

## Self Management Strategies and an Integrated Approach for Pain Management

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#1 reason people seek care

67% of all visits



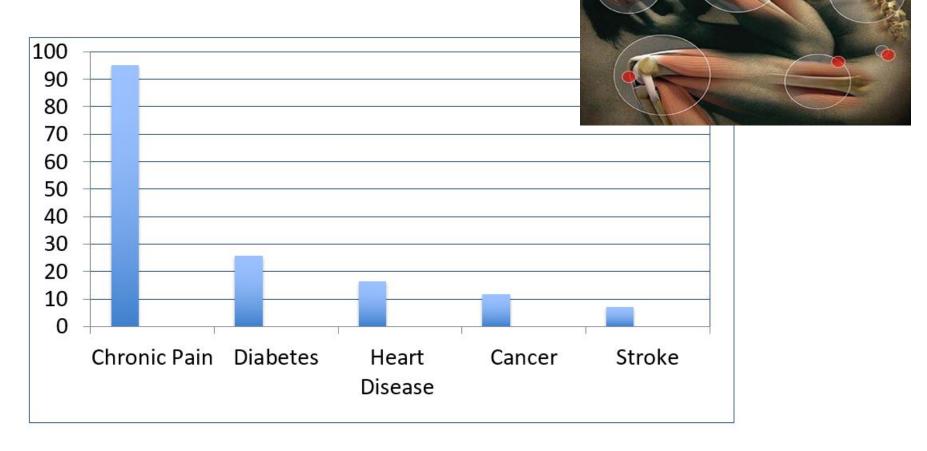






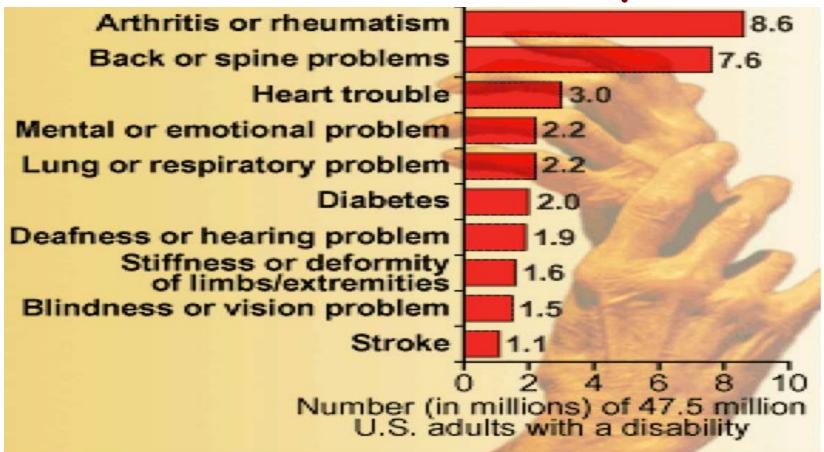
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## The most common chronic condition



Figures in millions of people from the Institute of Medicine of The National Academies and the American Diabetes, Heart and Cancer Associations

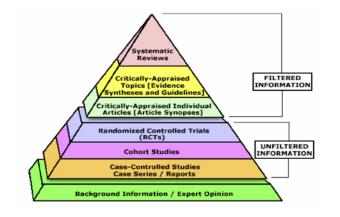
## #1 Cause of Disability



## How well do pain treatments work?

#### Systematic reviews of RCTs for...

- ✓ Physical therapy & chiropractic
- ✓ Cognitive-Behavioral treatments
- ✓ Psychological treatments
- ✓ Splints and orthotics
- ✓ Medications including opioids (oral & topical)
- ✓ Injections and nerve blocks
- ✓ Surgery and implants



## Systematic reviews show...



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but only short-term

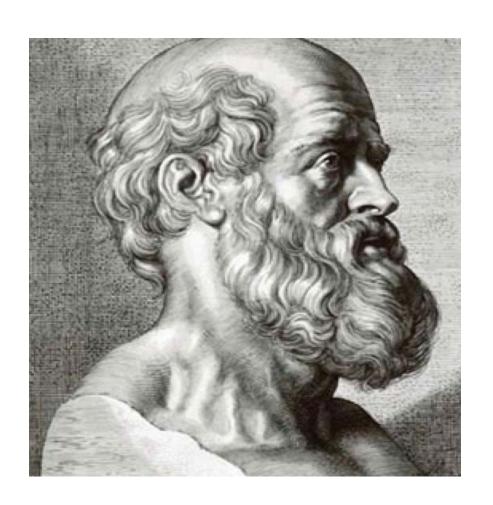


#### Delayed recovery is common



- Over half of individuals with pain conditions at 1 month still have pain 5 years later
- Many of these patients continue to seek care for their pain years after onset
- Failed treatment and delayed recovery is often due to many physical, behavioral, and psychosocial risk factors that are not addressed

#### Consider ancient wisdom...



"It is more important to know what kind of person has a disease than to know what kind of disease a person has."

