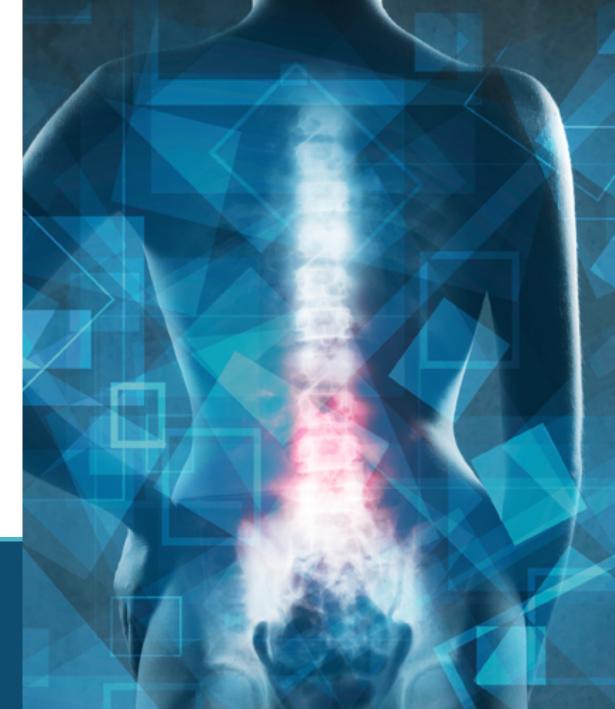


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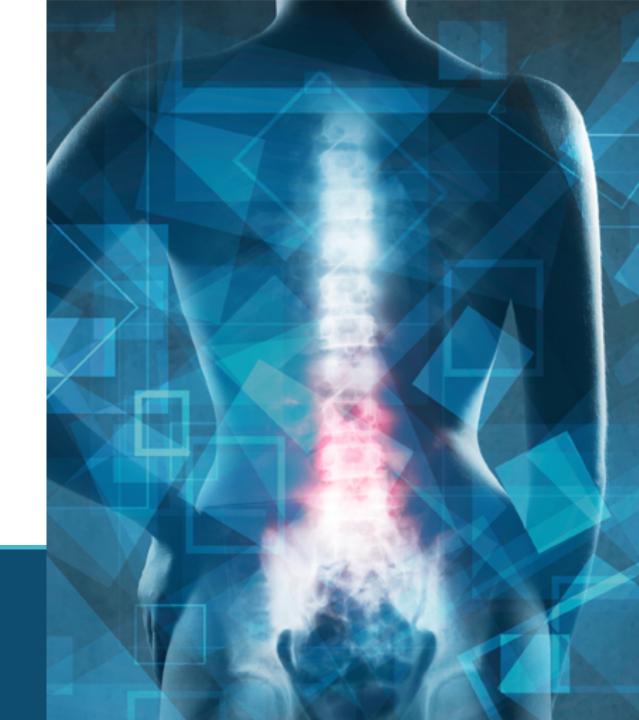


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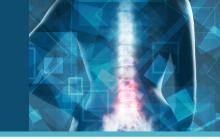


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#### Agenda





**Introductions** 



What's New in the 2017 PACC Guidelines? Translating Recommendations and Best Practices to Clinical Practice



Individualizing IT Trialing Strategies



Dosing and Titration Strategies to Maximize Efficacy and Mitigate Risk



Questions

## Learning Objective

Translate updates and recommendations in the 2017 PACC guidelines to clinical decision-making for patients with refractory chronic pain who are candidates for intrathecal (IT) therapy.



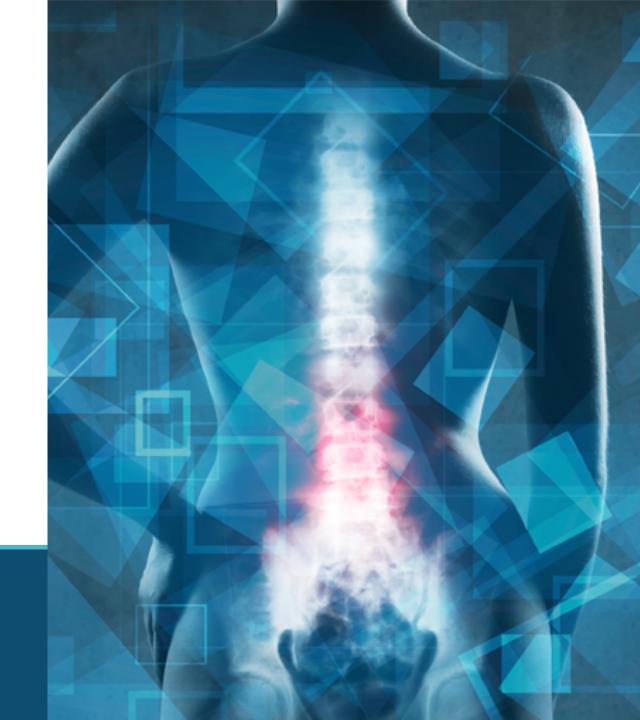
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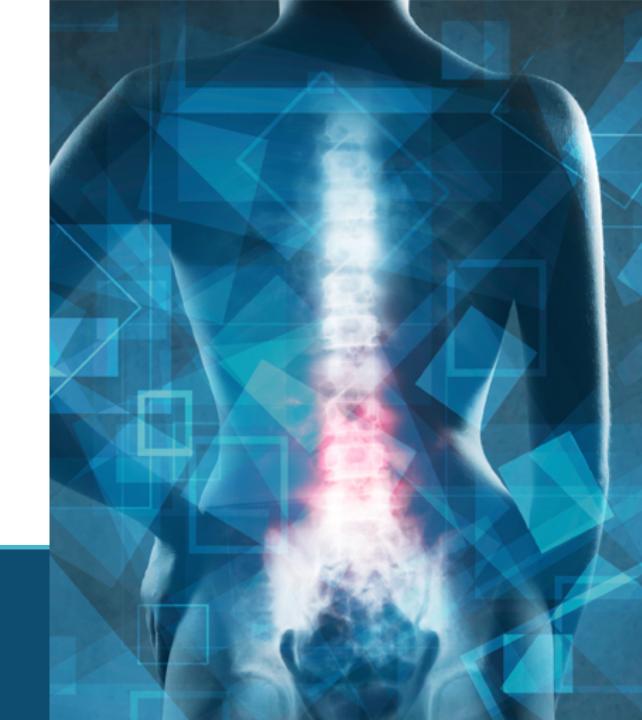


