches.org)
  - \$4 billion per year spent on drugs alone
- Face or jaw pain (National Institute of Dental and Craniodental Research, www.nidcr.nih.gov):
  - 5.2 million women affected
  - 2.2 million men affected
  - \$870 million nonsurgical treatment of face pain
  - \$1 billion spent on treatment of jaw pain

# Pharmacoeconomics and Managed Care Question 2

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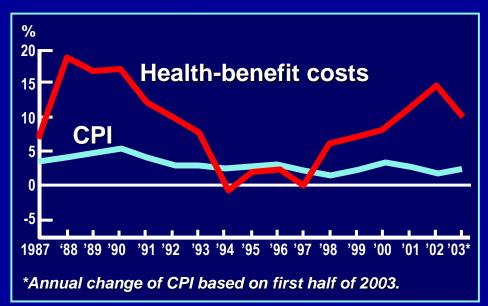
#### **Chronic Pain Prevalence and Treatment**

### Stratified, random sample of 2,012 adult Canadians<sup>1</sup>

- 29% reported chronic, moderate to severe noncancer pain lasting at least 6 months
- ~50% unable to attend social and family events
- 9.3 mean number work days lost due to pain
- Opioid analgesics probably underutilized (<10% on major opioid therapy)</li>

### Healthcare Costs are Critical for Employers

Average cost per employee vs the consumer price index (annual change)



The Christian Science Monitor

- Employee healthcare costs increased by 10.1% in 2003 (inflation ~2%)
- Cost per employee increased from \$5,645 in 2002 to \$6,215 in 2003
- Information on what drugs work (and those that do not!) suggested as part of strategy to contain costs

Source: Mercer Human Resources Consulting

### **Cost of Pain To Employers**

- American Productivity Audit<sup>1</sup>
- 28,902 adults surveyed by phone
- Absence and reduced performance due to common pain conditions:
  - Headache
  - Back pain
  - Arthritis
  - Other musculoskeletal pain

### **Productivity Audit: Results**

- 13% with decreased productivity due to pain in 2-week period
- 76.6% of productivity loss was on the job, not due to absence
- Pain conditions causing decreased productivity
  - Headache (5.4%)
  - Back pain (3.2%)
  - Arthritis pain (2.0%)
  - Other musculoskeletal pain (2.0%)

### **Productivity Audit: Results (cont)**

- Mean time of lost productivity = 4.6 h/wk
- Total annual cost of pain related lost productivity and absences

~ \$61.2 Billion

### **Productivity Audit: Conclusions**

- Pain is inordinately common and disabling
- Most of the pain-related lost productivity
  - Occurs while employees are at work
  - Reduced performance and not absence
- "Helping employers understand the cost of health-related lost productive time may encourage them to make more effective use of the healthcare dollars they invest in their workforce."

# Pharmacoeconomics and Managed Care Question 3

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## Healthcare System Financial Burden of Pain: Cancer as a Model

Cancer patients with uncontrolled pain are more likely to:

- Have unscheduled hospitalizations and:
  - More frequent Emergency Department (ED) visits
  - Unscheduled office visits
  - increased use of staff time
- Need technological interventions
  - Radiographic examinations
- Have increased cost of analgesic medications
  - Particularly IV meds in ED/hospitals

