

# Validation of the CHOIR body map in a large sample of youth with chronic pain

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#### Introduction

 Body maps have been studied in pediatric samples, however, with 74 possible body locations, the CHOIR body map (CBM) may offer greater precision in pain assessment.

#### Aims

This study examined:

• Characteristics of the CHOIR Body Map as used by a large sample of youth seen in a multidisciplinary chronic pain clinic.

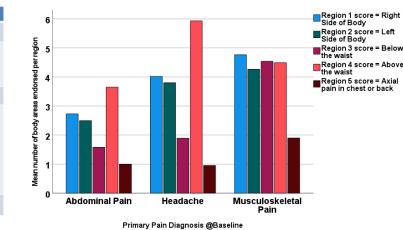
## Methods

- <u>Participants</u>: 1296 patients completed patient-reported outcome measures prior to their multidisciplinary pain management evaluation and prior to their 1- and 3- month follow up visits.
- <u>CBM</u>: Patients are instructed to tick all body areas with pain. The sum of locations indicated as having pain = **CBM score**.

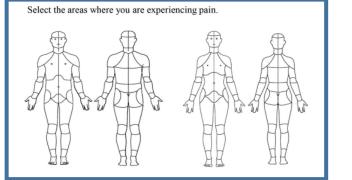
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## Results

Patient Characteristics (n = 1296)	
Age, years: M (SD)	14.4 (2.4)
Age group: n, (%)	
Children (8-12 yrs)	335 (25.8)
Adolescent (13- <18 yrs)	961 (74.2)
Female, n (%)	938 (72.4)
Race: n, (%)	
White	772 (59.6)
Other	230 (17.7)
Asian	102 (7.9)
Black	30 (2.3)
Decline/Unknown	162 (12.5)
Non-Hispanic: n, (%)	680 (71.2)



CBM ScoresRangeM (SD)Baseline0 - 748.68 (11.93)1 Month0 - 740.99 (4.39)3 Month0 - 671.45 (5.67)



#### Face Validity:

Among the 3 top diagnoses, baseline CBM was significantly lower in those with abdominal pain (M 5.23±8.38) than in those with headache/migraine (M 7.82±10.44) and musculoskeletal (M 9.03±11.05) pain; Although CBM was higher in those with MSK pain, Scores did not differ significantly.

Widespread pain

regions endorsed

defined as having 5

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#### Discriminant Validity:

- At all 3 time points, CBM scores were significantly correlated (p < 0.05 – 0.01) with self-reports of fatigue, pain interference, mobility, current pain, anxiety, and depression. The exception was anxiety at 1 month (P > 0.05).
- Change in Pain Interference was significantly correlated with change in CBM scores overall, and for children and adolescents separately (all Ps < 0.05).</li>

# Conclusions

• This study suggests that the CHOIR body map is a valid tool for the assessment of pain locations in children and adolescents with chronic pain.

# Reference

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