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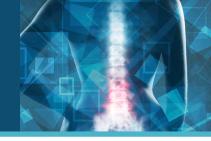
Implement dosing and titration strategies in patients utilizing IDD to maximize results while mitigating risks.



# Why Were the 2012 PACC Guidelines Updated?

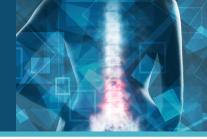


#### **Basics of Patient Safety**



 Patient Safety: Actions undertaken by individuals and organizations to protect health care recipients from being harmed by the effects of health care services.

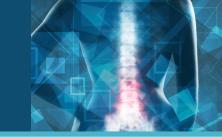
#### People Are Set Up to Make Mistakes

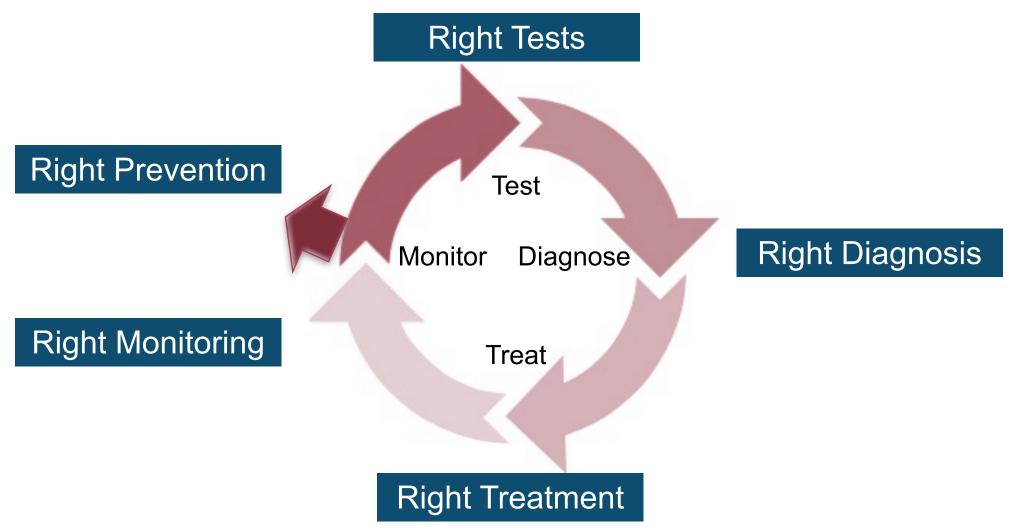


- Institute of Medicine report To Err is Human: Building a Safe Health System
  - Errors cause between 44,000 and 98,000 deaths per year in American hospitals and over 1 million injuries<sup>1</sup>
- Incompetent people are, at most, 1% of the problem. The other 99% are good people trying to do a good job who make very simple mistakes and it's the processes that set them up to make these mistakes.

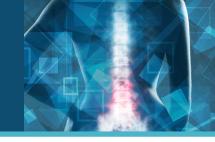
-Dr. Lucian Leape, Harvard School of Public Health

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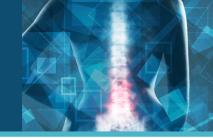


## Traditional Methods of Protecting Patients From Harm



- Well-structured systems
- Explicit processes
- Professional standards of practice
- Individual competence reviews

#### **Process Redesign Solutions**



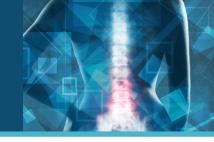
- Redesign of processes to minimize and avoid harm to patients
  - Eliminate opportunities for errors
  - Consider safeguards to catch and correct errors before they reach the patient
- Reduce harm caused by mistakes
  - People must be able to quickly recognize the adverse event and take action
    - Human interventions
    - Response plans
    - Backups
    - Algorithms

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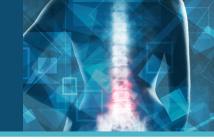


#### PACC of 2012: Challenges



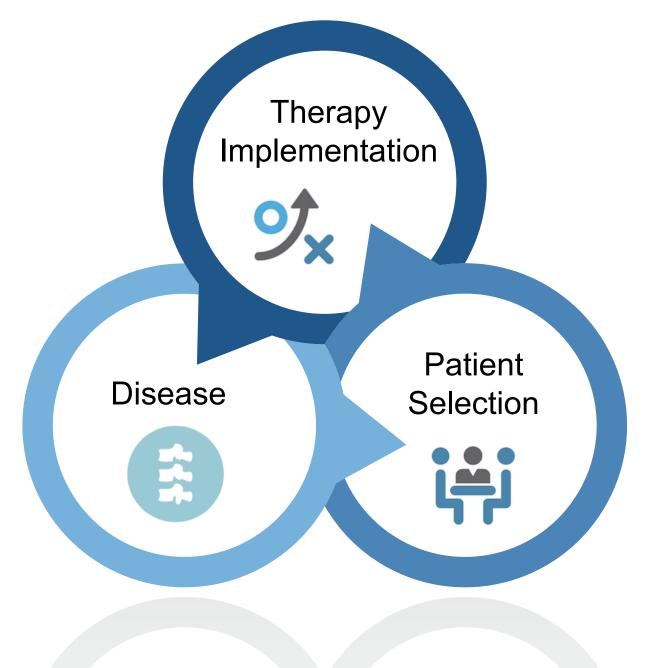
- Evidence has improved since 2012
- Evolving understanding of the intrathecal space and pharmacokinetics
- PACC of 2012 did not address some of the identified factors associated with medication selection
- Adoption of PACC is certainly not universal and some deviate significantly from the Tiered suggested approach
  - Survey data indicate poor adoption of previous algorithms
- No transparent critical method for Evidence Assessment, Recommendation Grade, and Consensus Strength

