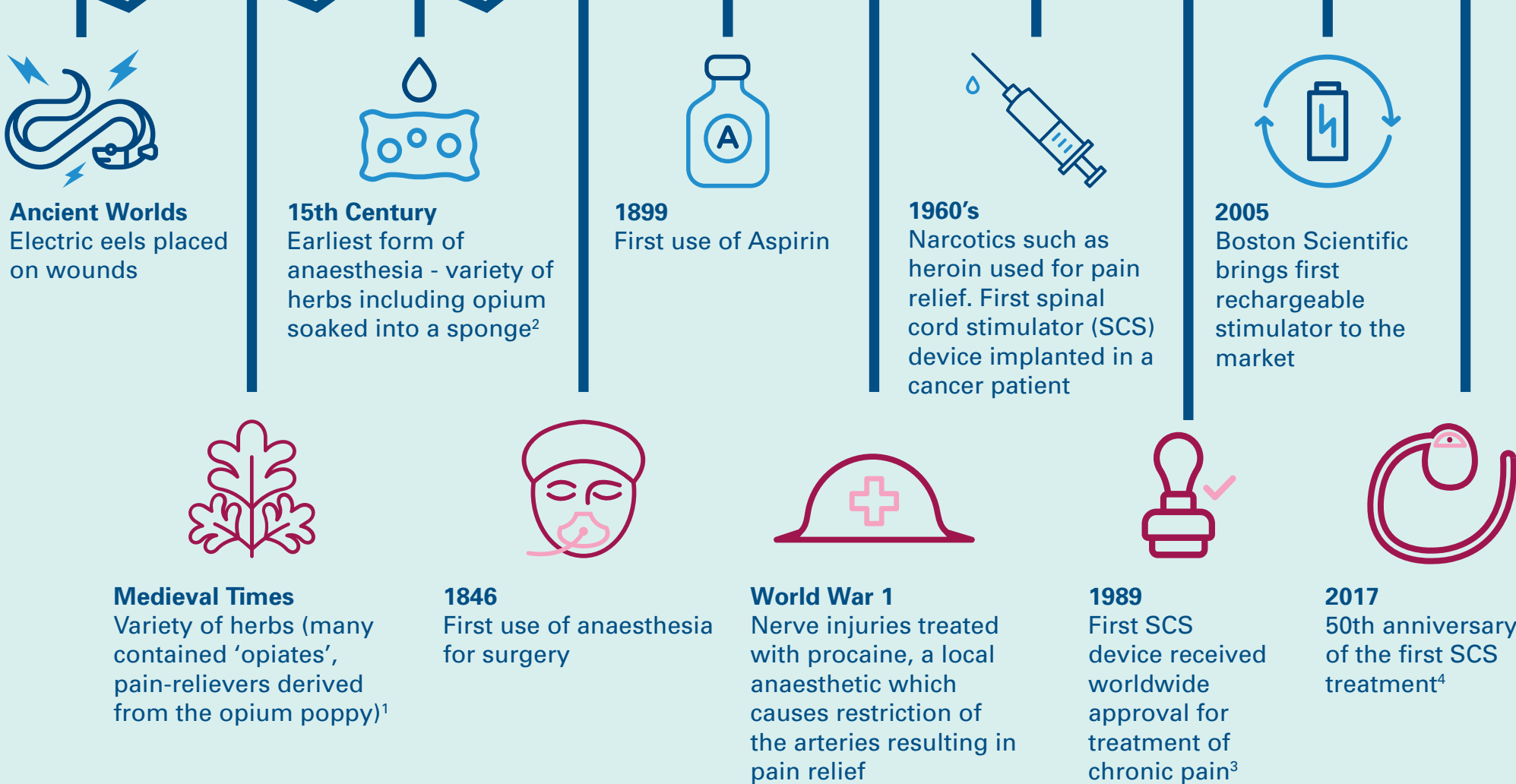


# Chronic Pain

## A brief history of treating pain



## How do you define chronic pain? What causes chronic pain?

Chronic pain is long-term pain and is classified into two types:

**Neuropathic**

Neuropathic pain is caused by a problem with the nerve pathways, which means the way that the nerve sends pain messages to the brain is affected.<sup>7</sup>

**Nociceptive**

Everyone will experience nociceptive pain at some point and this includes injuries, cuts or burns.<sup>7</sup>