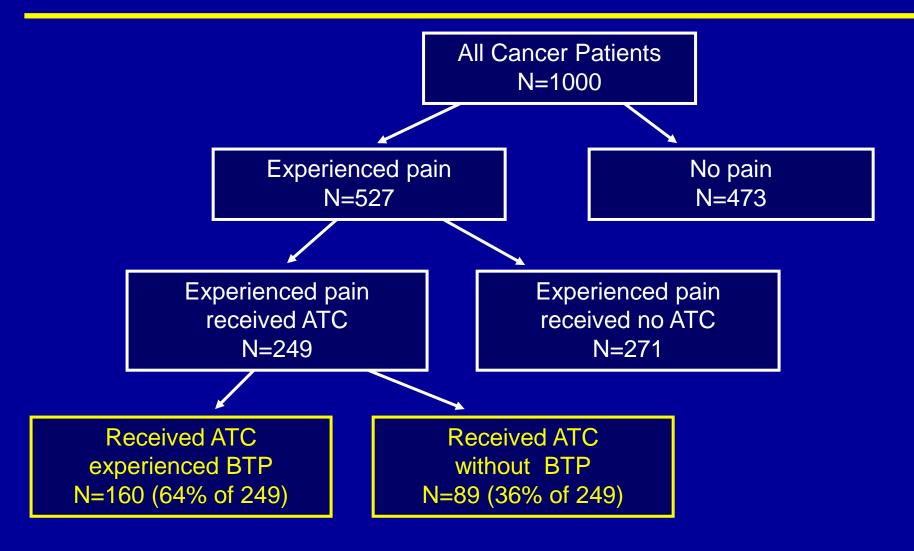
# **Uncontrolled Cancer Pain Cost of Hospitalization**

- Grant et al. (City of Hope)<sup>1</sup>
  - 26% of unscheduled admissions
  - Average length of stay 12 days (3 days>pneumonia)
  - Total estimated cost \$5 million
- Larsen et al. (M.D. Anderson)<sup>2</sup>
  - 14% of all admissions
  - Average length of stay 10.5 days
  - Total estimated cost \$4.7 million

<sup>1.</sup> Grant et al. Nurs Clin North Am. 1995;30:673.

<sup>2.</sup> Larsen et al. Am J Hosp Palliat Care. 1998;223-226.

# Telephone Survey in 1000 Cancer Patients



### **Healthcare Services Utilization**

Types	BTP Patients N=160	Non-BTP Patients N=89	<i>P</i> Value
Hospitalized	59 (37%)	20 (23%)	<.02
Emergency Dept.	53 (33%)	20 (23%)	<0.08
Physician office	90 (56%)	33 (37%)	<0.01

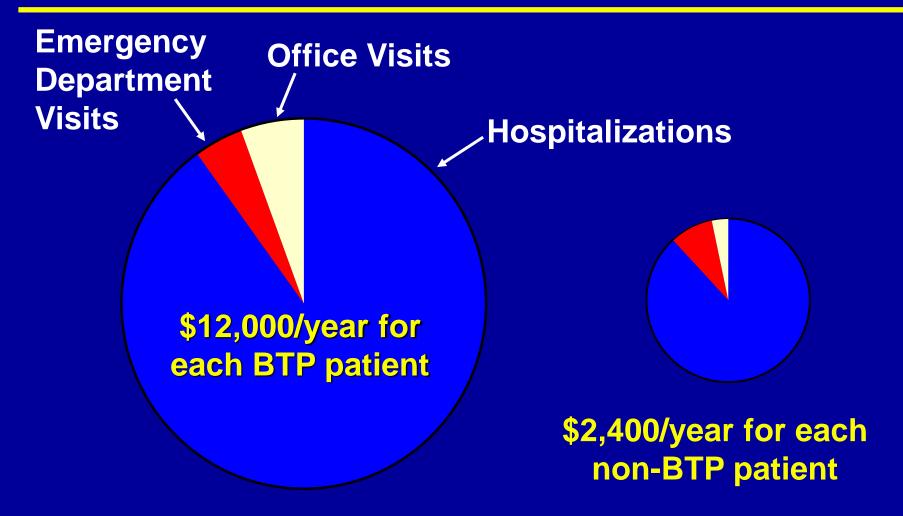
#### **Healthcare Services Utilization Events**

Event	BTP Patients	Non-BTP Patients
Hospitalizations/year	1.0	0.4
Average hospital stay (days)	7.1	4.1
ED visits/year	1.3	0.5
Office visits/year	4.2	0.6

#### **Healthcare Services Utilization Costs**

Event	BTP Patients	Non-BTP Patients
Hospitalizations	\$1,700,000	\$192,000
Emergency department	\$84,000	\$19,000
Office visits	\$103,000	\$7,000
Total	\$1,900,000	\$220,000