#### **Goals of New PACC**



- Published in 2017
- Provide an evidence driven, consensus based recommendations on
  - The need for IT therapy
  - Disease specific indications
  - Patient selection considerations
  - Risk stratification
  - Implementation of the therapy and maintenance
- Evidence assessment, regardless of strength, needs interpretation for clinical application whenever used<sup>1</sup>

## Goals of New PACC



#### Hierarchy of Studies by Type of Design

Evidence Level	Study Type
	At least one controlled and randomized clinical trial, properly designed
II-1	Well-designed, controlled, nonrandomized clinical trials
11-2	Cohort or case studies and well-designed controls, preferably multicenter
11-3	Multiple series compared over time, with or without intervention, and surprising results in noncontrolled experiences
	Clinical experience-based opinions, descriptive studies, clinical observations or reports of expert committees

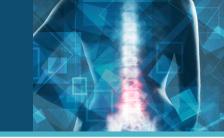
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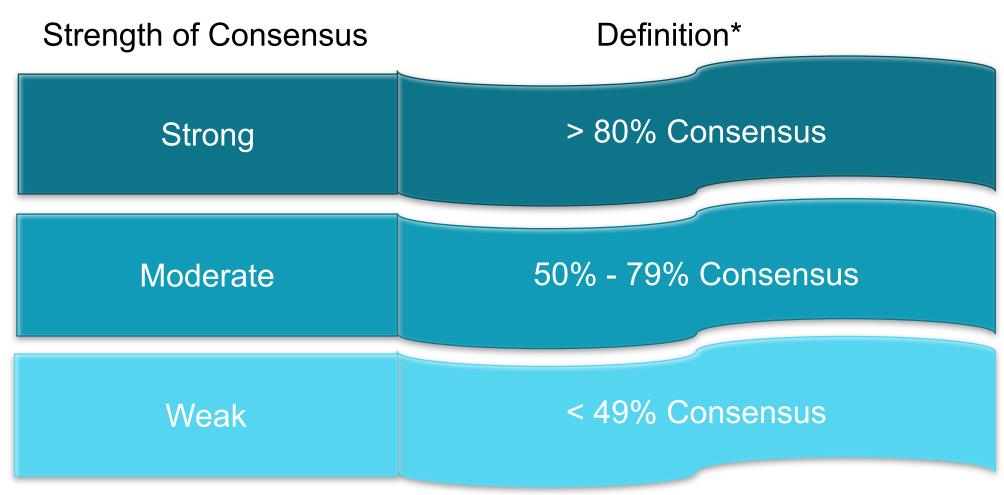
#### Meaning of Recommendation Degrees

Degree of Recommendation	Meaning
A	Extremely recommendable (good evidence that the measure is effective and benefits outweigh the harms)
B	Recommendable (at least, moderate evidence that the measure is effective and benefits exceed harms)
C	Neither recommendable nor inadvisable (at least moderate evidence that the measure is effective, but benefits are similar to harms and a general recommendation cannot be justified)
	Inadvisable (at least moderate evidence that the measure is ineffective or that the harms exceed the benefits)
	Insufficient, low quality or contradictory evidence; the balance between benefit and harms cannot be determined

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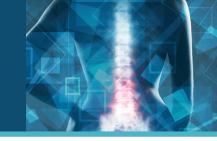
#### **Strength of Consensus**





<sup>\*</sup>Quorum defined as 80% of participants available for vote.

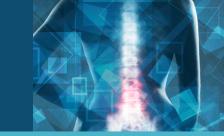
## Clinical Factors That Shape IT Interventions and Medication Choice



- Patient diagnoses and expected survival time<sup>1</sup>
- Sustainability of the IT regimen
- Previous exposure to opioids<sup>2-4</sup>
- Location of pain (diffuse vs. localized)
- Type of pain (nociceptive, neuropathic or mixed)
- Physiochemical properties of lipid solubility of the IT agents<sup>5,6</sup>

- Cerebrospinal fluid flow dynamics and pharmacokinetics<sup>7,8</sup>
- IT catheter location<sup>9</sup>
- Pump and catheter characteristics<sup>9</sup>
- Kinetics of the intrathecal infusate<sup>9</sup>
- Psychological status of the patient with chronic pain<sup>10-12</sup>

## Recommendations for Evidence Assessment of IT Therapy by the PACC Using USPSTF Criteria



Statement	Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level
IT therapy should be utilized for active cancer-related pain with opioids		A	Strong
IT therapy should be utilized for active cancer-related pain with ziconotide		A	Strong
IT therapy should be utilized for active noncancer-related pain with opioids		В	Strong
IT therapy should be utilized for active noncancer-related pain with ziconotide		A	Strong

