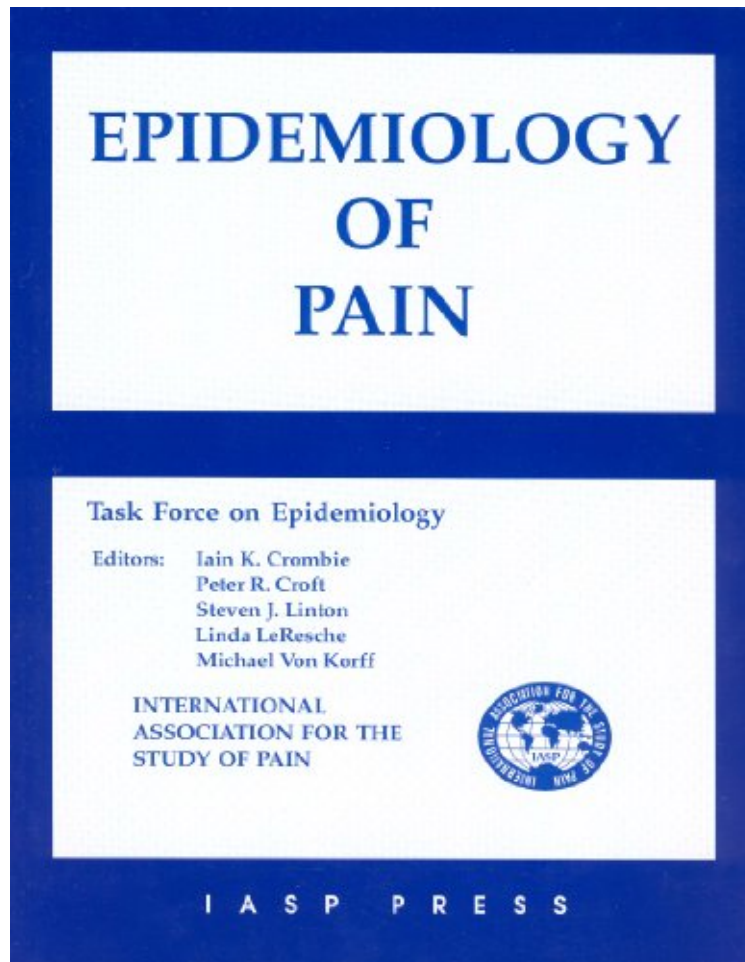


# Epidemiology of Pain: A Report of the Task Force on Epidemiology

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