

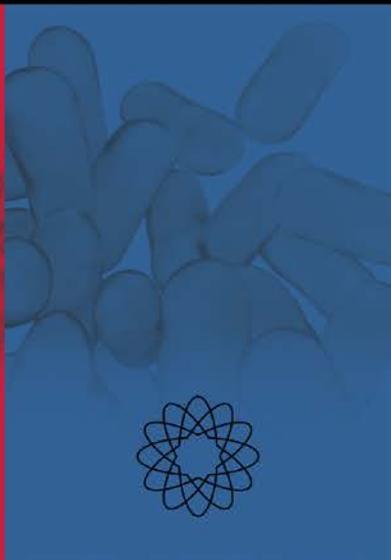
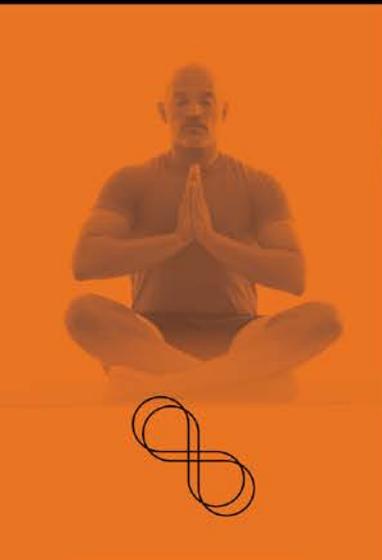


