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Higher Education

P S	eriod of tudy	Name of Institution and Department	Degree
19	983-1987	Hebrew University, Department of Nursing	BA
19	991-1994	Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Faculty of Medicine	MA
19	995-1998	Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Faculty of Medicine	PhD

Post-Doctoral Studies

Period of Study	Name of Institution and	Name of Host
	Department/Lab	
1998-1999	Johns Hopkins University,	Prof. Barbara Curbow
	School of Hygiene and Public	
	Health, Department of Health	
	Policy and	
	Management)	

<u>Review of Articles for Refereed Journals</u> (Impact factor relate to current score)

Dates	Journal
2004 - present	Journal of Pain
2005-2010	Anesthesiology
2006 - present	PAIN
2005 - 2018	Clinical Journal of Pain

Dates	Journal
2006	Journal of Oral Rehabilitation
2007	Social Science and Medicine
2007	Western Journal of Nursing Research
2007	American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology
2009-2018	European Journal of Pain
2009-2010	Journal of Psychosomatic Research
2010	International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics
*2011	Journal of Sex Research
*2011	European Journal of Neuroscience
*2011	Neurotherapeutics
*2012	Cardiology
*2013	Contemporary Clinical Trials
*2013	Pain Medicine
*2013-2016	PLOS ONE
*2013-2015	Pain Practice
*2015	Mediators of Inflammation
*2015-2016	Journal of Women's Health, Issues & Care
*2016- present	Pain Reports
*2017	Neuroscience
*2017	Pain Research and Management
*2018	International Journal of Cognitive Therapy

Membership in Professional Associations

Dates	Association
2001 - Present	The International Association for the Study of Pain.
2001 – Present	Israel Pain Association
2002 - 2005	The International Pelvic Pain Association
2003 - 2010	Directory member of The Israeli Nursing Research Association
2006- present	OFEK – The Israel Association for the Study of Group and
	Organizational Processes
2009- Present	Member in the Israeli Association for Palliative Care
*2018- Present	Member in the Israeli Association of Group Analysis

Participation in Scholarly Conferences

Date	Name of	Place of	Subject of	Role
	Conference	Conference	Lecture/Discussion	
1992	American Diabetes	San Antonio,	The reaction to early	Poster
	Association	Texas	glucose administration of	
	52 nd Annual meeting.		young NOD mice	
1994	Workshop of	Oslo,	The Meaning of Pregnancy	Oral
	European Nursing	Norway	and Delivery Among	presentation
	Research		Ethiopian Women in Israel	
1994	4 th International	Tel Aviv,	Nurses and Pain –	Oral
	congress of the Israel	Israel	the Need for Education	presentation
	Pain Association			

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	Conference	Conference	Lecture/Discussion	
1995	International Nursing Congress "Quality in Nursing Realities and Visions"	Athens, Greece	Nursing and Pain Knowledge Improvement with Education	Oral presentation
1997	14 th International congress of EEG and Clinical Neurophysiology	Florence, Italy	Latency of laser pain evoked potentials in pain assessment	Poster
2001	European Congress on Current Treatment of: Acute, Chronic and Cancer Pain	Lugano, Switzerland	Augmentation of Systemic Pain Perception in Vulvar Vestibulitis Syndrome	Oral presentation
2002	The International Pelvic Pain Society 9 th Scientific meeting on Chronic Pelvic Pain	California, USA	Pain perception, autonomic response in women with Primary and Secondary VVS	Oral presentation
2002	International Association of the Study of Pain, 10 th World Congress on Pain	California, USA	Pain perception, autonomic response to pain and anxiety in women with Vulvar Vestibulitis syndrome	Poster
2004	International Congress on Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine	Delhi, India	Quantitative sensory testing: Application in treatment of sensory and pain disorders	Oral presentation
2004	The International Pelvic Pain Society 11 th Scientific Meeting on Chronic Pelvic Pain	Chicago, Illinois USA	Psychological Factors Associated with Enhanced Perception of Experimental Pain in Vulvar Vestibulitis Syndrome	Poster
2005	International Association of the Study of Pain, 11 th World Congress on Pain	Sydney, Australia	Decreased perception of noxious stimuli in patients with painless myocardial ischemia	Poster
2006	American Pain Society The 5 th Congress	San-Antonio, Texas USA	Prediction of post- operative pain by Psychophysical methods	Oral presentation Invited speaker
2006	5 th congress of the European Federation of the IASP	Istanbul, Turkey	Enhanced Diffuse Noxious Inhibitory Control (DNIC) in Males Does Not Depend on the Modality of Conditioning Stimulus	Poster

