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# Pain Phenotypes that are Nociceptive, Neuropathic, or Nociplastic as Post-COVID Pain States

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### Introduction

There is considerable proof of the advantages of fitness training for patients with fibromyalgia, including a decrease in pain and sadness as well as an increase in general health and physical function, in recent high-quality papers and meta-analyses. Exercise's impact on fibromyalgia symptoms, function, fitness and quality of life has been studied in more and better RCTs. Recently researched exercise methods include tai chi, chi gong, yoga, Nordic walking, vibration and lifestyle physical activity. According to studies, people with fibromyalgia can exercise aggressively or moderately. However, it has become more challenging for individuals to carry out and sustain vigorous or even moderately intense routines as a result of their increasing fibromyalgia symptoms. Without a doubt, the skill of exercise prescription is essential for success.

# **Description**

To maximise benefits and guarantee long-term adherence, exercise-related discomfort, exhaustion and musculoskeletal damage must be avoided. Individual traits including physical fitness, function and symptom severity, objectives and preferences should be taken into account while establishing programmes. It is advised to gradually increase effort towards "moderate" level for deconditioned fibromyalgia patients. Primary care clinicians should encourage and assist fibromyalgia patients to pursue active lifestyles that include frequent exercise, even while multidisciplinary therapy is advised. The basic problems presented in the introduction have not yet been fully addressed, but if the speed of research on exercise for fibromyalgia remains the same, doctors will have the knowledge they need to develop and suggest the most effective exercise programmes for this group [1-5].

This section describes how to use the IASP criteria and clinical reasoning process to differentiate between nociplastic pain and the nociceptive, neuropathic, or mixed phenotypes in patients with post-COVID pain. One patient may fit the requirements for more than one pain phenotype, thus it may be helpful to determine whether nociceptive pain is the main form of pain initially. If a nociceptive pain pattern is discarded, the difference between neuropathic and nociplastic pain can then be formed using other criteria.

## **Conclusion**

Post-COVID pain is still underdiagnosed and perhaps undertreated

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because of a lack of awareness of the issue. According to the data that is currently available, some of these persons could have nociplastic pain. The global movement towards precision medicine may be applied to post-COVID pain to help in the most effective treatment planning by using the 2021 IASP clinical criteria and grading system to identify various pain phenotypes. It is critical for doctors to be able to classify patients with post-COVID pain as having nociceptive, neuropathic, nociplastic, or mixed type due to the following four factors: Clinicians must first categorise the various types of pain in order to choose the best treatment approaches.

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## **Conflict of Interest**

None.

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