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**EVALUATION OF PAIN EDUCATION LEVEL AMONGST RESIDENT PHYSICIANS**

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We report the results of a survey to find out the existing level of Pain Education amongst the resident physicians. These physicians had completed training at various medical schools and were doing residency in the selected health system.

The Pilot survey included 50 residents from various disciplines. The response indicated that a majority of residents are dissatisfied with the pain education provided in medical school (80%) and the residency (60%). 92% of the respondents did not know what JCAHO pain standards are. 32% did not feel that they feel comfortable treating pain problems.

This survey reaffirms the need to increase pain education at various levels of medical training. This is critical for patient care and also maintaining educational and accreditation standards.

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