



WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- Examples of chronic pain conditions are: chronic musculo-skeletal pain (such as neck, shoulder, back pain, etc.), fibromyalgia, whiplash injuries, chronic regional pain syndromes, repetitive strain injury, chronic pelvic pain, post-surgical pain that lasts beyond 6 months, neuropathic pain (often caused by trauma), or neuralgias (such as post-herpetic pain, and trigeminal neuralgia), and post stroke or central pain.
- The CPSMP may also benefit those who have conditions such as persistent headache, Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, diabetic neuropathy, or those who experience severe muscular pain due to conditions such as multiple sclerosis.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Chronic Pain Self-Management Program (CPSMP) is a 6-session evidence-based workshop designed for those dealing with chronic pain. Participants learn self-management techniques and skills needed in the day to day management of their chronic pain condition. This program has also been proven effective with family and caregivers. This program also aims to help participants better communicate with their health care providers and make healthy day-to-day decisions.

Program Benefits

Participants who have completed a workshop demonstrate:

- Increased exercise
- Increased ability to do social and household activities
- Less depression, fear, frustration, and worry about their pain
- Reduction in pain
- Increased confidence in their ability to manage their pain
- Decreased emergency department visits and hospitalizations

What is provided to Participants

Workshops are facilitated by two trained instructors and meet once a week for six weeks; each class lasts 2 ½ hours. The workshop covers the following topics:

- Pain and fatigue management
- How to make an action plan to set and achieve attainable goals
- Problem solving
- How to deal with difficult emotions
- Appropriate physical activity for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance
- Effective decision making
- Healthy eating
- Communication skills
- Pacing activity and rest
- Working with your health care professional

Resources:

Visit www.patienteducation.stanford.edu/programs/cpsmp.html for more information

For More Information on this Program

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