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	Conference	Conference	Lecture/Discussion	
2008	International	Glasgow,	Pre-pain assessment of	Poster
	Association of the	Scotland	inhibitory and facilatory	
	Study of Pain, 12 th		pain modulation profile in	
	World Congress on		prediction of post-operative	
	Pain		chronic pain	
2009	The European	Milano, Italy	Quantitative Sensory Testing	Oral
	Anesthesiology		and Gynecological pain –	presentation
	Congress			Invited
				speaker
2009	6 th Congress of the	Lisbon,	What can we learn from	Oral
	Europe Federation.	Portugal	psychophysical testing	presentation
	Pain in Europe 4		about the pathological	Invited
	1		mechanisms of vulvodynia	speaker
2010	37 th Nordic Congress	Copenhagen	Psychological factors	Oral Presentation
	of Obstetrics and	Denmark	with perception of pain in	Invited
	Gynecology		th vulvodynia	speaker
	4			
2011	7 th Congress of the	Hamburg,	Attachment styles, pain	Poster
	Europe Federation.	Germany	response and pain	
	Pain in Europe 4		catastrophizing among	
			sexual abuse women	
2011	7 th Congress of the	Hamburg,	Less-efficient of pain	Poster
	Europe Federation.	Germany	inhibition pathways	
	Pain in Europe 4		characterized patients with	
			peripheral diabetes	
+2010	oth a		neuropathy	5
*2013	8 th Congress of the	Florence,	The Role of Pain	Poster
	Europe Federation.	Italy	Modulation in Predicting	
	Pain in Europe 4		Patient Delay in Seeking	
			Medical Help in Acute	
*2015	Oth Company of the	X7:	Myocardial Infarction.	Teniel
*2015	9 th Congress of the	vienna,	Cardiac nociception: How	Topical
	European Pain	Austria	do pain modulation profile	Seminar: Chair
	rederation EFIC		and personality affect pain	Orol
			socking modical halp	oral
*2016	IASD 16th World	Vokohomo	Hypertension Associated	Presentation
2010	Congress on Pain	Tokonania,	Hypothension-Associated	roster
	Congress on 1 ani	Japan	Inforction Patients	
*2019	International	Rome Italy	Concordance between	Oral
forthcoming	Conference in	Rome, italy	actual treatment and nation	Presentation
October	Nursing		preferred_administration_	1105011011011
	Truising		route improve analgesic	
			response.	
			The possible role of	
			placebo mechanisms	

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*2019	11 th Congress of the	Valencia,	Pain Sensitivity Mediates	Poster
forthcoming	European Pain	Spain	the Link Between	
September	Federation EFIC		Catastrophizing and Mild	
			Traumatic Brain Injury	
			Head Pain Following	
			Motor Vehicle Collision	
*2019	Health international	Vienna	The role of nurses in the	Keynote
forthcoming	session at	Austria	ncounter with chronic pelvic	Speaker
	Pflegekongress –			
	Nursing Congress		pain patients:	
			The involvement of	
			cognitive and psycho-	
		- ·	sexual features in pain	
*2020		Paris	Understanding the	Keynote
forthcoming		France	Variability of Vulvar Pain	Speaker
			Manifestation:	
			The manifestation of	
			neuropathic pain symptoms	
			in Provoked	
			Vestibulodynia	

<u>Invited Lectures</u> (selected)

Date	Place of Lecture	Name of Forum	Presentation/Comments
2007	Geneva, Switzerland	University Hospitals and School of Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology	Prediction of post-operative pain by early QST measurements
2008	Sha'ar Menashe Mental Health Center Israel	Journal Club	The association between mental disorders and altered pain perception and modulation
2008	Nursing Department Tel-Aviv University	Department seminar	The role of experimental pain in the assessment of pain modulation – application for chronic pain
2009	OBGYN Department, Hadassah, Jerusalem	Journal club	What can we learn from experimental pain about Gynecological pain?
2009	OBGYN Department, Bikur Holim Hospital, Jerusalem	Department seminar	The role of psychophysical assessment in the understanding of vulvar pain disorders
*2013	The Institute for Pain Medicine, Haifa	Pain course for clinicians	The effect of pain catastrophizing on pain perception and response
*2015	The Institute for Pain Medicine, Haifa	Pain course for clinicians	Role of Gender in pain perception and modulation
*2017	The Institute for Pain Medicine, Haifa	Pain course for clinicians	Chronic pelvic pain disorders
*2019	Rupin College	The Pain Conference of the Nursing Department	Pain related personality factors and their effect on pain modulation profile

