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Lateral Trochanteralgia: A new concept for an old concept

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Statement of the problem: Certain medical terms used to describe different syndromes for musculoskeletal conditions such as Greater Trochanteric Pain Syndrome (GTPS) can be long and large enough to need an acronym.

Objective of the study: The objective of the article is to propose a new concept using neologism to describe a broad spectrum of causes of lateral hip pain previously known as GTPS.

Methodology and Theoretical orientation: Literature review of medical terms including Greco-Latin words that are widely used to refer to different anatomical areas and specific symptomatology was performed. Use of neologism was performed to create new words that can be short, meaningful, and straightforward to describe the broad spectrum of causes of lateral hip pain.

Results: The medical terms facilitate scientific communication, standardized procedures, publication, and research. For this reason, medical terminology must be as short, simple, straightforward, but meaningful as possible. The Greco – Latin words were found to be broadly used in the medical terminology.

Discussion: The current term to describe the lateral hip pain syndrome is Greater Trochanteric Pain Syndrome (GTPS). and is large enough to need an acronym. This term is used to describe a broad spectrum of conditions that include disorders of the tendons, muscles, bursa, bones, and other structures surrounding the greater trochanter. The most common chief complaint is pain (“algia”) over the lateral aspect of the hip. The neologism Lateral Trochanteralgia is a shorter, simpler, clearer, and more meaningful term that can be used to describe this syndrome.

Conclusion: Lateral Trochanteralgia is a short, simple, clear, and meaningful term to describe the broad spectrum of musculoskeletal conditions involving the pain in the lateral aspect of the hip. The standardized and universal use of this neologism will favor all processes of medical publication, communications, and digital search of related topics

Biography

Aquiles Martinez has his expertise in Hip and Knee surgery after years of preparation, study, and practice in different countries of America. He has shared his passion for orthopedics and trauma surgery with his passion for teaching and administration in hospitals and educational institutions.

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