

Intractable pain

Intractable [pain](#), also known as Intractable Pain [Disease](#) or IPD, is a severe, constant, relentless, and debilitating pain that is not curable by any known means and which causes a house-bound or bed-bound state and early death if not adequately treated, usually with [opioids](#) and/or [interventional procedures](#). It is not relieved by ordinary medical, surgical, nursing, or pharmaceutical measures. Unlike the more common [chronic pain](#), it causes adverse biologic effects on the body's cardiovascular, hormone, and neurologic systems. Patients experience changes in testosterone, estrogen, cortisol, thyroid hormones, and/or pituitary hormones. Both men and women require testosterone, however many doctors neglect to test women for low testosterone. Untreated Intractable Pain can cause death.

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