

PAE Online Questionnaire Results

Launched in August, just before the last issue of the Newsletter, the questionnaire focused on "Getting to know the chronic pain patients" and gathered information on general demographic data (country, gender, age), on their chronic pain condition (diagnosis, years of suffering) and on their economical situation.

The questionnaire was completed by 240 chronic pain patients throughout Europe and revealed the following information:

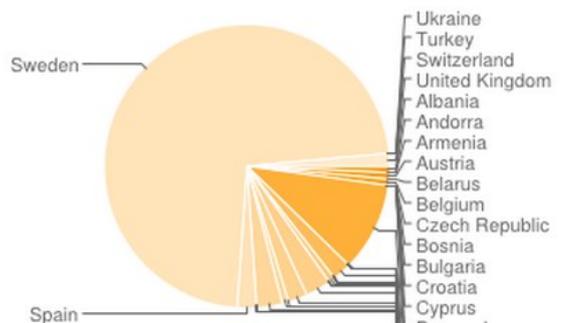
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The demographical data collected in the first part of the questionnaire show that the respondents came mostly from Sweden (70%), though each European country was represented with a small percentage. 80% of the respondents were female.

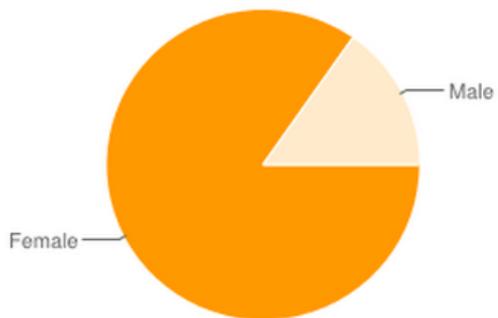
The question regarding age revealed that the largest group category was 40-50; followed closely by 50-60. This shows that 65% of the respondents are between 40 and 60 years. The 20-30 group have a percentage of almost 10%, while the 30-40 group nearly 15%.

Therefore, the demographic data section shows that most respondents are from Sweden, female, and above 40 years old.

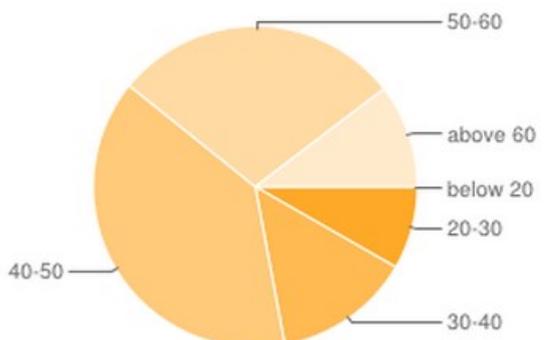
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Gender



Age



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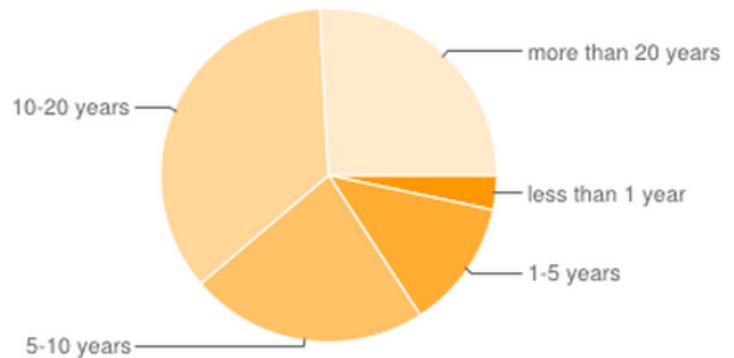
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Most of the respondents are patients suffering from chronic pain for more than 10 years. 35% say they have been diagnosed for 10-20 years, while another 25% say that it has been more than 20 years since they bear with chronic pain.

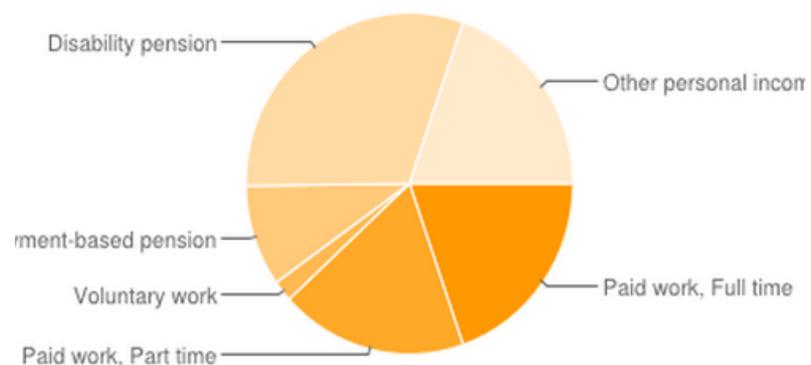
The economical situation of the chronic pain patients reveals that 35% of them have a paid work, either full or part time. The rest rely on Disability pension, employment-based pension or other personal income.

The respondents were diagnosed with various conditions, the most frequent being fibromyalgia (almost 80%), but also others, as follow.

Years since diagnosed with chronic pain



Economical situation



Diagnosis

Neuropathic Pain
Fibromyalgia
Synositus
Back Pain
Whiplash Spinal Column
Postherpeutic Neuralgia
Interstitial Cystitis
Bladder Pain Syndrome
Irritable Bowel Syndrome
ME

Arthritis
Migraine
Spiral Stenos
Morbus Dercum
Restless Legs
CFS
Reumatism
Hortons
Chronic Lumbago
Sjögren Syndrom

Wiplach
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome
Epilepsi
Psoriasisatropati
Hyper Mobility Syndrome
Endometriosis
Morbus Bechterew
Dischernia
Borreliä