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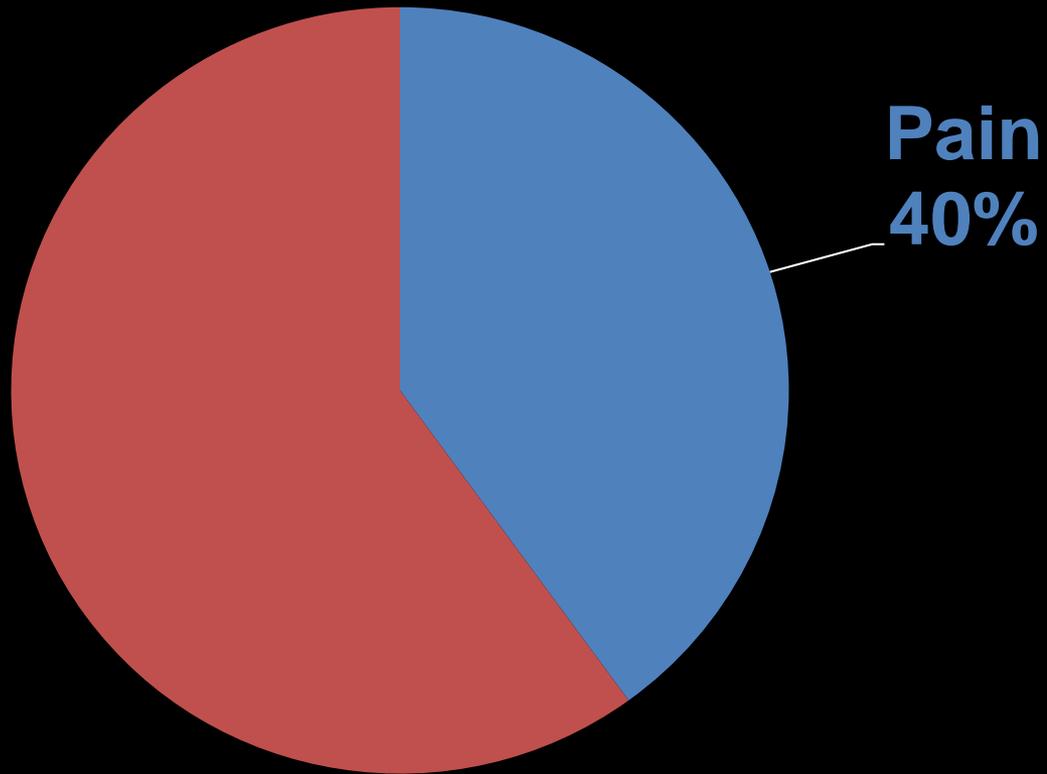
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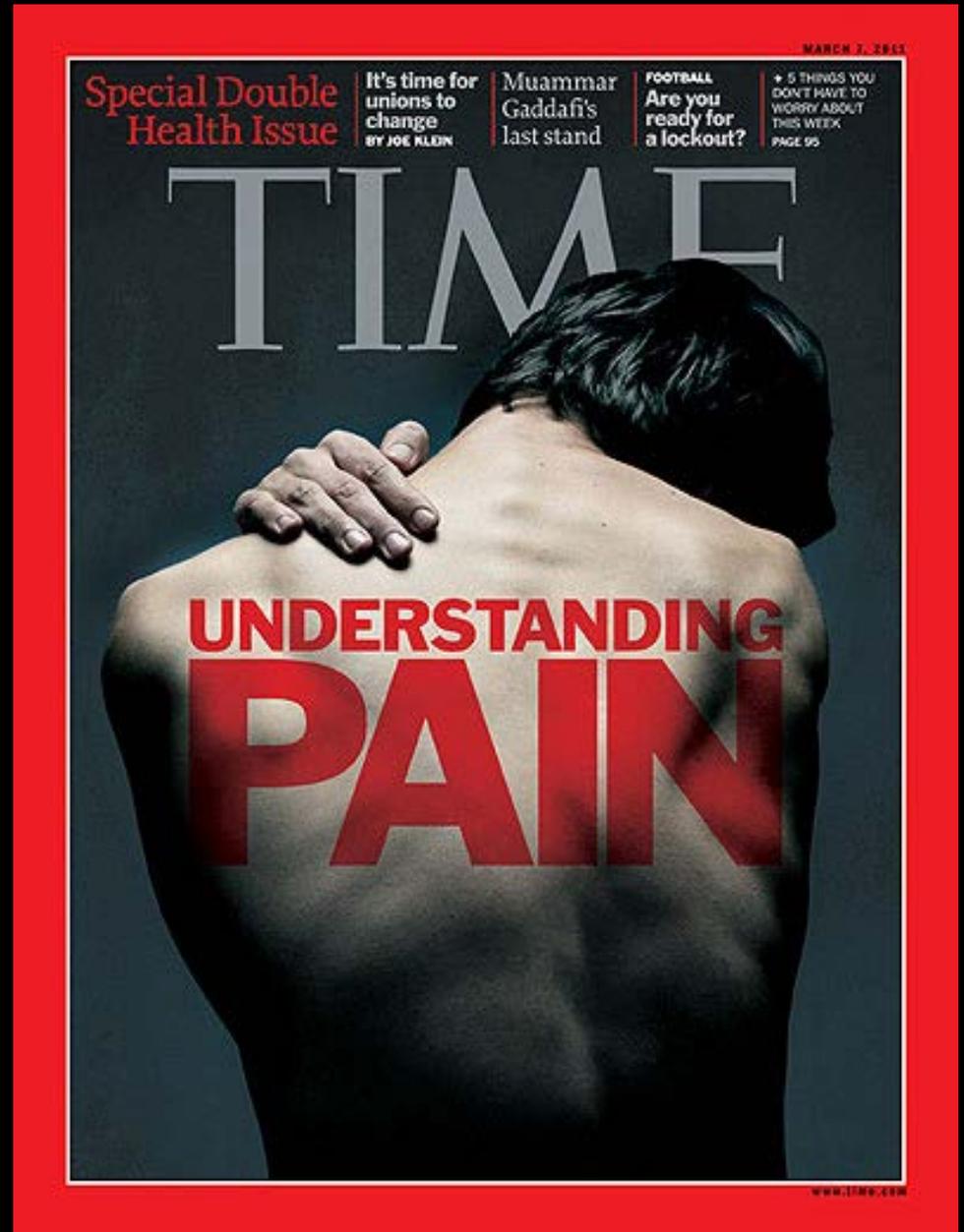


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RETHINKING RELIEF

Doctors are breaking away from opioids to treat chronic pain with nondrug remedies and psychological interventions instead

By Stephani Sutherland

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Tai Chi for Fibromyalgia

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Randomized Trial of Tai Chi for Fibromyalgia

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EDITORIALS

Prescribing Tai Chi for Fibromyalgia — Are We There Yet?