## Recommendations for Application of IT Therapy vs. Neurostimulation by the NACC Using USPSTF Criteria



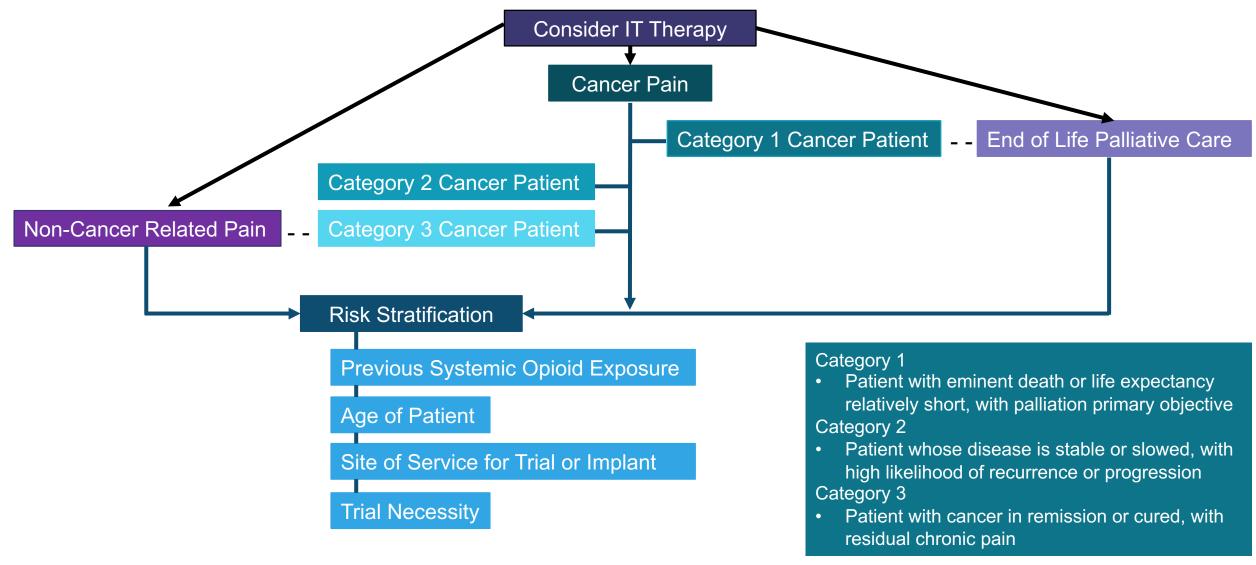
Statement	Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level
IT therapy should be considered within the same line as neurostimulation strategies to treat noncancer-related pain		C	Moderate
IT therapy should be considered after neurostimulation strategies to treat noncancer-related pain if the pain is isolated and unlikely to spread			Strong
IT therapy should be considered before neurostimulation therapy for active cancer-related pain that is mechanical and likely to spread		C	Strong

#### Disease Indications for IT Drug Delivery

- Axial neck or back pain; not a surgical candidate
  - Multiple compression fractures
  - Discogenic pain
  - Spinal stenosis
  - Diffuse multiple-level spondylosis
- Failed back surgery syndrome
- Abdominal/pelvic pain
  - Visceral
  - Somatic
- Extremity pain
  - Radicular pain
  - Joint pain

- Complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS)
- Trunk pain
  - Postherpetic neuralgia
  - Post-thoracotomy syndromes
- Cancer pain, direct invasion and chemotherapy related
- Analgesic efficacy with systemic opioid delivery complicated by intolerable side effects

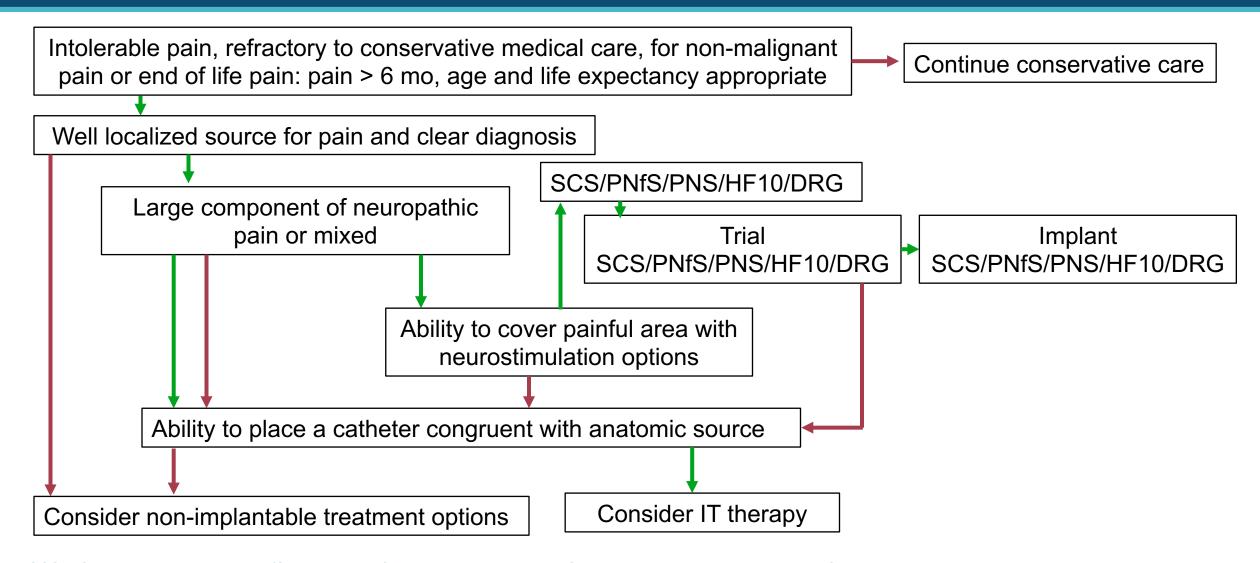
## Algorithm of Patient Selection Characteristics