Invited Colloquium Talks (selected)

2007The Multidisciplinary Treatment Center for Victims of Sexual Abuse, Bnaiy-Zion Medical Center, Haifa, IsraelStaff meetingThe transition from trauma to chronic pain2008'Clalit' Health Services, Haifa, IsraelCourse: pain management for registered nursesThe approach for experimental induced pain – application for pain assessment2009The Multidisciplinary Treatment Center for Victims of Sexual Abuse, Bnaiy-Zion Medical Center, Haifa, IsraelCourse for social workers who treat victims of sexual abuseMechanism associated with the transition to chronic pelvic pain among victims of sexual abuse2011The Multidisciplinary Treatment Center for Victims of Sexual Abuse, Bnaiy-Zion Medical Center, Haifa, IsraelAdvanced course for therapists for victims of physical and sexual abuseThe role of cognitive, psychophysical and emotional aspects in the mechanisms of pelvic pain disorders2011The Multidisciplinary Treatment Center for Victims of Sexual Abuse, Bnaiy-Zion Medical Center, Haifa, IsraelAdvanced course for physical and sexual abuseThe role of cognitive, psychophysical and emotional aspects in the mechanisms of pelvic pain disorders*2013Tel Aviv University,Advanced course: genderGender differences in pain perception
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*2016 Columbia University CUMC: The Content of The role of OST in the Dradiction of
^{*2010} Columbia University, CUWC: The Center of The role of QS1 in the Prediction of New York, USA
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*2018 Psychiatric Department Journal Club How can we reveal the machanisms of
Rambam HealthCare
Campus Haifa Israel

Research Grants

	Role in	Other	Торіс	Funded by	Amount	Year
	Research	Researchers		(C=		
				Competitive		
				Fund)		
1.	PI		Characteristics	С	\$5,000	1995
			of systemic	Director of	For one	
			pain	Science,	year	
			perception in	Ministry of		
			women	Health		

	Role in Research	Other Researchers	Торіс	Funded by (C= Competitive Fund)	Amount	Year
2.	CI	Prof. A. Drach- Zahavy and Prof. A. Somech, PI's, and Prof. A. Spitzer, CI	New management and coordination roles in nursing	C The Israel National Institute for Health Policy and Health Services Research	NIS 80,000	2001
3.	Co-PI	Prof. D. Yarnitsky CO-PI	Advancement of psychophysics of pain modulation from lab to clinic: Constructing susceptibility profile for appearance of post-operative neuropathic pain	C Israel Science Foundation (ISF)	\$220,000 For three years	2005
4.	Co-PI	Prof. D. Yarnitsky CO-PI	Mechanism- based choice of therapy for neuropathic pain: Can treatments' success in neuropathic post-operative pain be coupled to a psychophysical pain modulation	C Israel Science Foundation (ISF)	\$120,000 For four years	2008

	Role in Research	Other Researchers	Торіс	Funded by (C= Competitive	Amount	Year
				Fund)		
5.	*Co-PI	Dr. Yelena Granovsky CO-PI and Prof. D. Yarnitsky PI	Prediction of migraine prevention efficacy: Individualizatio n of treatment by coupling drug's mode of action with patient's mechanism of pain modulation	C Migraine Research Foundation (MRF)	\$50,000	2014
6.	*Co-PI	Prof. D. Yarnitsky PI Prof. Maixner Prof. Diatchenko Prof. Apkarian Prof. Sterling PIs	Research to determine acute pain impact on the development of chronic pain	C DOD – US Ministry of Defense See comment bellow	\$1,500,000	2014

Professional Degrees

Date	Degree	
1987	Qualified Registered Nurse	
1988	Qualified Registered Midwife - License No. 544	
2004	Qualified Group Supervisor	
*2012-2014	The Program in Organizational Consultation & Development:	
	A Psychoanalytic – Systemic Approach	
*2014- 2018	Israeli Institute of Group Analysis, Training Program for Group Analysts	

