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				neuralgic pain with out considering side effects and dependency is noted. There needs to be a measured balance between potential benefits of any treatment and potential adverse effects. This guidance goes someway to achieving this aim.
1	Guideline	General	General	The College is in general agreement with the recommendations outlined in the document with clear guidance to avoid unnecessary potentially addictive medication in the management of Low Back Pain and Sciatica.
2	Guideline	4	6	One of our reviewers felt it would be of help to elaborate on what are concerning 'new or changed symptoms'
3	Guideline	7	21	The College agrees with the review of drugs in sciatica. There is however no discussion of Tricyclic antidepressant which are frequently used in sciatica and have benefit limitations.
4	Guideline	8	4	NSAIDS can be useful in individuals despite low evidence. This needs re-phrasing. Neither are they addictive. Possible side effects need to be considered in relation to incidence in those without risk factors (low).
5		13	21	Practically NSAIDS can be of use in Sciatica in some individuals. We recognise potential side effects as discussed above. However, they are widely ad effectively used. Rather than not recommend them the document should recognise their use and suggest further research.
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