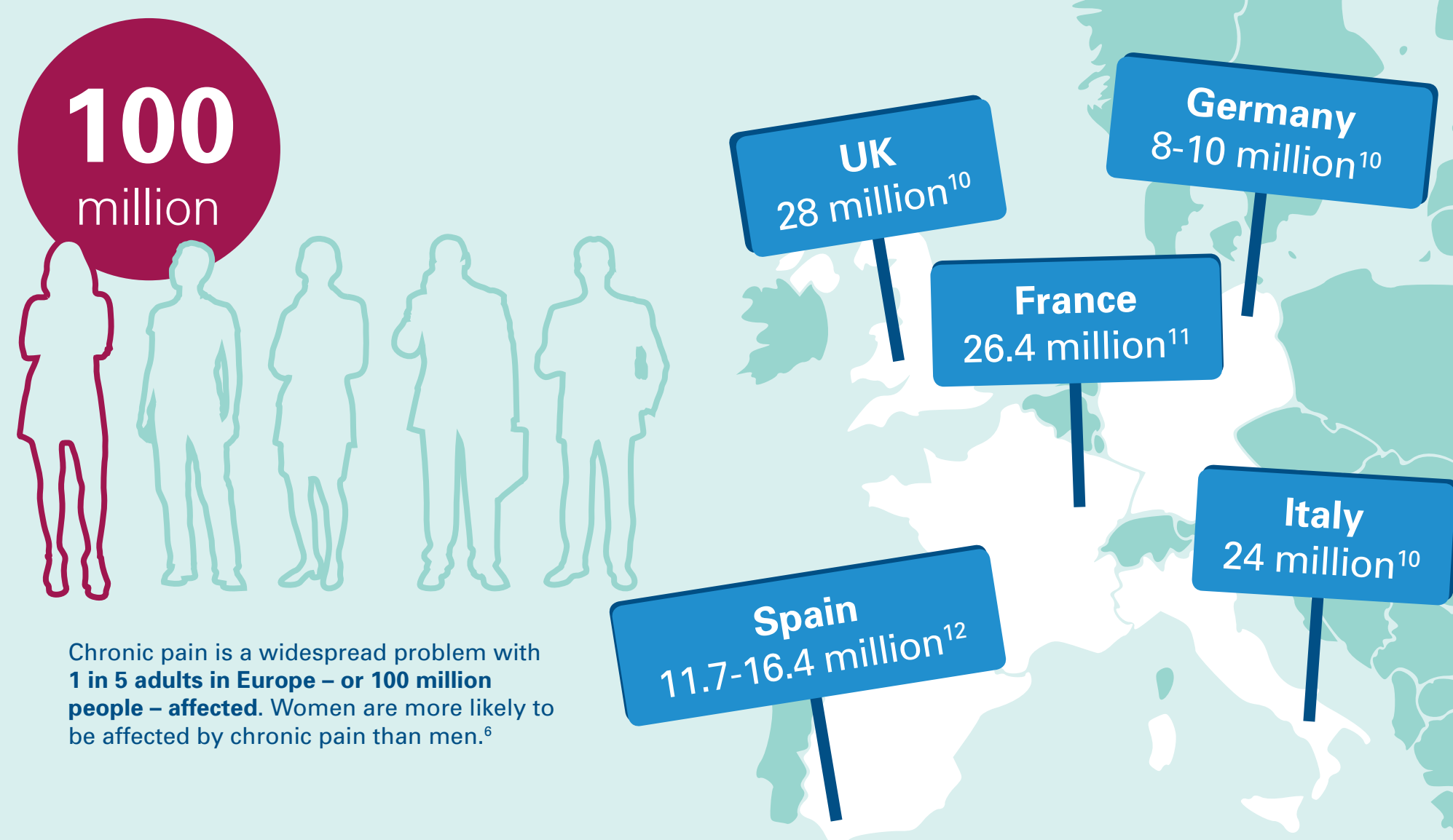
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Chronic pain is defined as continuous, long-term pain that has lasted for more than 12 weeks.<sup>5</sup>