Articles in Refereed Journals -

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- 12. Drach-Zahavy, A., Somech, A., **Granot**, M., & Spitzer, A. (2004). Can we win them all? Benefits and costs of structured and flexible innovation-implementations. *Journal of Organizational Behavior*, 25, 217-234. doi.org/10.1002/job.239
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Summary of my Activities and Future Plans

The topics of pain modulation processes, women's health, and their interplay are the backbone of my research activities. My focus on these fields has been articulated in several domains:

Etiology, mechanism, and expression of pain modulation processes is the main focus of my academic research program. Given that pain represents a multifaceted and complex phenomenon, encompassing physical, personal, and cognitive features, its assessment by quantitative and objective tools is a great challenge. Therefore, I have devoted part of my laboratory work to the conceptualization of a model that depicts the variability of pain experience and the plasticity of the nociceptive system.

Experimental-induced pain tests mirrors inhibitory and facilitatory pain modulation pathways as well as brain activity, which involves the individual perception and response to pain. In order to gain insight into this domain, I take part in research projects that aim to evaluate and quantify mechanisms involved with normal, as well as altered, pain modulation responses. As a member of the Haifa Pain Group at the Laboratory of Clinical Neurophysiology, Rambam Health Care Campus, I collaborate on projects that aim to promote transformational "lab to clinic" studies, encompassing mechanism-based tests that represent pain perception and modulation processing. The science of pain psychophysics enables an in-depth examination of the interrelations between pain modulation patterns of individuals and their clinical pain behavior. In addition, I explore the assessment of brain **Michal Granot**

processes during painful events, such as pain-evoked potentials, as well as the autonomic and cognitive aspects of pain. In this way, I am able to elucidate underlying processes that are involved in response to pain treatment and the development of pain disorders.

As a pain researcher, I have developed and applied pain-psychophysical paradigms aimed to model in the laboratory setting nociceptive mechanisms that determine the individual's pain sensitivity. Such advanced psychophysical and neurophysiological approaches enable clinicians and researchers to understand and assess the functioning of facilitatory and inhibitory pain modulation pathways. To the end, we are exploring how parameters of pain modulation, representing a broad view of an individual's pain as obtained in early acute pain patients, can explain one's risk to develop chronic pain. My project encompasses neurophysiological, psychophysical, genetic, psychological, and clinical evaluations. I have been collaborating for many years with the PI and project leader, Prof. David Yarnitsky, at the Technion's Clinical Neurophysiology Lab. My primary contribution is the synthesis of advanced pain psychophysics paradigms, representing the nociceptive mechanisms involved in pain processing, as well as in pain-related personality assessment. These represent cognitive-emotional and personal features that affect the pain experience. I collaborate with well-known key experts in the fields of pain. For example, Prof. Maixner who established the large-scale genome-wide association studies (GWAS) in pain, Prof. Apkarian, who focus on brain imaging, and Prof. Sterling, who is considered as one of the leading researcher in the field of pain and disability is also consulting on the project.

An additional collaboration that has been running for six years focuses on pain variability and modulation in the setting of obstetrics and gynecology, via the model of pregnancy and post-surgical pain. This multi-center project is led by Prof. Ruth Landau, MD, from the University of Columbia, NY, who is an expert in pain anesthesiology and genetics. The project took place in the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, led by Dr. Ortner from the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, and Dr. Cardoso from the Maternity Hospital, Santa Joana, Sao Paolo, Brazil as well as the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain, Stanford University Medical Center, CA. Our research projects encompass advanced psychophysical tests, together with genetic and clinical measures as well as psychological evaluation, to explore pain manifestation in the gynecological setting, mainly following surgery (D48, D49, D58). My robust clinical background aids my understanding of the complexity of pain that results in inadequate analgesic response to traditional treatments for pain. Based on the assumption that various pathophysiological mechanisms are involved in the development as well as in the clinical manifestations of pain,

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experimental-induced pain provides insights into the pain matrix, which is comprised of the cognitive representation, neuronal network and connectivity, and emotional status. All these internal elements are affected by the external social and physical environment.

Personalized pain medicine. I merge theoretical knowledge with current clinical issues and practices that require a multidimensional investigation approach. Such exploration of the nociceptive system, as performed in the experimental setting, can promote personalized medicine, based on the individual's pathogenesis and needs. My research ranges from investigating chronic pain syndromes (e.g., chronic pelvic pain, see publications D62, D64, D66), to predicting alterations in pain modulation (e.g., chronic pain following surgery (see publications D32, D34, D46, D49, D53), or altered pain perception in patients with silent ischemic heart diseases (see, for example, publications D55, D68). These diverse studies contain the potential to enable pain clinicians to create evidence-based guidelines for the management of chronic pain conditions, based on individually-tailored pain mechanisms.

