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Session Abstract – Pain Update Masterclass

Assessment of Neuropathic pain in cancer

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Neuropathic pain in cancer could be due to the tumour, treatment or from co-morbid diseases. Effective assessment to diagnose neuropathic pain and its aetiology is crucial in order to optimise treatment. When a patient presents with pain in clinical practice, questioning the patient about the symptoms and performing an examination together with use of screening tools and appropriate investigations might alert the physician that the pain could probably be neuropathic. I will be discussing a step-by-step process of a neuropathic pain grading system that is applied in a clinical setting for cancer pain developed by the Neuropathic Pain Special Interest Group of the International Association for the Study of Pain.