



The Identity Crisis of Osteoarthritis

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CURRENT SELECTION

Article for Discussion

Paskins Z, Sanders T, Croft P, Hassell A. The identity crisis of osteoarthritis in general practice: a qualitative study using video-stimulated recall. *Ann Fam Med*. 2015;13(6):537-544.

Discussion Tips

Rarely do we get a chance to reflect on both the patient and the clinician perspective on the care we provide. This study uses videotapes of visits between patients and their general practice physicians to stimulate interpretations from both parties, and then carefully draws the cross-cutting lessons.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What question is asked by this study and why does it matter?
- How does this study advance beyond previous research and clinical practice on this topic?
- How strong is the study design for answering the question?
- To what degree can the findings be accounted for by:
 1. How participants were selected?
 2. Saturation (additional sampling doesn't yield substantial new information)?
 3. How the data were analyzed?
 4. How the findings were interpreted?
- What are the main study findings? What general and osteoarthritis-specific communication issues are identified?
- How comparable is the study sample to similar patients in your practice? What is your judgment about the transportability of the findings?
- What contextual factors are important for interpreting the findings?
- How might this study change your practice? Policy? Education? Research?
- Who the constituencies are for the findings, and how they might be engaged in interpreting or using the findings?
- What are the next steps in interpreting or applying the findings?
- What researchable questions remain?

References

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