INVITATION TO A PUBLIC LECTURE

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TITLE: The Social Modulation of Pain



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VENUE: Adler Museum of Medicine,

Wits Faculty of Health Sciences 7 York Road Parktown, 2193

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Pain, especially chronic pain, is a major public health problem. Developing effective, low cost approaches to pain management is thus a critical task for researchers. A promising approach is the provision of social support. Social connections are critical for our well-being, and biopsychosocial models of pain highlight the importance of a supportive social context. Yet, research in Psychology and Neuroscience has traditionally focused on understanding the role of cognitive and emotional factors rather than the influence of social factors on the experience of pain. Thus, the pain-modulatory role of social support remains incompletely understood. This talk will present experimental neuroscientific research on how social support affects the experience of pain and the way the brain processes pain.



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