## Recommendations for Patient Selection Criteria for IT Therapy by the PACC Using USPSTF Criteria

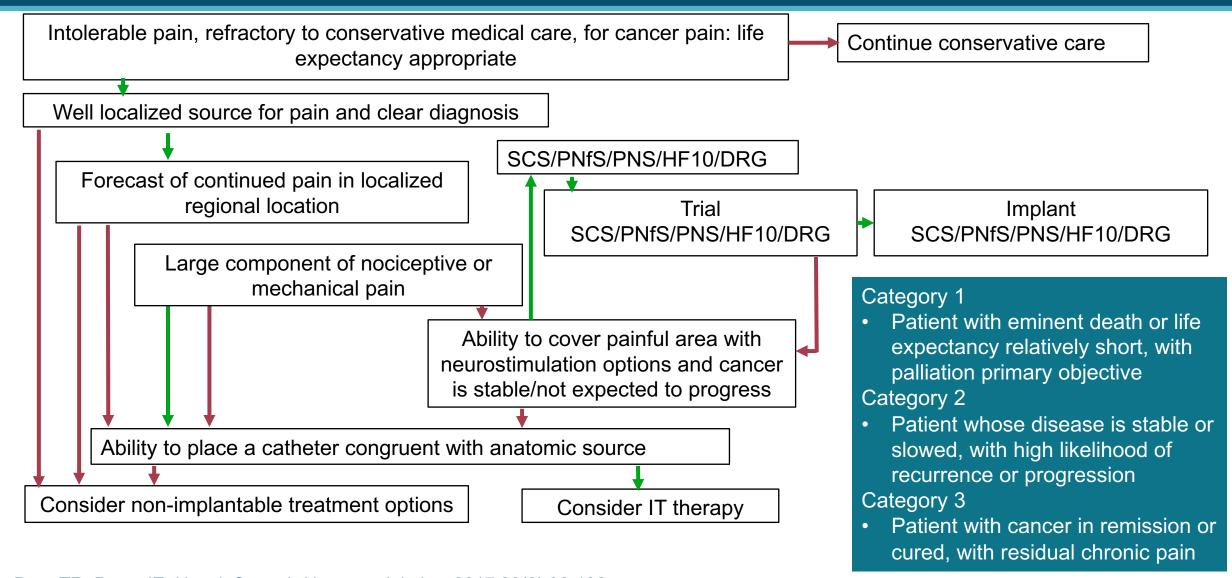
Statement	Evidence Level	Recommendation Grade	Consensus Level
Patients with comorbidities that negatively affect cardiopulmonary function need increased vigilance when instituting IT opioid therapy		C	High
Localized pain can be adequately covered with intrathecal therapy		В	Strong
Diffuse pain can be adequately treated with IT therapy		C	Moderate
Global pain can be adequately treated with IT therapy			Moderate
IT therapy should not be used as salvage therapy for failing systemic opioids		B	Moderate

### Algorithm for Placement within the Pain Care Algorithm for Noncancer or Non-End of Life Pain

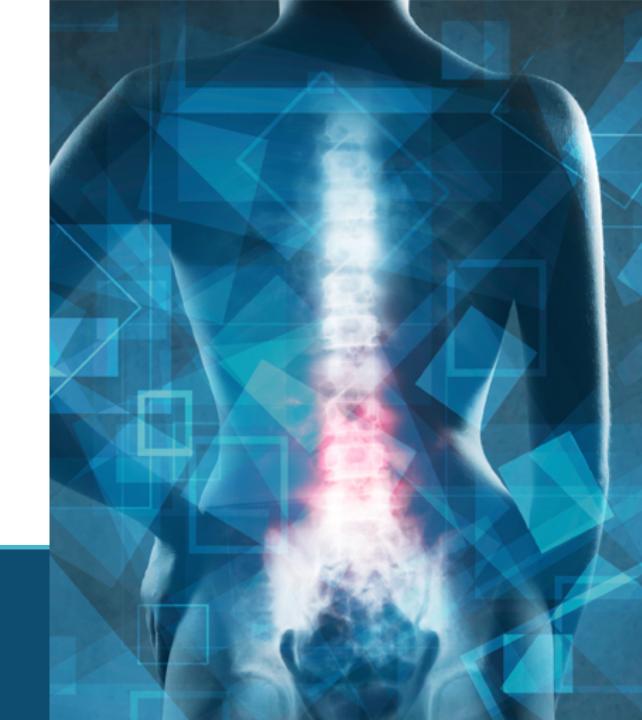


SCS = Spinal cord stimulation; PNfS = Peripheral field nerve stimulation; PNS = Peripheral nerve stimulation; DRG = Dorsal root ganglion Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. *Neuromodulation*. 2017;20(2):96-132.

### Algorithm for Placement within the Pain Care Algorithm for Cancer-Related Pain



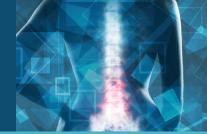
#### **Medication Selection**



## Cancer or Other Terminal Condition-Related Pain with Localized Nociceptive or Neuropathic Pain

Tier			Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level					
Line 1A	Zicor	Ziconotide			Morphine				A	Strong
Line 1B	Fen	ntanyl		Morphine or fentanyl + bupivacaine			upivacaine	11-1	B	Strong
Line 2	Hydromorphone	Hydromorph + bupivacai		Hydromorphone or morphine or fentanyl + clonidine		hydro or 1	orphine or omorphone fentanyl + conotide	II-3	В	Strong
Line 3	Hydromorphone or morphine or fentanyl + bupivacaine + clonidine	Ziconotide + bupivacaine	_	onotide Ionidine	Hydromore or fentare bupivaca	ohine nyl + ine +	Sufentanil		C	Moderate

## Cancer or Other Terminal Condition-Related Pain with Localized Nociceptive or Neuropathic Pain



Tier			Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level				
Line 4	Sufentanil + ziconotide	Sufentanil + bupivacaine	Baclofen	Sufentanil + clonidine	Bupivacaine + clonidine + ziconotide	Bupivacaine + clonidine			Weak
Line 5		Sufentanil + bupivacaine + clonidine							Weak
Line 6		Opioid* -	- bupivacaine +	- clonidine+ ad	juvants**				Weak

<sup>\*</sup>Opioid (all known intrathecal opioids); \*\*Adjuvants include midazolam, ketamine, octreotide Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. *Neuromodulation*. 2017;20(2):96-132.