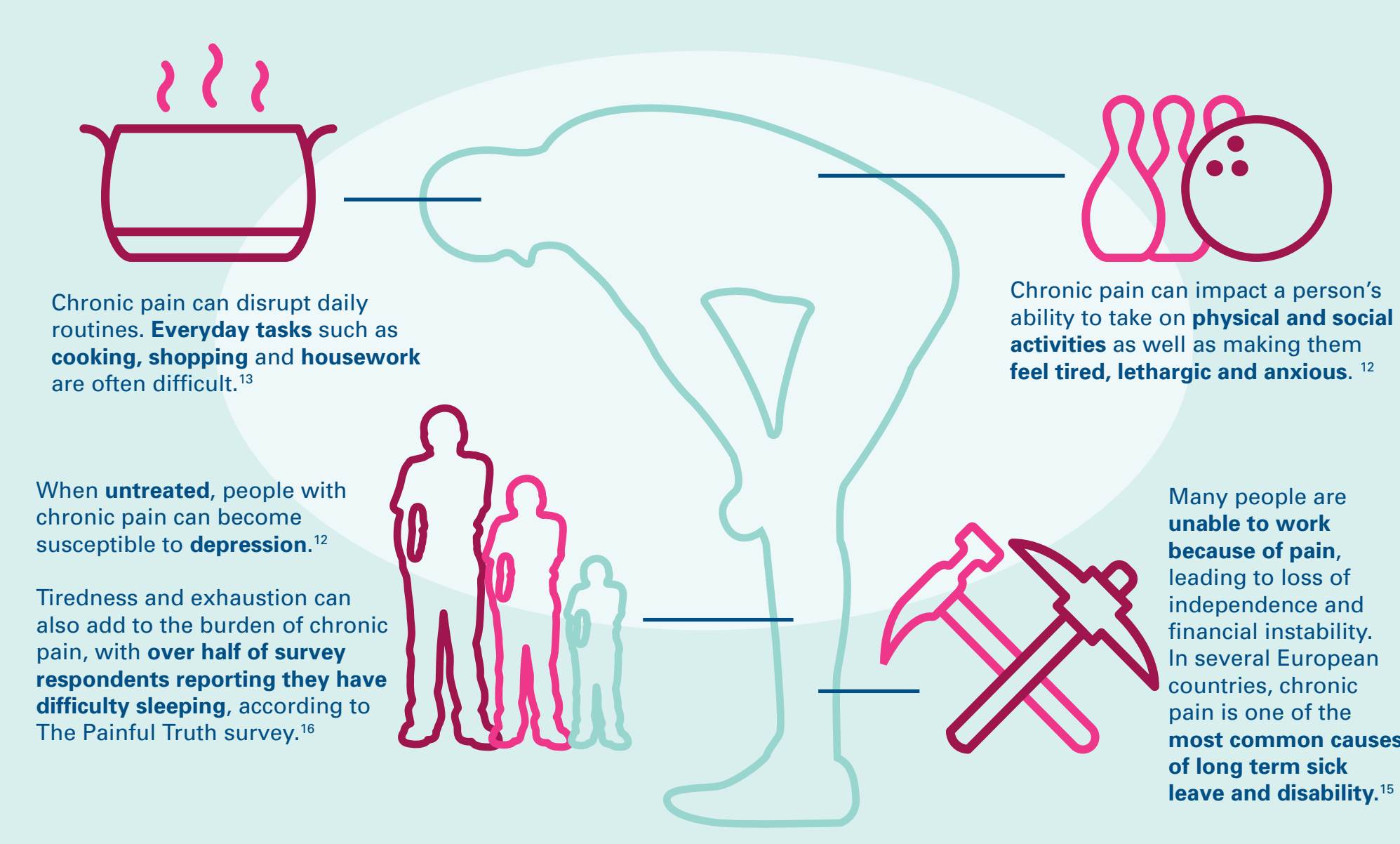
Chronic pain can persist for months or even years and can be very difficult to treat.<sup>6</sup>

Chronic pain can occur anywhere in the body. The back is the most commonly reported location.<sup>7</sup>