-Hippocrates (384 BC to 322 BC)



## Risk Factor (causes)

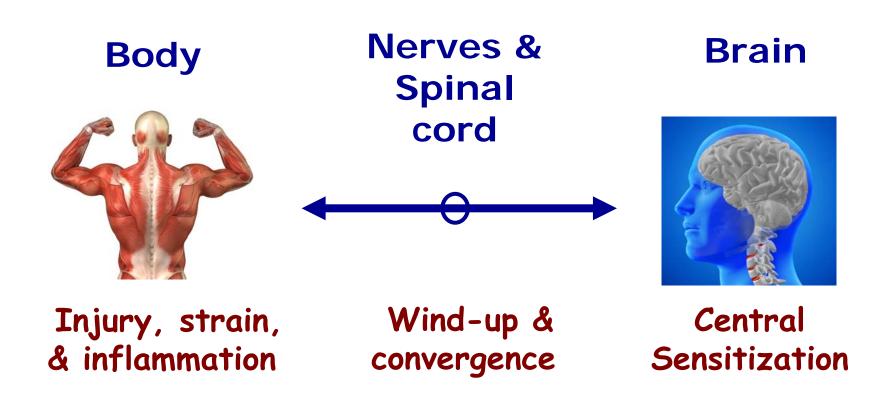
Characteristic, condition, or behavior, such as poor sleep, diet, stress or smoking, that increases the possibility of illness, injury, pain (sensitization).



## Protective Factor (cures)

Characteristic, condition, or behavior, such as exercise or healthy diet, that prevents or reduces vulnerability to developing an illness and pain.

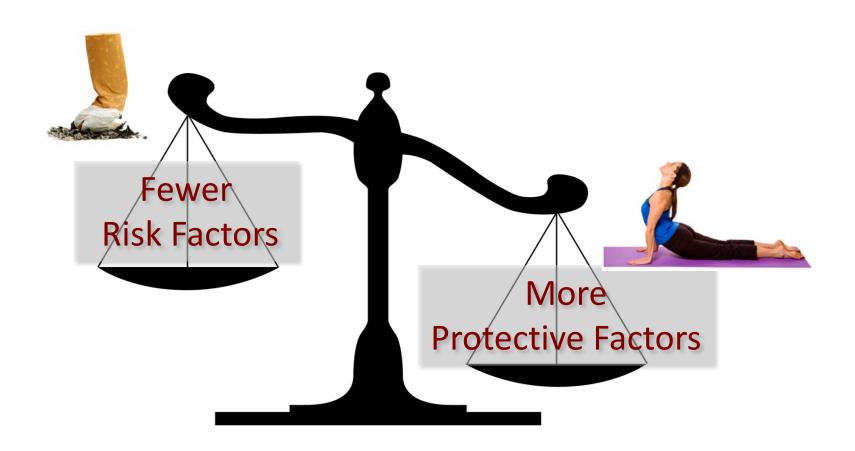
## How do risk factors increase pain?



#### Studies of Risk and protective factors for chronic pain

	Body	e.g. fitness, range of motion, posture, strength, injury
	Lifestyle	e.g. diet, sleep, activity level, pacing, sitting, strain, work activity, substance use
	Emotions	e.g. anxiety/calm, depression/happiness, anger/peace, guilt/shame
	Spirit	e.g. direction/ burned out, hope/ hopeless, stress, self-compassion
	Society	e.g. harmony with others, social connection/ support, stress, secondary gain/ recovery rewards
	Mind	e.g. optimism/ pessimism, understanding, expectation, self-efficacy, resilience, coping
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## Recovery Principle



# New Model of Transformative Care

**Treat** as usual with medications, therapy, surgery, and others

**Train** patients in self-management to reduce risk and boost protective factors

**Team** with health coach to support patient change



Transform the patient and the health care system





## Transformative Care is a rare TRIPLE WIN!

- Better quality of care
- Better outcomes of care
- Lower cost of care

-Institute for Healthcare Improvement

#### The Problem

Self-management is neglected in routine care due to...

- ✓ Not part of biomedical model
- ✓ Inadequate time to "train" patients
- ✓ Lack of reimbursement
- ✓ Healthcare reform and regulation by health plans
- ✓ Tedious electronic health record charting
- ✓ Inadequate training of health professionals



#### Massive Open On-line Course

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA Twin Cities · Duluth · Morris · Crookston · Rochester · Other Locations

## Preventing Chronic Pain: A Human Systems Approach





Be the change you want to see in the world. -Gandhi

www.Coursera.org

### Participant Ratings (n=771)

95% very good to excellent lesson quality

93% changed their life

85% changed their care



"Absolutely fascinating and enlightening...This information should be part of every health care educational program!"

"This course has really helped me to understand myself better and why I think, act and see the world as I do."

"I am eternally grateful for taking the time and energy to provide this beacon of knowledge to the world."

"I think this course is a wonderful gift...pain is an avoidable part of our lives."



