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PAIN: A Global Problem Mother Nature's Warning System or Curse?

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Pain is a global problem and is a leading cause of disability worldwide. One in 3 adults risk leaving the workforce before the age of retirement for disability and often due to back pain or arthritis. However, pain is essential for survival. An infant places its hand on a hot stove, then with an immediate signal of pain, quickly retracts it, avoiding further injury. An adult sprains an ankle, and immediately quits walking on his injured limb, and starts resting his leg by no weight bearing, thus avoiding further pain and injury. The rare percentage of people who lose sensation in the foot or leg run the risk of further injury to that leg and limb-to-life-threatening injuries. Dr McNearney will explore pain from its physiology to its psychology to its impact on populations globally and will offer fascinating insights into the frontiers of pain research and treatment, including novel approaches to medical and nonmedical treatments.

Terry McNearney, MD, is an internist and rheumatologist, retired from the faculties of Washington University School of Medicine and the University of Texas Medical Branch, where she performed bench and clinical research and treated patients suffering from chronic pain. She served as Senior Medical Advisor for the Early Medical Program in Neuroscience/Pain for Eli Lilly. A member of the AIA, Dr. McNearney divides her time between Galveston and Albuquerque when not traveling internationally.

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