The notion of promoting personalized pain medicine in order to improve pain treatment outcomes (see, for example, publication D49) and quality of life is a theme, which runs through most of my research. In the future, I hope to advance this topic of increasing importance by multidisciplinary research activity via the Cheryl Spencer Research Institute. I plan to develop a sub-discipline program of symptom management across health science disciplines and health care settings, as well as coordinate domestic and international research projects.

Women's health and pain disorders - Beyond my broad interest in the study of pain I have developed a more specific locus of attention—women's health—most likely stemming from my past experience as a midwife. I am especially interested in women's pain disorders and the mechanisms in which the ovarian hormones modulate pain processing. Within this broad field, I focus on the effects of cognitive, cultural, and pain-related personality variables on pain manifestation as well as on health outcomes and response to pain interventions (see publications D54, D57, D58, D66). As such, I co-authored a chapter on female sexual pain disorders in the book: *"Sexual medicine: Sexual dysfunctions in Men and Women*" (see publication E2), which provides evidence-based guidelines to diagnose and treat women who suffer from dyspareunia. The topic of women's health in the context of pelvic and vulvar pain disorders has been recently emphasized in the publication (publication K3). Additionally, I collaborate with a multicenter international research group (from Columbia University, NY), attempting to reveal

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the mechanisms involved in pain plasticity and to predict pain following Cesarean section on the basis of psychophysical detection of the pain modulation system, genetic factors, and personality variables (see publications D49, D50). The ultimate goal of this project is to provide optimal pain relief during and after gynecological surgery, by offering individualized treatment to women who appear to be more susceptible to post-operative pain.

Women who suffered from sexual abuse. A somewhat different engagement with women's pain is my educational and research activity in the Multidisciplinary Treatment Center for Victims of Sexual Abuse and the clinic for women with Provoked Vestibulodynia Disorder (PVD). Women with a history of severe sexual abuse appear to express somatization, pain dissociation and self-mutilation behavior or enhancement of pain sensitivity. I wish to contribute to this field by investigating the effect of attachment styles, manners of partner support, and cognitive representation of pain conditions as well as traumatic life events on the risk to develop chronic pain disorders and on the efficacy of interventions.

The complex subjective nature of pain involves both physiological processes as well as emotional and cognitive factors, alteration of pain processing and the meaning of pain sensitivity. Understanding such nature can be obtained by the use of advanced psychophysical and neurophysiological tools alongside with specific questionnaires, as well as interviewing patients (by the means of qualitative research). Such comprehensive exploration represents my research world view, allowing me to address issues of gender differences in pain processing and the mechanisms that are involved in women's vulnerability to suffer from particular symptoms or chronic disorder.

Involvement with the Department of Nursing, University of Haifa. I am deeply involved in the application of our Department's vision. Being the head of the Department of Nursing allowed me to promote my management skills and to become more aware of the students' and the staff's needs. In addition, the experience of being a Senate member and mainly, a representative of the Senate in the University Board Committee provides me with the opportunity to be involved from the macro level in issues that the University of Haifa deals with. I have been involved in the establishment of the graduate studies in Nursing in Haifa and Bnei-Brak Orthodox College (Mavchar) campuses. Mentoring our graduate students, who represent a multicultural matrix of the Israeli society, allows me the opportunity to become acquainted with the unique health needs of both healthcare providers and patients (see publication D61). My long-term experience in the master's

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program at Mavchar, inspires me within the vision of the University of Haifa that emphasizes the need to develop cultural sensitivity, to enable nurses from diverse cultural settings, such as the Ultra-Orthodox community, to acquire advance academic qualifications, and become leaders and initiators of clinical projects that match the particular needs of Orthodox communities. Thus, this program emphasizes culturallysensitive exploring and handling of complex health conditions. Very recently, one of my doctoral student, Hila Vidal, was chosen by the President of Israel, Mr. Rivlin, as one of the promising and outstanding doctoral students, and received the Presidential Prize for Excellence for her research, exploring health issues in the very Ultra-Orthodox subcommunity. I believe that such findings will allow her to obtain significant information from populations that are less exposed to health services, and will encourage more Orthodox students to take part in the graduates' programs at the University of Haifa.