- ✓ Self-management training tools
- ✓ Personalized based on risk factors
- ✓ On-line access anywhere anytime
- ✓ Tele-health coaching
- ✓ Goal is to improve outcomes of treatment and relieve pain long-term



#### 32 on-line training tools...



- ✓ Understand pain: Conditions, causes, treatments, self-management
- ✓ Body tools: Stretching, exercise, posture, reducing strain
- ✓ Lifestyle tools: Diet, sleep, substance use, and activity level
- ✓ Emotion tools: Anxiety, depression, anger, and shame
- ✓ Mind Tools: Optimism, self-efficacy, expectations, resilience
- ✓ Spirit tools: Purpose, self-compassion, hopefulness, grit and determination
- ✓ Social tools: Belonging, social support, work well-being, social stressors
- ✓ Environment tools: Safe living, hygiene, pollution-free, and minimizing risk

#### Each PACT tool includes...

- ✓ Pain and Risk Assessment
- ✓ Personalized CBT training to reduce risk factors & strengthen protective actions
- ✓ Personal stories of real people
- ✓ Daily action plan (habits, pauses, calming)
- ✓ Documenting outcomes
- ✓ Overcoming barriers



### Engaging staff present material



Calming Kate



## Healthy HABITS

Healthy Actions Bring Improvement & Transformation

Studies of...

Exercise

Posture

Diet

Sleep

Social support









= Excellent results

#### Take a PAUSE

Pause Assess Understand Start New Enjoy moment

#### Studies of...

Mindfulness practice

Posture & strain awareness

Substance use

**Emotional** awareness

Social support









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#### Practice CALMING

Calming Actions Lighten the Mind

Studies of...

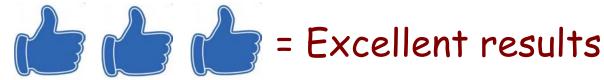
Meditation

Biofeedback/ relaxation

Self-hypnosis

**Emotional calming** 





### Health Coach & Support Team

- ✓ Support self-management
- ✓ Tele-health coach visits
- ✓ Family & friends support
- ✓ Improve adherence
- ✓ Achieve goals





### Resources to Enhance Engagement

- ✓ Smart phone app
- ✓ Worksheets
- ✓ Action plans
- ✓ Daily logs
- ✓ Precautions
- ✓ Seeking care



### Measure Engagement & Outcomes

#### My Dashboard

Personalized Activated Care & Training

→ First Worst Pain =

Name: testpact2 pacttest2

, 53

Work:Employed fulltime

Education:College

Disability:No

Readiness to change score:7.6

Worst pain (0-10): jaw pain is 9

Second worst pain (0-10): temple headaches is 8

Third worst pain (0-10): neck pain is 9

Other pains include: Jaw, Temple, Back of Neck, Low Back, Hip Joint

Other symptoms include: Sleep problems

Amount of past health care (0-10):2.0

Impact score: 6.72

Medical history includes: Fibromyalgia, Muscle pain/myofascial pain/rheumatism, Migraine,
Osteoarthritis, Temporomandibular (TMJ) disorders, Stomach reflux, High blood pressure, Heart

Disease

**Self-care includes:** Strengthening exercise e.g. weights, Stretching exercise e.g. yoga, Hot or cold applications, Lying down, Taking breaks during day, Practice calming technique, Warm baths,

Massage trigger points/ muscle knots, Staying busy being creative

Goals include: Reduce pain, Improve physical function, Return to normal daily activities

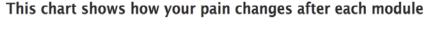
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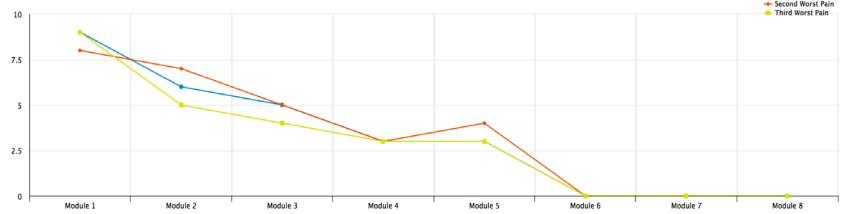
Action Plan

Pain Level

Interference

Pain Level





# Introducing PACT in the clinic



Health professionals need to ask...
"I am happy to provide you treatment but it is more effective long-term if we also train you to reduce the lifestyle causes of your pain.

Are you interested?"

## NIH/ NIDCR Pilot Study of Self-management



- ✓ Study utility & methods for multi-site RCT of self-management
- ✓ Compare usual self-care vs PACT program
- √ 50 participants in 3 weeks with brochure (target =80)
- ✓ Strong interest by patients



## Preventing Chronic Pain

Chronic Pain. It's Real. It's Preventable. Learn how.

www.preventingchronicpain.org

"Divine is the task to relieve pain." -Hippocrates

Thank you

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