Gloria Y. Yeh, M.D., M.P.H., Ted J. Kaptchuk, and Robert H. Shmerling, M.D.

Fibromyalgia is a common and poorly understood pain disorder that afflicts an estimated 200 million or more people worldwide.¹ The lack of objective abnormalities detected on physical examination and standard blood and imaging

It is no wonder, then, that many people with fibromyalgia seek out less conventional (and less evidence-based) treatments, such as tai chi, yoga, massage, or acupuncture. The limited success of conventional treatments and the efficacy and

ported in preliminary studies of tai chi⁶ is practice an ideal intervention to study with fibromyalgia. In this issue of the Wang et al. report the results of a randomized trial of tai chi as a treatment for fibromyalgia.⁷

Tai chi is a gentle, meditative exercise that consists of flowing, circular movements, balance shifting, breathing techniques, and visualization (e.g., imagery and focused attention). Researchers have investigated tai chi as an intervention for a variety of health conditions, including balance impairments and cardiovascular disease.⁸ Although data from other randomized trials specifically examining tai chi for fibromyalgia are not available, this has been studied as a treatment for other chronic conditions, such as rheumatoid arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions, osteoarthritis and low back pain.⁹ The suggestion that tai chi may be effective, although rigorous studies with adequate sample sizes have not been performed.

In the study by Wang et al., aside from reduced pain, patients in the tai chi group reported improvements in mood, quality of life, and exercise capacity. These results are in parallel with those of small studies of tai chi in other patient populations.⁸ Other meditative practices, such as mindfulness-based stress re-

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A Downside to Tai Chi? None That I See

By JANE E. BRODY

The graceful, dancelike progression of meditative poses called tai chi originated in ancient China as a martial art, but the exercise is best known in modern times as a route to reduced stress and enhanced health. After reviewing existing scientific evidence for its potential health benefits, I've concluded that the proper question to ask yourself may not be *why* you should practice tai chi, but *why not*.

It is a low-impact activity suitable for people of all ages and most states of health, even those who "hate" exercise or have long been sedentary. It is a gentle, calming exercise — some call it meditation in motion — that involves deep breathing but no sweat or breathlessness.

It places minimal stress on joints and muscles and thus is far less likely than other forms of exercise to cause muscle soreness or injury. It requires no special equipment or clothing and can be practiced almost anywhere at any time, alone or with others.