### Cancer or Other Terminal Condition-Related Pain with Diffuse Nociceptive or Neuropathic Pain

Tier		ı	Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level				
Line 1A	Ziconotide			Morphine				B	Strong
Line 1B	Hydron	norphone		Mor	phine or hydromorp bupivacaine	ohone +		B	Moderate
Line 2		Hydromorphone or Morphine + clonidine			phine or hydromorp ziconotide	ohone +	11-3	B	Strong
Line 3	Hydromorphone or morphine or fentanyl + bupivacaine + clonidine	Ziconotide + bupivacaine		onotide + onidine	Hydromorphone or morphine or fentanyl + bupivacaine + ziconotide	Sufentanil		C	Moderate

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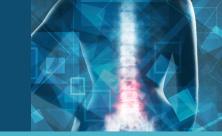
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Line 4	Sufentanil + ziconotide	Baclofen	Sufentanil + bupivacaine	Sufentanil + clonidine	Bupivacaine + clonidine + ziconotide	Bupivacaine + clonidine			Weak
Line 5						· clonidine + otide			Weak
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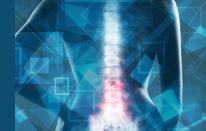
Tier		Medicati	Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensu s Level		
Line 1A	Zicor	notide	Morphine		A	Strong	
Line 1B	Fent	anyl Fentanyl -		vacaine	11-3	B	Strong
Line 2	Fentanyl + clonidine	Hydromorphone or morphine + bupivacaine	Fentanyl + bupivacaine + clonidine	Bupivacaine	II-3	В	Strong
Line 3	Fentanyl + ziconotide + bupivacaine	Morphine or hydromorphone + clonidine	Ziconotide + clonidine or bupivacaine or both	Bupivacaine + clonidine		B	Moderate

## Noncancer-Related Pain with Localized Nociceptive or Neuropathic Pain



Tier		Medica	ation		Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level
Line 4	Sufentanil + bupivacaine or clonidine	Baclo	Baclofen Bupivac				Weak
Line 5	Sufentanil + bupivacaine	+ clonidine	Su	fentanil + ziconotide			Weak

## Noncancer-Related Pain with Diffuse Nociceptive or Neuropathic Pain



Tier	Medication					Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level
Line 1A	Morphine		Ziconotide*			4	Strong	
Line 1B	Hydromorphone		Morphine or hydomorphone + bupivacaine			B	Strong	
Line 2	Hydromorphone morphine + clonid		Fentan	yl + bupivacaine	Ziconotide + Morphine or hydomorphone		G	Strong
Line 3	Hydromorphone or morphine + bupivacaine + clonidine		entanyl + conotide	Sufentanil + bupivacaine or clonidine	Ziconotide + clonidine or bupivacaine or both			Moderate

<sup>\*</sup>Ziconotide should be first choice in patients with > 120 morphine equivalents or fast systemic dose escalation, in the absence of history of psychosis Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. *Neuromodulation*. 2017;20(2):96-132.

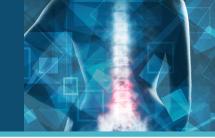
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Tier		Medication		Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level
Line 5	Fentanyl or sufentanil + bupivacaine + clonidine	Sufentanil + ziconotide	Baclofen			Weak
Line 6	Opioid + ziconotide + bupivacaine or clonidine					Weak

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# PACC Update Takeaways: Consensus Points



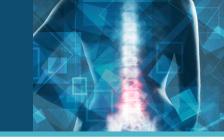
- An update of the best practices of IT drug delivery is needed due to many changes in patient care since the last version of this working document
- Localized, diffuse and global pain can be adequately treated with intrathecal therapy
- Intrathecal therapies should be used at an appropriate time in the algorithm and not as salvage treatment
- Algorithms are based on evidence and consensus on safety. The patient's physician and good clinical judgement should guide individual patient care
- Unless contraindicated, ziconotide should be the first drug selected in the population of noncancer patients discussed in this consensus

# Learning 2 Objective

Apply PACC recommendations for trialing of appropriate patients who are candidates for IT therapy.



#### **Screening Trial**



- Rationale is to offer clinician and patients preview of response to intrathecal therapy
- Preimplantation trial considered standard of care and often required by insurers, but predictive value has been under increased scrutiny<sup>1</sup>
- PACC concludes that there are equal levels of evidence for trialing methods<sup>2</sup>
  - Single shot trialing
  - Bolus trialing
  - Continuous infusion

#### **Psychological Screening**

Patients with a psychological profile deemed appropriate for implantable therapy have better outcomes than those deemed inappropriate.



Several studies state that depression, hysteria, and hypochondriasis are so common in pain patients and do not constitute a contraindication to implants.

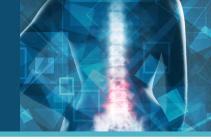




PACC recommends a psychological assessment prior to any implant for noncancer pain.

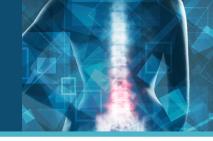


#### Psychologic Exclusion Criteria



- Active psychosis
- Active suicidality or homicidality
- Major uncontrolled depression or other mood disorders
- Somatization or other somatoform disorders
- Alcohol or illicit drug dependency
- Lack of appropriate social support
- Neurobehavioral or cognitive deficits that preclude sound decision making

# Define the Goals of the Trial: Measuring Success



- Acceptable pain relief should be achieved during a trial
  - Acceptable pain relief varies between 30% 70%<sup>1</sup>
- Goals of pain relief should be discussed with patient/caregivers before trial
  - Assessment of decrease in pain based on visual analog scale (VAS) compared to baseline measurement
  - If functional improvement is goal, pretrial benchmarks should be set
- If side effects occur at lowest reasonable dose, trial is a failure and medication switch should be considered

### **Does Trialing Predict Therapy Outcome?**

PACC Recommendation	Evidence Level	Recommendation Strength	Consensus Level
A trial should be considered before initiating IT drug delivery for noncancer pain.	11-3	B	Moderate
A trial is not a necessity before initiating IT drug delivery for cancer pain.			Moderate
If a trial is performed, delivery of the medication within the IT space is an acceptable method		C	Strong
IT trials should be monitored in a safe setting, with due vigilance, appropriate monitoring of the patient and appreciation for patient comorbidities	11-3	В	Strong
IT ziconotide trials should be monitored in a safe setting, with due vigilance, and appropriate monitoring of the patient.	11-3	B	Strong

Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. Neuromodulation. 2017;20(2):133-154.

