

## FLUOXETINE WITHDRAWAL AND THALAMIC PAIN

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Pain after thalamic infarction usually presents relatively soon after the stroke. A patient with a thalamic infarct experienced pain several years subsequently, after abrupt discontinuation of fluoxetine. This pain syndrome may relate to pharmacodynamic shifts in neurotransmitter receptors or late-developing thalamic changes. While abrupt antidepressant discontinuation may evoke thalamic pain, newer serotonergic antidepressants may also ameliorate thalamic pain.

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