

Teaching People About Pain

Pain Neuroscience Education

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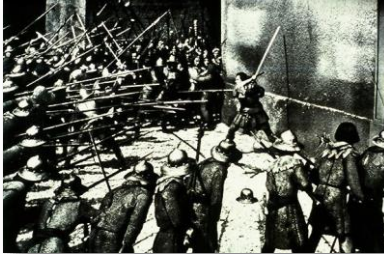
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>100 Million Americans have some form of persistent pain

Institute of Medicine 2012: Relieving Pain in America



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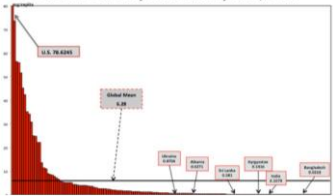
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US Opioid Epidemic...

Global Consumption of Morphine, 2012



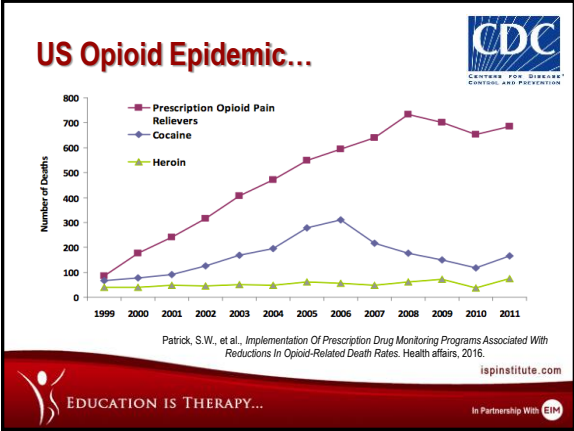
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Early History of Pain

- Aristotle: "Passion of the soul"
- Hippocrates: "Fluid imbalance"
- Prior to Renaissance: "Punishment or test from God"
- Chinese Medicine (3000 years ago) "Ying and yang"

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Rene and the Renaissance Period

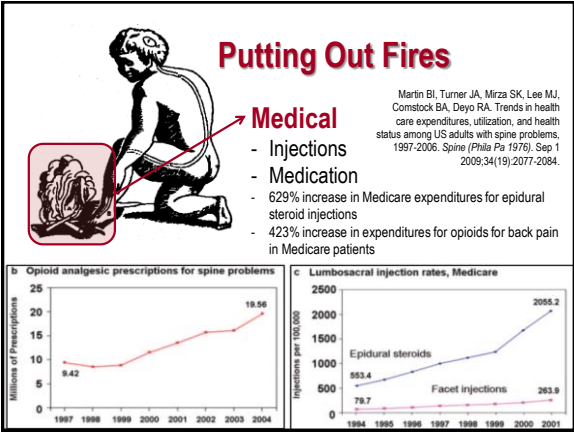
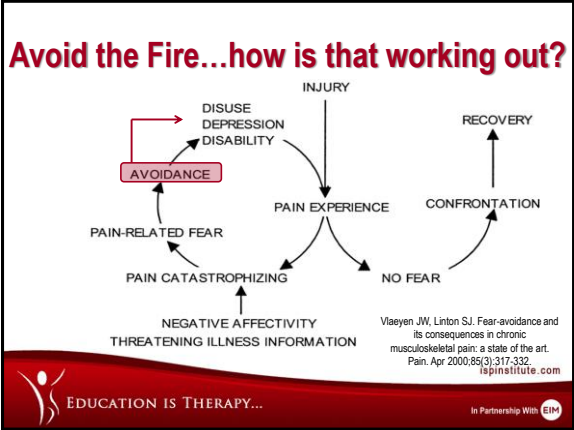
- Mechanical view
- Hollow tube with a cord, valves and spirits

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Cutting Cords

Medical

- Surgery
- Nerve ablation/radiofrequency

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It can easily be stated that at least 1/3 of lumbar surgery patients continue to have significant persistent pain, disability and functional loss.

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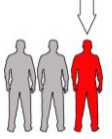
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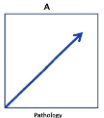
What's wrong with Rene?