# Recommending Doses for Intrathecal Bolus Trialing

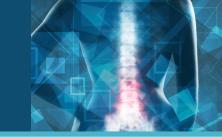


Drug	Recommendation of Dose*		
Morphine	0.1 – 0.5 mg		
Hydromorphone	0.025 – 0.1 mg		
Ziconotide	1 – 5 mcg		
Fentanyl	15 – 75 mcg		
Bupivacaine	0.5 – 2.5 mcg		
Clonidine	5 – 20 mcg		
Sufentanil	5 – 20 mcg		

<sup>\*</sup>Starting doses of medication in the opioid-naïve patient for outpatient bolus delivery do not exceed -.15 mg morphine, 0.04 mg hydromorphone, or 25 mcg fentanyl.

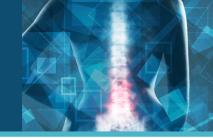
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#### **Possible Outcome of Bolus IT Trials**



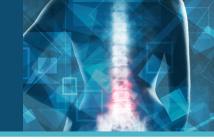
Outcomes	Consideration		
Relief without side effects	Successful trial, medication and dose considered for chronic therapy		
Relief with side effects	May be appropriate IT medication; consider reduction in medication dose for retrial or medication switch		
No relief, side effects noted	Medication switch recommended for retrial		
No relief, no side effects	Consider retrial with higher dose or medication switch		

# PACC Recommendations: When is a Trial Required?



- Patient is being trialed with ziconotide as the first-line chronic infusion choice to assess response and side effects
- Patient is being trialed with opioid and has increased risk of respiratory depression
- Patient is being trials with baclofen to assess response and side effects
- Patient is being trialed with an infusion of a drug combination
- Patient is being assessed for functional improvement or behavior during an extended period of time

# PACC Recommendations: When is a Trial Not Required?



- Patient has advanced disease with limited survival time and is a high risk for procedures
- Patient has risk of bleeding or has an infection that makes the trial high risk
- Patient demographics suggest a high likelihood of success
  - Older person
  - Localized pain
  - On no- or low-dose systemic opioids pretrial

## Risk Assessment: Site of Service for Trialing and Dosing of IT Therapy

#### Recommendation has been modified from PACC 2012

#### Opioids

- No data to suggest safety or danger of IT opioid initiation in the outpatient setting
- Suggest that the 24-hr initiating IT dose be half of efficacious/successful trialed IT opioid dose

#### Ziconotide

 Previous recommendation of 12-hr observation period after initiation has been revised, by consensus, to 6-hrs as long as there is no neurologic dysfunction prior to initiation

#### Morphine

 In settings where the initial drug concentrations create the need for a starting dose outside PACC recommendations, an overnight admission is advised

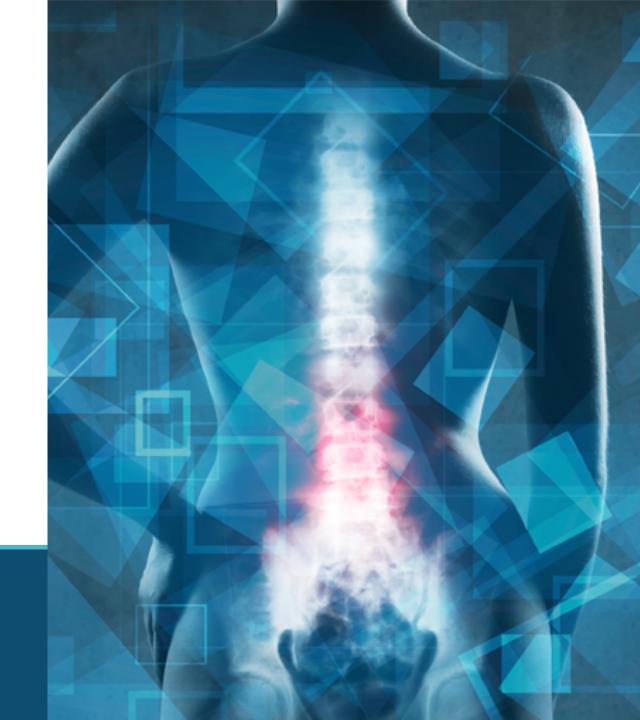
### **Trialing Takeaways: Consensus Points**



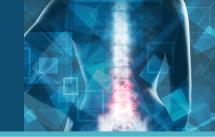
- Initial dose of intrathecal opioids and ziconotide should be as low as reasonable expected to provide analgesia
- Initiating dose of intrathecal opioids and ziconotide delivered continuously should be 50% or less of the dose used in bolus trialing
- Abrupt stopping of an opioid is not recommended
- Ziconotide and bupivacaine do not have risk of withdrawal and weaning is not needed
- Pay careful attention to side effects when adding any adjuvant drug to a primary drug

# Learning 3 Objective

Implement dosing and titration strategies in patients utilizing IDD to maximize results while mitigating risks.



