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ASP declared 2017 year as a Global Year Against Pain After Surgery. CPSP in children is of interest, but the knowledge about it is scarce. Moreover, chronic pain after surgery in children was, and still is, represented insufficiently in the literature and in medical congresses. We already know that inguinal hernia repair, major orthopedic surgery, thoracotomy and some other operations are of risk for CPSP development in pediatric patients. Important, un/under treated acute postoperative pain is the major contributor for this condition. In our experience, pediatric patients with CPSP represent a substantial part of chronic pain clinic visitors. Diagnosis is challenging and treatment is very individualized. Given the large number of children at risk for experiencing chronic postoperative pain, preventative efforts are necessary.

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