- Assumption: there is a direct link between the amount of tissue damage and the level of pain experienced. (Patients truly believe this)
- All pain is caused by injury and increased pain means more damage
- Pain is either physical or psychological (mental versus physical)
- In chronic pain tissues are not healing and damage is ongoing
- Nociception and pain is synonymous

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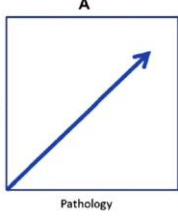


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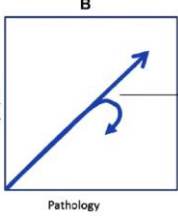
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The REAL issue...

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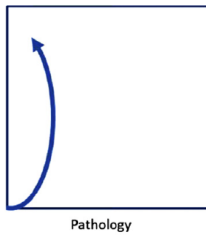
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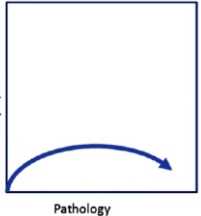


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This also happens (thank goodness)

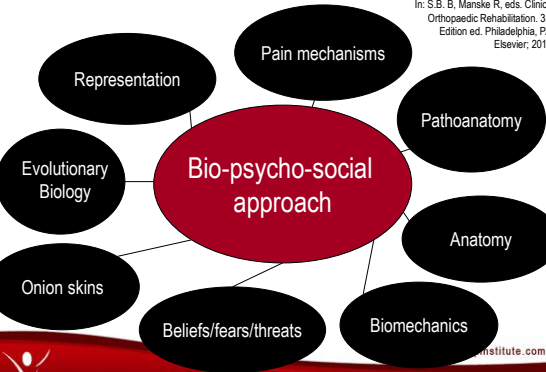


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Representation

Pain mechanisms

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Anatomy

Biomechanics

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Onion skins

Evolutionary Biology

Bio-psycho-social approach

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GOOD vs. EVIL

Good Posture vs. **Poor Posture**

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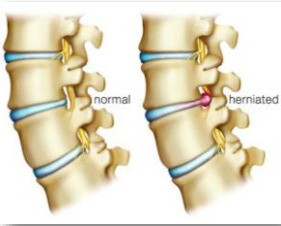
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Tissue Pathology

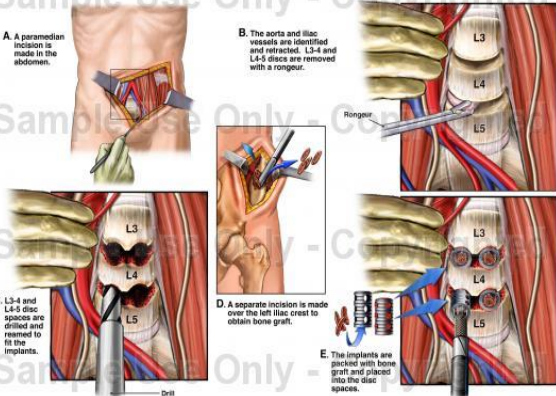


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L3-4, L4-5 Anterior Lumbar Spinal Fusion



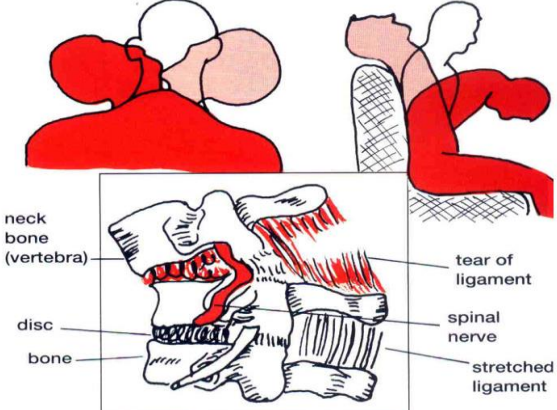
A. A paramedian incision is made in the abdomen.