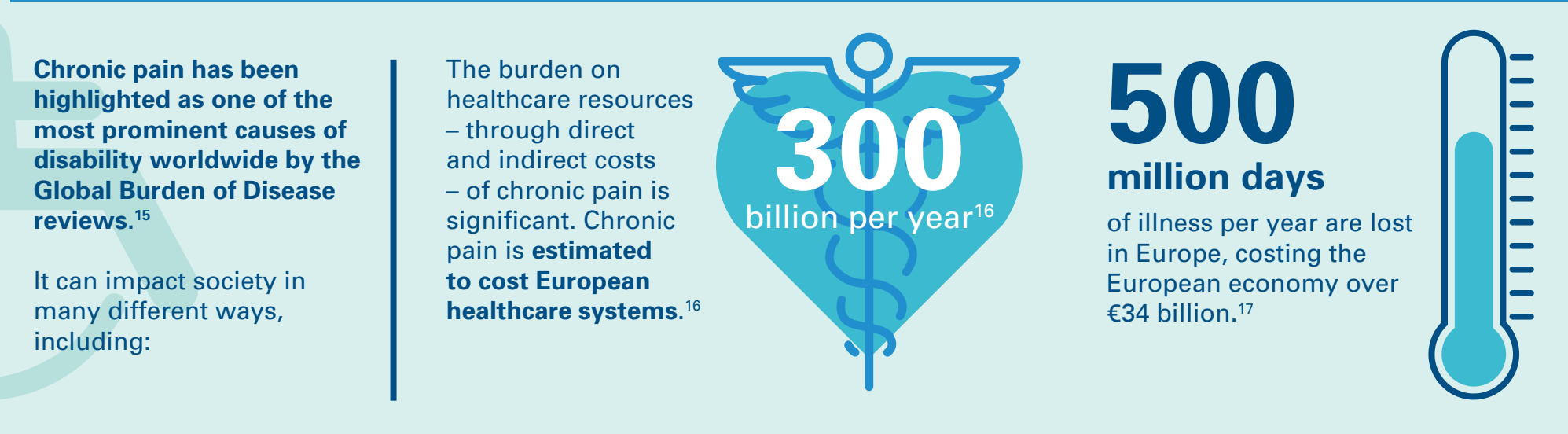
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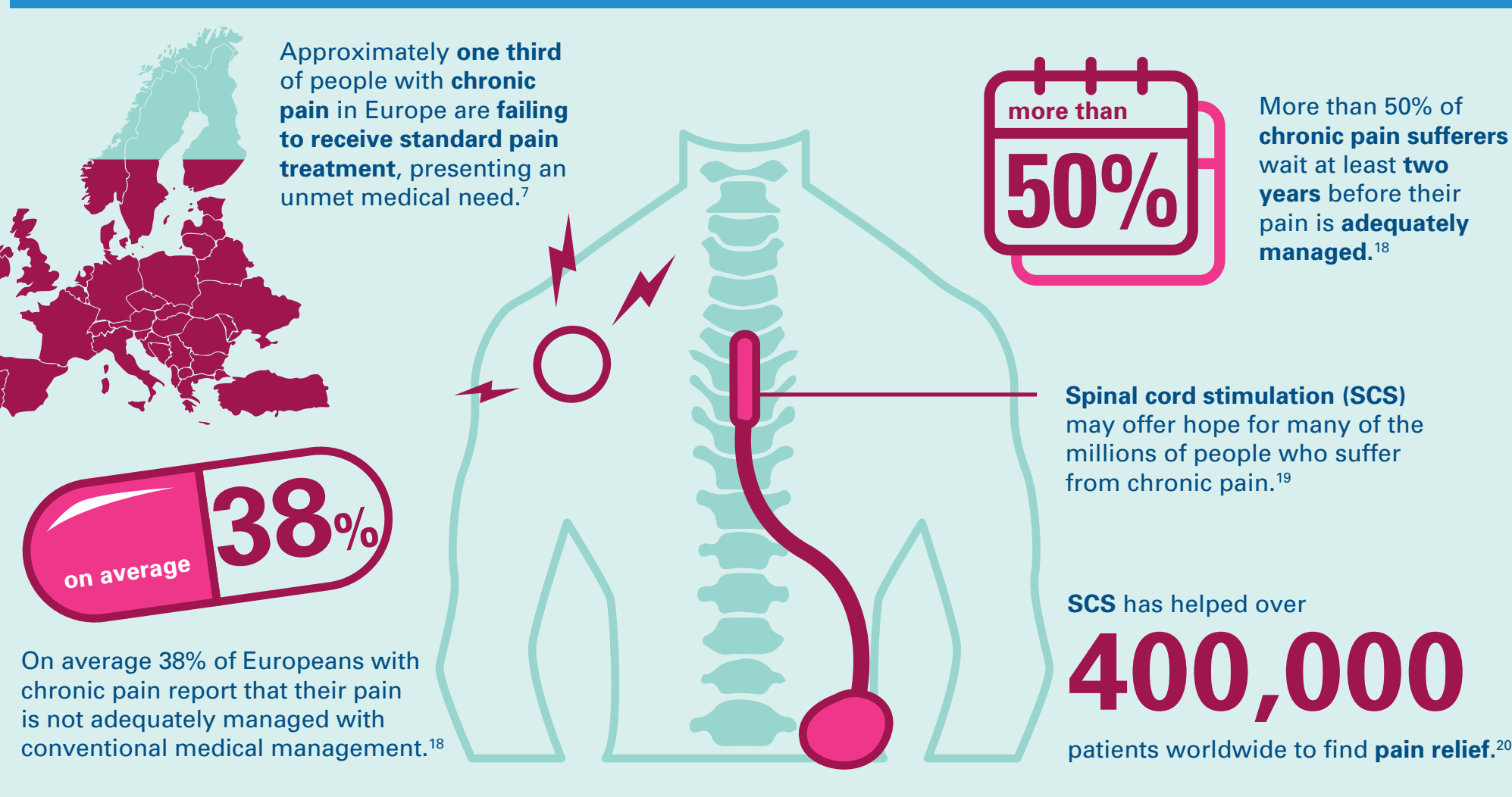
## The personal impact of chronic pain



## The increasing economic and societal burden of chronic pain



## Better chronic pain management is urgently needed



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