**Advocacy Efforts**

- **Applying for the inclusion of gabapentin on the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines**

NeuPSIG has lead the IASP working group developing an application for the inclusion of *gabapentin* in the 21st edition of the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (adults).

The application will be a joint submission by the IASP, NeuPSIG, and the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC).

![Map of drug classes recommended as 1st-line for the treatment of neuropathic pain](image)

Number of drug classes (0 to 3) recommended as 1st-line for the treatment of neuropathic pain that were listed on 112 developing countries' national essential medicine lists (NEMLS). The majority of NEMLS only listed a single 1st-line drug class, typically a tricyclic antidepressant.

First-line drug classes include:
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- α2δ calcium channel ligands (*gabapentin* & *pregabalin*)
- Serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (* duloxetine* & *venlafaxine*)

**ICD-11 Beta Draft** (Joint Linearization for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics)

- **Chronic neuropathic pain conditions incorporated into the ICD-11 Beta Draft**

NeuPSIG provides input to IASP Task Force Pain Classification for ICD-11 on neuropathic pain classification and definition.

Chronic neuropathic pain is one of 8 chronic pain conditions in the new chronic pain module in the ICD-11 Beta Draft.

**Publication:**
- *A classification of chronic pain for ICD-11.*