

Socio Political and economic aspects of ESWT

During almost the last 50 years extracorporeal shockwave treatment (eswt) has been increasingly applied to a broad range of pathologies in different medical fields. Since its inception, shock wave treatment has provided several significant social, political, and economic benefits.

The increasing study activity in the field of eswt impressively reflects the success of the procedure and expansion to new different areas.

ISMST and shockwave scientific community has improved the research and clinical studies, demonstrating the great benefits of this noninvasive technology in the several medical fields.

Shock waves have been widely accepted as a safe, non-invasive method and an alternative to the surgical procedure, contributing to a significant reduction in costs, shorter recovery time, as well as time away from work.

This presentation aims to inform the economic and political situation of the eswt in different countries, which have their own rules and legislation in relation to the costs of public health or public private system, as well as recommendations regarding users of eswt technology.

The shockwave community has an enormous challenge to continue to share scientific information based in evidence as we are doing, but not only, we have the challenge to spread eswt in a correct way to the health public and private systems demonstrating what we already know, eswt as a safe, efficacy and noninvasive treatment in the regenerative medical field.

Therefore, shockwaves have brought significant benefits to both the patient and the economy. These real benefits are already being used to improve the well-being of patients. These factors contribute to an improvement in health services, as well as in the quality of life of patients.

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