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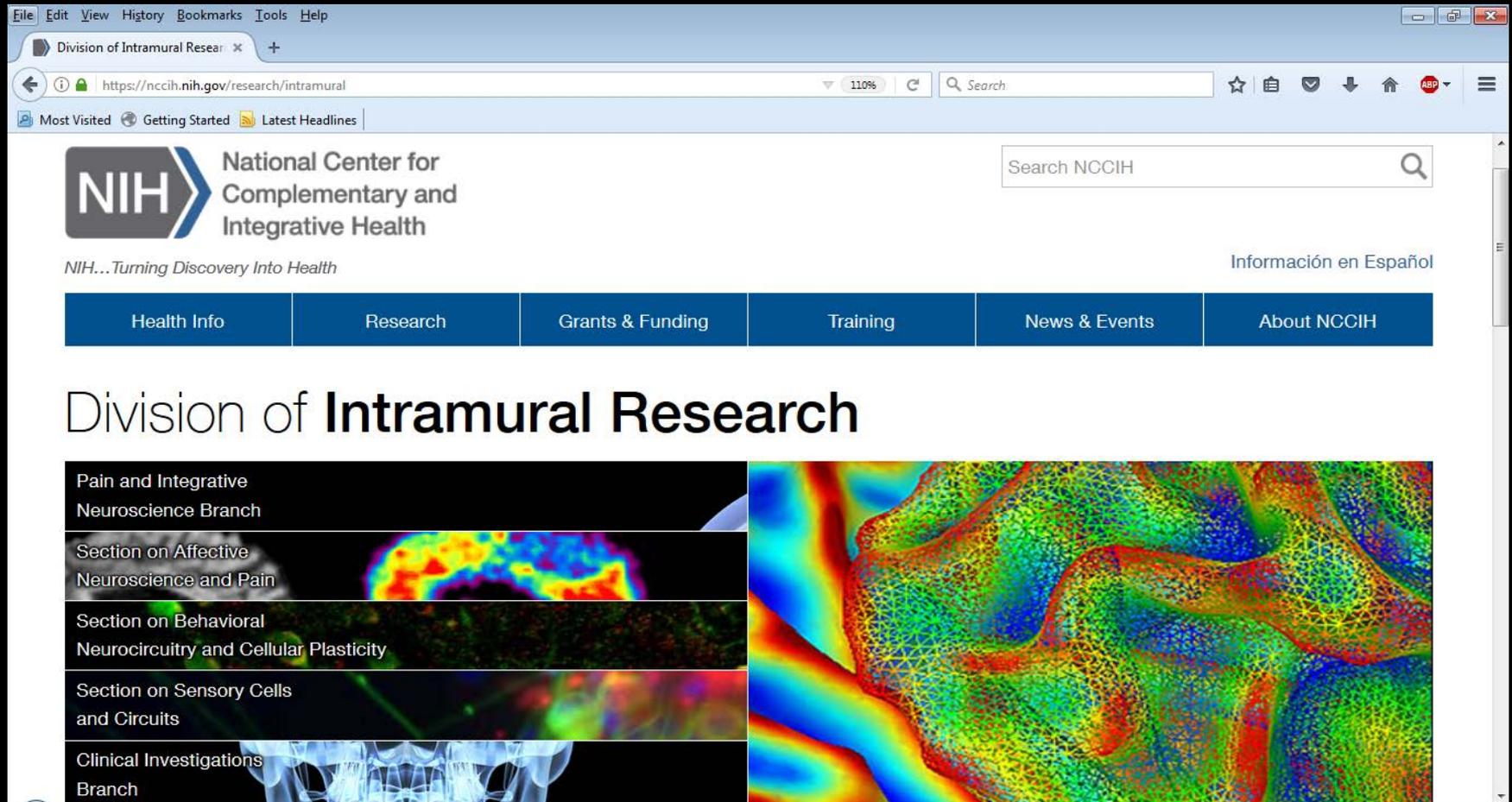
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Recommendation 2: *For patients with chronic low back pain, clinicians and patients should initially select nonpharmacologic treatment with exercise, multidisciplinary rehabilitation, acupuncture, mindfulness-based stress reduction (moderate-quality evidence), tai chi, yoga, motor control exercise, progressive relaxation, electromyography biofeedback, low-level laser therapy, operant therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, or spinal manipulation (low-quality evidence). (Grade: strong recommendation)*

NCCIH's DIR Pain Program



The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://nccih.nih.gov/research/intramural>. The page features the NCCIH logo and the tagline "NIH...Turning Discovery Into Health". A navigation menu includes links for Health Info, Research, Grants & Funding, Training, News & Events, and About NCCIH. The main content area is titled "Division of Intramural Research" and lists several research branches: Pain and Integrative Neuroscience Branch, Section on Affective Neuroscience and Pain, Section on Behavioral Neurocircuitry and Cellular Plasticity, Section on Sensory Cells and Circuits, and Clinical Investigations Branch. The page is decorated with colorful, abstract scientific images, including a brain scan and a molecular structure.