### **Yearly Cost Per Patient 5 x Higher in BTP**



# **Avoidance of Emergency Center Visits: MD Anderson Oncology Clinic**

- Outpatient chart review study
- 39 patients with severe exacerbation of pain (≥7)
- Treated with ACTIQ over 3-month period
- Reduction in BTP scores from mean of 9.0 (SD 1.2) to 3.0 (SD1.4) (P<.001)</li>
- ACTIQ obviated need for Emergency Center (EC) visit for most patients
  - 7 were sent to EC
  - 3 were admitted for uncontrolled pain

# Importance of Treating Breakthrough Pain

- Most patients being treated for cancer pain with a scheduled opioid are not given a BTP medication
  - Probably true for other conditions associated with BTP
- Improvement in practice of pain management leads to substantial reduction in costs associated with utilization of healthcare system<sup>1</sup>
- Impact on human suffering

# New Supplemental BTP Slide Set is Being Developed

- Portenoy et al. The Prevalence and Characteristics of Breakthrough Pain in Patients with Chronic Non-Cancer Pain. [Abstract] APS, Boston. 2005.
- Taylor et al. Impact of Breakthrough Pain on Quality of Life in Patients with Chronic, Noncancer Pain: Patient Perceptions and Effect of Treatment with Oral Transmucosal Fentanyl Citrate (OTFC®, ACTIQ®). Pain Medicine. in press. 2005.
- Webster et al. Oral Transmucosal Fentanyl Citrate (OTFC®) Use in Noncancer Pain: A Retrospective Study. [Abstract] APS. 2004.

### New Supplemental BTP Slide Set (cont)

- Tennant et al. The use of oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate for breakthrough pain in severe, non-malignant chronic pain. AJPM. 2002;12:130-135.
- Singer, RS. Oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate in the outpatient treatment of severe pain from migraine headache. The Pain Clinic. 2004;6:10-13.
- Landy S. Oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate for the treatment of migraine headache pain in outpatients: A case series. *Headache*. 2004;44:1-5.

# Reimbursement Services Provided by Cephalon

- ACTIQ Reimbursement Hotline
  - Information on third-party coverage
  - Payer and patient-specific information
    - Prior authorization procedures
    - Patient coverage status
    - Reimbursement amounts and limitations
  - Billing and coding assistance
    - Assistance with denied claims
  - Letters of Medical Necessity Templates
    - Assistance with filing appeals for denied claims

### Reimbursement Services (cont)

- Letters of Medical Necessity
  - Topics available
    - Breakthrough cancer pain (BTCP)
    - Breakthrough Pain (BTP)
    - Noncancer chronic pain
- ACTIQ Patient Assistance Programs
  - Financially disadvantaged without health insurance or government assistance
  - Fulfill specific requirements
    - Including that it must be for BTCP

# Pharmacoeconomics and Managed Care Question 4

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### Prevalence of Breakthrough Pain

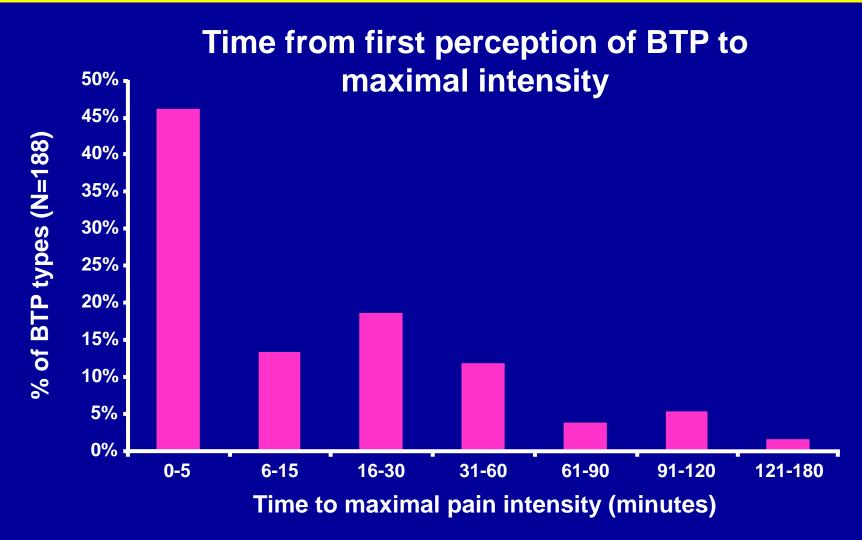
- Overall: 39%-89%
- Cancer patients:
  - Outpatients: 39%-70%
  - Hospice: 86%-89%
- Noncancer patients
  - Outpatients: 74%
  - Hospice: 63%