B. The aorta and iliac vessels are identified and retracted. L3-4 and L4-5 discs are removed with a rongeur.

C. L3-4 and L4-5 disc spaces are drilled and prepared for the implants.

D. A separate incision is made over the left iliac crest to obtain bone graft.

E. The implants are packed with bone graft and placed into the disc spaces.



neck bone (vertebra)

disc

bone

tear of ligament

spinal nerve

stretched ligament

1. Anatomy

2. Biomechanics

3. Pathoanatomy

These models are very prevalent

- Prevailing biomedical models focus on tissues and tissue injury
- Orthopedic-based professions commonly use anatomy and patho-anatomy based models to explain pain to their patients

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Research into anatomy, biomechanical and pathoanatomy models

Not only have these models shown limited efficacy in decreasing pain and disability, but they may **increase fear in patients**, which in turn, may increase their pain



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Don't think they believe this?

Patients who underwent discectomy and shown their "bad disc" material recovered significantly better than those who were not shown their excised disc material

- Leg pain (91.5 vs. 80.4%; $p<0.05$)
- Back pain (86.1 vs. 75.0%; $p<0.05$)
- Limb weakness (90.5 vs. 56.3%; $p<0.02$)
- Paraesthesia (88 vs. 61.9%; $p<0.05$)
- Reduced analgesic use (92.1 vs. 69.4%; $p<0.02$)



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Lumbar Discs



40% of people with no back pain has a bulging disc
Disc bulges absorb

Yukawa Y, Kato F, Matsubara Y, Kajino G, Nakamura S, Nitta H. Serial magnetic resonance imaging follow-up study of lumbar disc herniation conservatively treated for average 30 months: relation between reduction of herniation and degeneration of disc. *J Spinal Disord.* Jun 1996;9(3):251-256.

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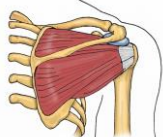
Discs respond and look different between static and movement-MRI and different positions



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Rotator Cuff



- 1/3 people over age 30 has abnormal findings on MRI
- 2/3 people over age 70 has abnormal findings on MRI
- After successful rotator cuff surgery 90% of people have abnormal findings on MRI

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Aging and Low Back Pain

Low Back Pain vs. Aging of the Spine Over Time

- Age Changes of the Spine
- Seeking Care for Low Back Pain



Taylor JR, Twomey LT. Age changes in lumbar zygapophyseal joints. Observations on structure and function. *Spine (Phila Pa 1976).* Sep 1986;11(7):739-745.

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Knees



- 25% to 50% of MRI's show knee degeneration in pain-free people
- MRI scans of 35% of collegiate basketball players with no knee pain show significant abnormalities
- 1 in 3 knee replacements are unnecessary

