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" Evidence for the Optimal Management of Acute and Chronic Phantom Pain:
A Systematic Review "

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- 1) Trials were identified by a systematic search of MEDLINE, review articles, and references of relevant trials from the period 1966 – 1999, including only English-language articles. Included trials involved a control group, any intervention, and reported phantom pain as an outcome.
- 2) Twelve trials were identified including 375 patients.
- 3) Only three trials scored the maximum five points for quality assessment – including the Farabloc* trial. (*Double-blind, randomized, cross-over-design)
- 4) Whereas six trials were reported to be randomized, only three reports included an adequate description of randomization – including the Farabloc trial.
- 5) An important conclusion is regarding research, further adequately designed studies of therapeutic regimens for PLP are required.

Conclusion:

Quote : - excerpt -

“ For late PLP (> 2 weeks post-operatively) There is some evidence suggesting consideration of Farabloc. It is unclear how readily regimens suggested for other neuropathic pain states can be applied to patients with PLP.