Caraceni A, Portenoy RK. *Pain.* 1999;82:263-274. Petzke F, et al. *J Pain Symptom Manage.* 1999;17:179-183. Gómez-Batise X, et al. *J Pain Symptom Manage.* 2002;24:45-42. Hwang SS, et al. *Pain.* 2003;101:55-64. Fine PG, Busch MA. *J Pain Symptom Manage.* 1998;16:179-183. Zeppetella G, et al. *Palliat Med.* 2000;20:87-92. Portenoy, et al. *APS.* 2005. Zeppetella G, et al. *Palliat Med.* 2001;15:243-246.

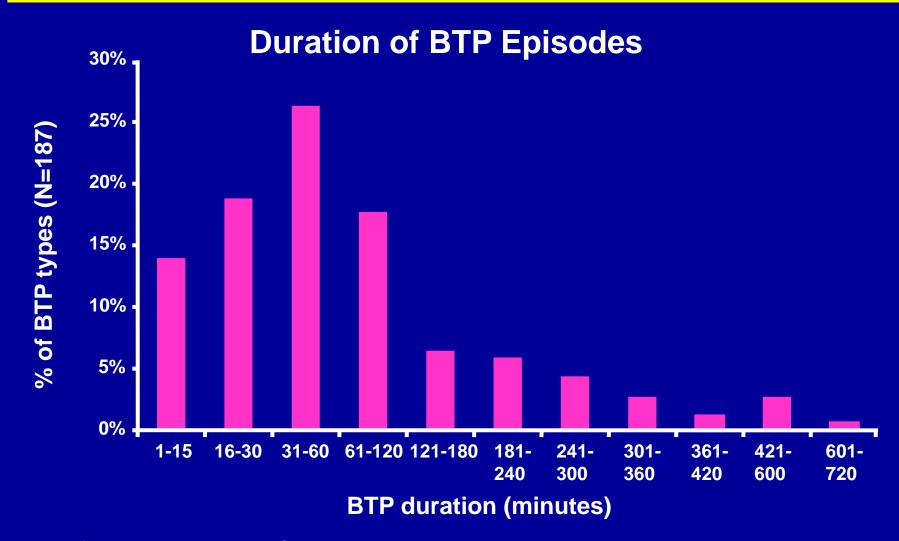
# Prevalence and Characteristics of BTP in Noncancer Chronic Pain

- Survey of noncancer patients with controlled baseline pain on chronic opioid therapy (N=228)
  - Controlled baseline pain defined as baseline pain of moderate or less intensity
  - Breakthrough pain (BTP) defined as temporary flare of severe or excruciating pain
- Prevalence of BTP: 74% (168/228 patients)
- Characteristics of BTP:
  - Rapid onset to peak intensity (5 minutes or less in 46%)
  - Relatively short duration (median 60 minutes)
  - Often unpredictable (never able to be predicted in 46%)
  - 1-4 episodes per day in 73%

### **BTP Characteristics: Rapid Onset**



#### **BTP Characteristics: Short Duration**



# Pharmacoeconomics and Managed Care Question 5

Patients always want instant gratification. Is the difference between 45-minute onset with most short-acting agents and 15-minute onset with ACTIQ really that important?

