Figure 1: Flow-diagram of the study

Patient population:
A. Patients with chronic Low Back Pain
B. Patients with chronic Neck/Shoulder Pain
C. Patients with chronic pain from Peripheral Nerve Damage

Specialized pain centers
Departments of neurology

N=438, 146 patients in each patient group

General practices

Medical history: Date of birth; gender; duration of complaints; presence of diabetes mellitus; co-morbidity

Examination by both physicians

Questionnaires:
- PDQ
- DN4
- DRI
- HADS
- SF-36
- PAS

20% QST measurement (n=88)

2 weeks follow-up (PDQ & DN4 + PGIC)
- Test-retest reliability

3 months follow-up (PDQ & DN4 + PGIC)
- Medical record control for patients with probable neuropathic pain component: Does the patient still have a probable neuropathic pain component or has it become a possible, unlikely or definite neuropathic pain component?
- Prognostic value