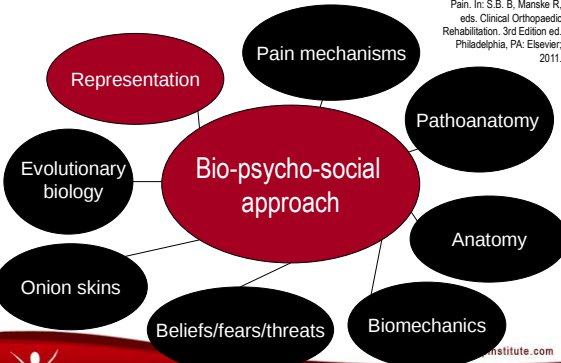
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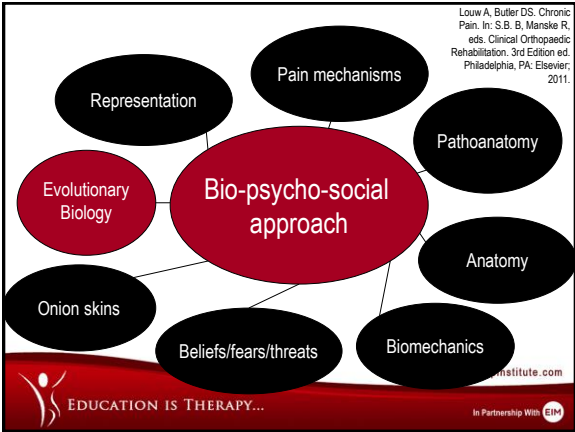
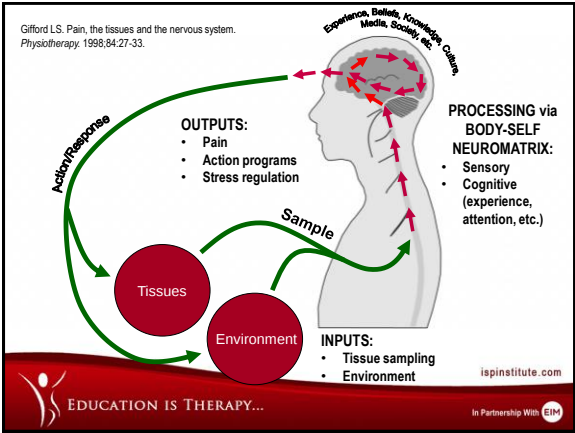
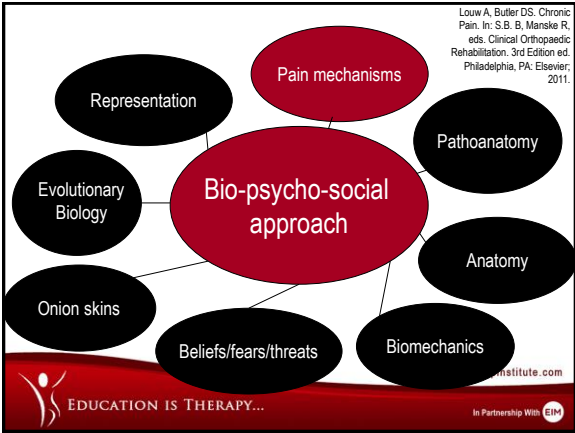
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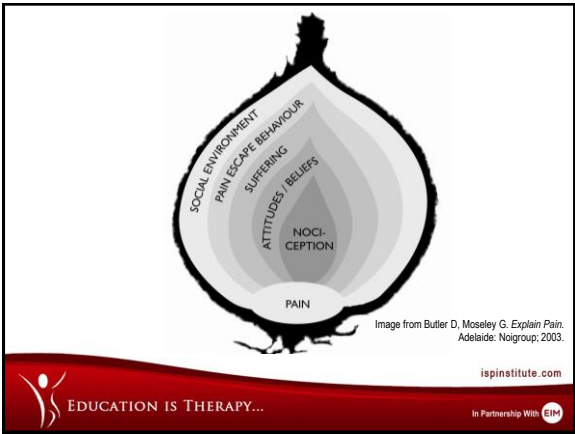
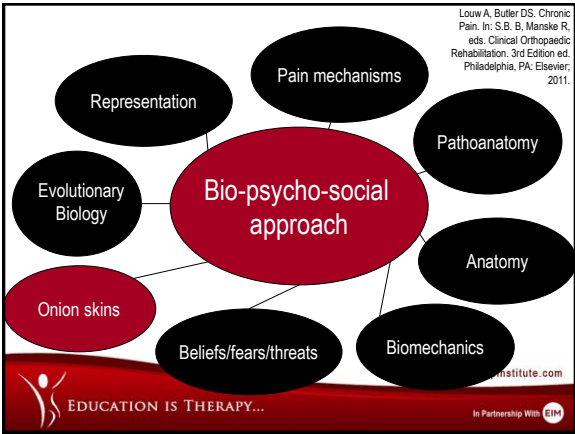
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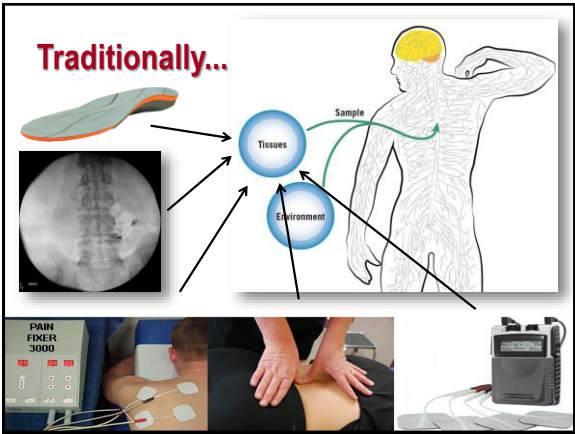
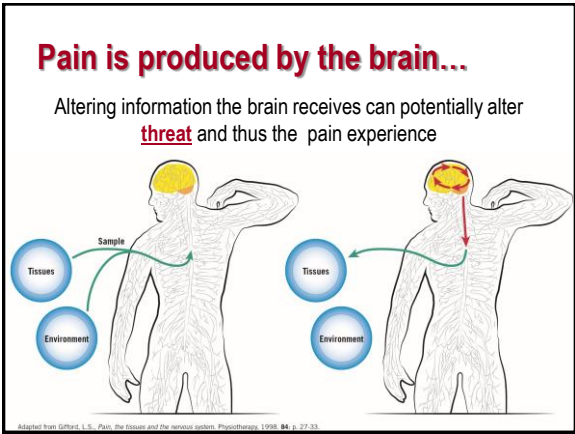
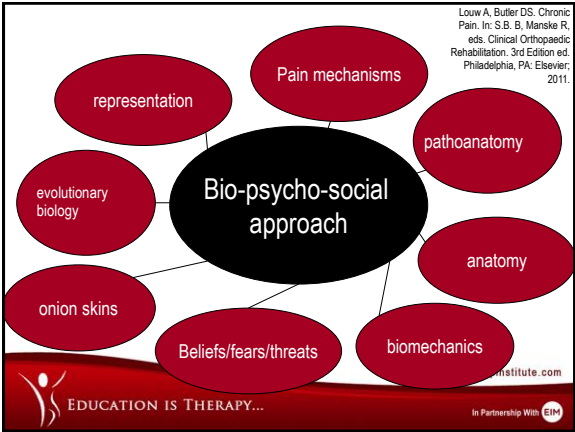
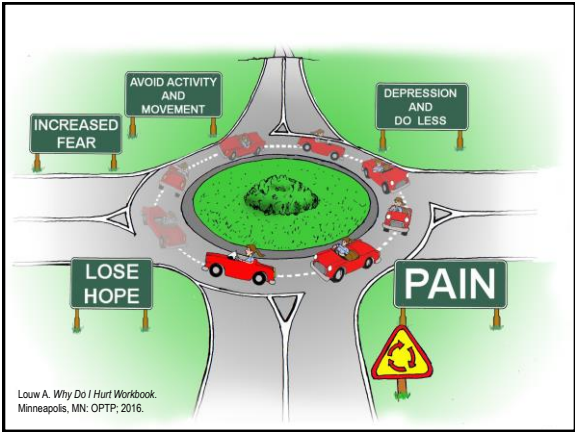
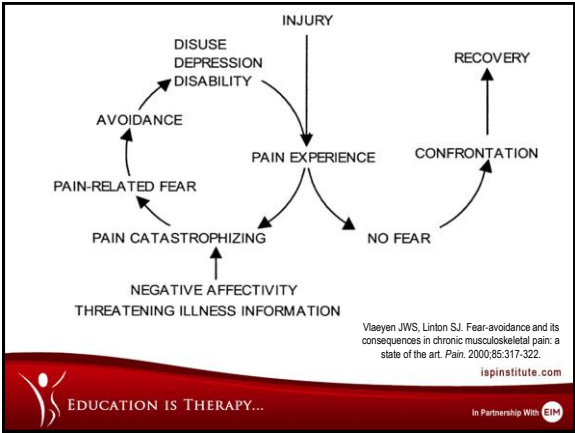
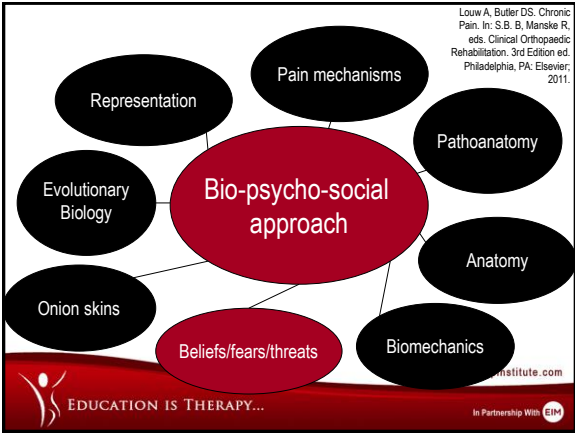
- