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Trained in:

- Khartoum Teaching Hospital, Sudan (Mastership in Paediatrics and Child Health [MPCH] Program, University of Khartoum).
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- MBBCh, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University.
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Abstract

Pain in the neurodisabled child: “Adding insult to injury”

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Pain is common during childhood and becomes more common and more frequent and added burden in the neurodisabled children. An epidemiologic survey showed that neurodevelopmental disabilities are common, affecting 1% to 3% of children 30% of whom experience chronic pain. The condition is an important and common problem which is often overlooked and passes unnoticed, though found to be very much associated to participation, function, and health-related quality of life in these children and their families.

The complex nature of the neurodisability made the identification and management challenging to the paediatricians and neurologists.

I hope by presenting this review to be able to make the audience more aware and oriented, through the following objectives:

- Throw some light on the epidemiology of pain in the neurodisabled child.
- Increase awareness regarding the nature of pain and its significance.
- To know the common causes of pain in neurodisabled children.
- How to evaluate the pain in neurodisabled child.
- To be aware of the available management modalities.

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