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Abstract:

In the USA, most children's surgeries are done on an outpatient basis, requiring parents, as opposed to healthcare providers, to manage their child's postoperative pain. Appropriate management of acute pain after surgery is critical as under treated pain can lead to negative consequences to daily activity and greater sensitivity towards future pain. Evidence indicates that parents overwhelmingly under treat children's pain at home, suggesting significant research and clinical efforts are needed to address this problem.