### **Cancer Pain and Quality of Life**

### Uncontrolled cancer pain can result in:

- Loss of physical and social functioning
- Increased psychological distress
- Depression and suicide
- Impact on families
- Patients and families seeking unscheduled medical care

### **Breakthrough Cancer Pain**

- Transitory flare of moderate-to-severe pain occurring against a background of persistent pain otherwise controlled by chronic opioid therapy
- Predictor of poor medical outcome
- Increased levels of depression and anxiety
- Associated with both relatively worse pain and greater impairment in pain-related quality of life

# **ACTIQ in Noncancer Chronic Pain: Quality of Life Study**

### Objective:

- To evaluate the characteristics of BTP and impact of BTP on quality of life (QOL) in patients with chronic noncancer pain
- To assess effect of treatment with ACTIQ to manage BTP on QOL

### Study Design:

Patient survey – chronic noncancer pain

### Eligible Patients (N=43)

- Having ≥1 episode/day while on long-acting opioid for persistent pain
- Persistent pain > intensity of persistent pain (Scale 0-10)\*
- On stable dose of ACTIQ for BTP for at least 2 weeks

Taylor D, Webster LD, Chun SY, et al. Impact of breakthrough pain on quality of life in patients with chronic, noncancer pain: patient perceptions and effect of treatment with oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate (OTFC®, ACTIQ®). Pain Med. [In press];2005.

<sup>\*</sup>Pain Intensity Scale: 0 = No pain; 10 = worst pain imaginable.

# ACTIQ in Noncancer Chronic Pain: Quality of Life Study (cont)

- Primary pain diagnosis:
  - Back pain (44%)
  - Musculoskeletal pain (12%)
  - Head pain (9%)
  - CRPS (7%)

# ACTIQ in Noncancer Chronic Pain: Quality of Life Study (cont)

#### Results:

- Median ACTIQ dose: 800mcg
- Mean frequency: 3.7 ACTIQ dosage units per day
- Onset of meaningful pain relief (mean values)
  - ACTIQ: 15 minutes
  - Previous short-acting opioid: 40 minutes
- Patients expressed significantly greater satisfaction with ACTIQ therapy than with previous BTP medications
- ACTIQ provided substantial improvements in QOL in most domains:
  - By >60% of patients in "enjoyment of life" and "mood"
  - By >50% of patients in "general activity", "ability to interact with others", "ability to work", and "ability to sleep at night"

### **Quality of Life Study: Rating Scale**

- Same rating used for adverse effects and beneficial effects, for example
  - BTP effects my general activity level
  - OTFC improve my general activity level

0=not at all

1=a little bit

2=some-what

3=quite a bit

4=very much

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### **Quality of Life Study: QOL Domains Affected**

- BTP rated with greatest adverse effects (rated as 3 or 4) on the following QOL domains:
  - General activity level (93% of patients)
  - Ability to work (93%)
  - Enjoyment of life (86%)
  - Finances (81%)

## **Quality of Life Study: The effects of ACTIQ on QOL**

- ACTIQ rated with greatest positive effects (rated either 3 or 4) on the following QOL domains:
  - Enjoyment of life (65%)
  - Mood (61%)
  - General activity level (58%)

## Pharmacoeconomics and Managed Care Question 6

Is there any evidence that better pain management can help to control healthcare costs?

# Effect of Pain Management on Healthcare Expenditures

Pain related medical costs before and after a pain management "quality improvement" project in an oncology clinic

	Before	After	
Costs/month	\$5,070	\$1,442	<i>P</i> <0.02
Hospitalizations	14%	4%	
ED visits	22%	3%	
Office visits	63%	48%	

# Effect of Pain Management on Healthcare Expenditures

Evidence-based clinical decision and economic analysis model comparing three cancer pain management strategies

	Effective Relief	Cost/mo
Guideline based care	80%	\$579
Oncology based care	55%	\$466
Usual care	30%	\$315

Note: Model did not account for hospitalizations or ED visits

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