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Postoperative pain is the most common type of acute pain and is usually managed by anaesthesiology based management teams. Inadequate postoperative pain control not only increases patients' suffering but can also have adverse physiological effects, delay recovery, and increase hospital stay and costs. There is also evidence that inadequate postoperative pain relief is a risk factor for persistent postsurgical pain, a condition which is particularly debilitating and difficult to treat. The design and implementation of acute pain services based on the best clinical evidence would be expected to improve the quality of postoperative pain control. New analgesics are being developed and existing drugs are being applied in novel ways. New surgical techniques, such as minimally invasive surgical approaches that can reduce postoperative pain have also been advocated and studied. However, current evidence shows that pain relief after surgery is still far from satisfactory. We invite authors to submit original research articles and review articles of relevance to this field with the objective of improving acute postoperative pain management and related outcomes.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Updates in the mechanisms of acute postoperative pain
- ▶ Genetics and epigenetics determining postoperative pain and the propensity for chronic postsurgical pain
- ▶ Recent advances in pain medication pharmacology, regional anaesthesia techniques, strategy, and technology in acute postoperative pain management
- ▶ Alternative medicine in acute postoperative acute pain management
- ▶ Measurement of postoperative pain and postoperative pain outcomes
- ▶ Adverse effects of acute postoperative pain, related complications, recovery, and quality of life after surgery
- ▶ Cost-effectiveness and cost-benefits of acute postoperative pain services

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