Chronic (post- and non-cancer) pain affects up to 30% of the Belgian population and its prevalence is much higher than any other chronic disease\(^1,2\), thereby far outnumbering diseases like cancer and diabetes. Chronic pain has a tremendous personal and socioeconomic impact: it causes the highest number of years lived with disability\(^3\), is the most expensive cause of work-related disability\(^4,5\), and is associated with decreased life expectancy\(^6,7\). The Pain in Motion international research group brings together researchers from 8 different countries (the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Turkey, UK, Saudi Arabia & New Zealand) to address the chronic pain problem. Pain in Motion is a multidisciplinary group of researchers and clinicians who combine forces to 1) improve the understanding of biopsychosocial mechanisms of pain; and 2) strive towards having a significant impact on health care for patients suffering from (persistent) pain. Therefore, Pain in Motion members engage themselves in conducting innovative research and sharing findings to students, healthcare professionals, policy makers, patients and researchers.

Pain in Motion is organised in 5 research lines: Pain in Motion *Musculoskeletal*, Pain in Motion *Kids*, Pain in Motion *Nutrition*, Pain in Motion *Oncology* and Pain in Motion *Imaging*. Candidates for a Marie Curie Fellowships interested to work in either of the 5 research lines are very welcome and are asked to contact us (contact details per research line below). The group has published widely on treatment for people with chronic pain. This includes publications in *the Lancet*\(^8\) and *JAMA Neurology*\(^9\). Since 2012, Pain in Motion closely collaborates with the Berekuyl academy (the Netherlands), who installed a Chair at the VUB addressing oncological rehabilitation, including the study of (post-)cancer pain. In addition, we closely collaborate with the institute for neuroscience and physiology of the University of Gothenburg (Sweden) and several other (inter)national partners, including the University of Applied Sciences Rotterdam (the Netherlands) and Transcare Pain the Netherlands.

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