#### A Patient-Centric Approach to Pain



- Economic data demonstrate that costs associated with IT therapy and safety are markedly better compared with systemic opioids<sup>1,2</sup>
- In defined patient groups, IT may provide improved longevity and treatment flexibility vs. spinal cord stimulations (SCS)<sup>3</sup>
- Consensus Point: The risk to benefit ratio of IDD makes it relatively safe therapy for both cancer- and noncancerrelated pain<sup>2</sup>
- Consensus Point: Compared to chronic, long-lasting opioid therapy, IDD is markedly more safe and has less associated morbidity and mortality<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Pope J. Presentation at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Neuromodulation Society. Septemer 30-October 2, 2016; Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.; 2. Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. *Neuromodulation*. 2017;20(2):155-176.; 3. Pope JE, et al. *Neuromodulation*. 2015;18:414-420.

#### PACC Evidence and Recommendations for IT Therapy

Statement	Drug	Evidence Level	Rec Grade	Consensus Level
Intrathecal therapy should be utilized for	Opioids		A	Strong
active cancer-related pain	Ziconotide		A	
	Opioids	11-2	В	
Intrathecal therapy should be utilized for noncancer-related pain	Opioids in combo with bupivacaine	11-3	B	Strong
	Ziconotide		B	

Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. Neuromodulation. 2017;20(2):155-176.

### Safety of FDA Approved Intrathecal Agents for Pain Relief



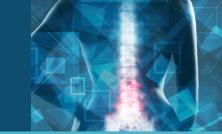
### Morphine



- Considerable side effects, but morbidity and mortality of IT opioids is markedly less vs. long-acting systemic opioid delivery
- Analysis of 6,398 patients demonstrated no opioidrelated deaths attributed to IT infusion delivery over a 10year period
- Risk of intrathecal catheter tip granuloma
- Potentially a safer patient option to offer refractory, chronic pain patients

Medtronic. 2015 Product Performance Report. Targeted Drug Delivery Systems. http://professional.medtronic.com/ppr/intrathecal-drug-delivery-systems/index.htm#.WAY\_sySkyzw.

#### Ziconotide

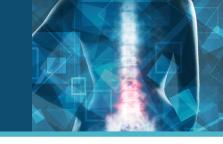


- Should be considered as a first choice in the treatment of canceror noncancer-related pain, in the absence of psychiatric comorbidities or significant baseline renal disease<sup>1</sup>
- Suggested that ziconotide long-term efficacy is greater if first in pump than if introduced later in IT therapy<sup>2</sup>
- Narrow therapeutic window requires careful and strategic dosing for efficacy and reduction of side effects<sup>1</sup>
  - Rapid titration has been associated with cognitive and neuropsychiatric adverse events
- Ziconotide is not associated with the formulation of granulomas to date

<sup>1.</sup> Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. Neuromodulation. 2017;20(2):155-176.

<sup>2.</sup> McDowell G, et al. Presented at the North American Neuromodulation Society, 20th Annual Meeting. January 19-22, 2017, Las Vegas, NV.

# Recommended Starting Dosage Ranges of Intrathecal Medications for Long-term Therapy Delivery



Drug	Recommendation of Starting Dose			
Morphine	0.1 – 0.5 mg/day			
Hydromorphone	0.01 – 0.15 mg/day			
Ziconotide	0.5 – 1.2 mcg/day (to 2.4 mcg/day per product labeling)			
Fentanyl	25 – 75 mcg/day			
Bupivacaine	0.01 – 4 mcg/day			
Clonidine	20 – 100 mcg/day			
Sufentanil	10 – 20 mcg/day			

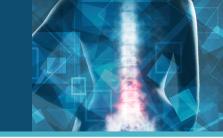
### Maximum Concentrations and Daily Doses of Intrathecal Agents as Recommended by PACC



Drug	Maximum Concentration	Maximum Dose Per Day	
Morphine	20 mg/mL	25 mg	
Hydromorphone	15 mg/mL	10 mg	
Fentanyl	10 mg/mL	1000 mcg	
Sufentanil	5 mg/mL	500 mcg	
Bupivacaine	30 mg/mL	15 – 20 mg*	
Clonidine	1000 mcg/mL	600 mcg	
Ziconotide	100 mcg/mL	19.2 mcg	

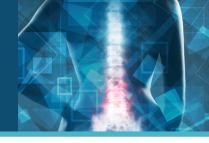
<sup>\*</sup>May be exceeded in end-of-life care and complicated cases as determined by medical necessity. Deer TR, Pope JE, Hayek S, et al. *Neuromodulation*. 2017;20(2):96-132.

### First Responders



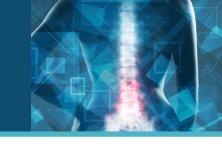
- First responders should be trained to identify patients with implantable systems
- Should be able to distinguish between pacemakers, SCS, and implantable pumps
- When an implantable pump is suspected, first responder should have the info available and ability to contact a pump manager or representative of pump manufacturer

### **Dosing Takeaways: Consensus Points**



- The initiating dose of intrathecal opioids and ziconotide should be as low as reasonably expected to provide relief
- The initiating dose of intrathecal opioids and ziconotide delivered continuously should be 50% or less of the dose used during bolus trialing
- PACC recommends careful attention to side effects when adding an adjuvant drug to a primary drug

#### **SMART Goals**

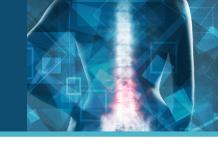


- Consider IT therapy early rather than high dose opioids
  - There is evidence of an ongoing role for IT therapy for cancer and certain noncancer conditions
- Review and integrate key concepts of the PACC guidelines into clinical practice

### **Questions?**



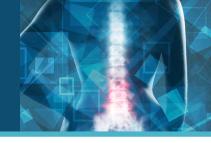
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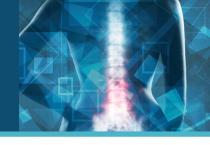
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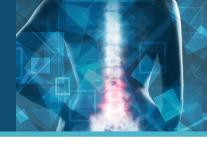
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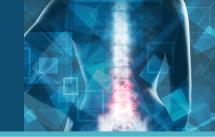
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