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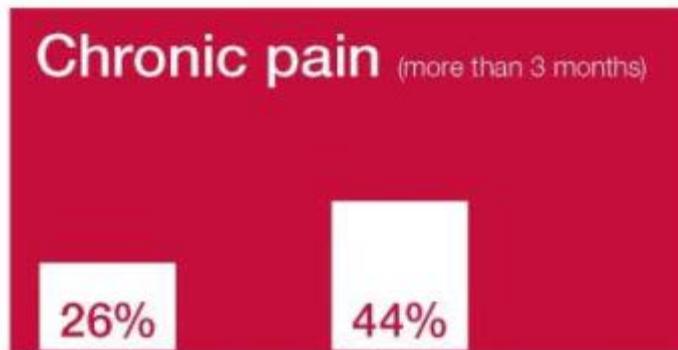
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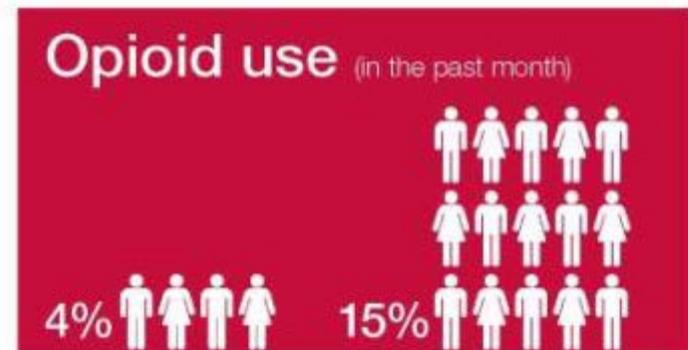
Dr. Amishi Jha reviews brainwave testing protocol with Col. Piatt.

Pain Management in Military and Veteran Populations



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NIH-DoD-VA Pain Management Collaboratory

- Goal: Develop the capacity to implement cost-effective large-scale clinical research in military and veteran health care delivery organizations focusing on non-pharmacological approaches to pain management and other comorbid conditions.

NIH-DoD-VA Pain Management Collaboratory

- NIH: NCCIH, NINDS, NIDA, NIAAA, NICHD (NCMRR), ORWH, NINR
- DoD: Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine Research Program (CRMRRP), Military Operational Medicine Research Program (MOMRRP)
- VA: Health Services Research and Development (HSRD)

This Initiative Builds Upon Two Sets of Efforts

- Collaborations between the NIH, DoD and VA over many years
 - Initiatives on substance abuse, mental health problems, and non-pharmacological approaches to pain management
- NIH Collaboratory
 - Mission: The mission of the NIH Collaboratory is to strengthen the national capacity to implement cost-effective large-scale research studies that engage healthcare delivery organizations as research partners

NIH-DoD-VA Pain Management Collaboratory

Goals

- Establish a Coordinating Center to provide leadership and technical expertise supporting the design and execution of high impact demonstration projects on non-pharmacological approaches for pain management and other comorbid conditions;
- Support the design and execution of a set of high-impact pragmatic clinical trials with patients in health care delivery systems that provide care to military personnel, veterans and their families;
- Make data, tools, best practices, and resources from these and other projects available

Types of Non-Pharmacological Approaches

- Mindfulness/meditative (e.g., mindfulness based stress reduction, meditation), and movement (e.g. structured exercise, tai chi, yoga) interventions;
- Manual (e.g. spinal manipulation, massage, acupuncture) therapies;
- Neuromodulation (e.g., electrical stimulation); and
- Psychological and behavioral interventions (e.g., cognitive behavioral therapy); or an
- Integrative approach that involves more than one intervention. Of special interest are integrated models of multi-modal care that are delivered in different settings (e.g. pain care that could include collaborative care, care management, care delivered through tele-care, peer-coaches, or informal caregivers etc.)

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