

Review of: "Methadone: from Chronic Non-Oncological pain and primary Management Of Opioid Hyperalgesia to Disassuefaction Of Painkillers Abuse"

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The paper is well written and interesting. I think it is well referenced and accurate. I cannot confirm "as many as 40 percent of people with chronic pain are still unaware of

the treatments available today", but I do know that many physicians are afraid of methadone.

It should be stressed that an ECG be done and that any additions of QT prolonging meds like antibiotics or SSRI's should not be prescribed due to additive effects. Diuretics due to their ability to lower K and MAGNESIUM can also add to torsades risk. Female gender and older age are also common additive risks for arrythmias like torsades.

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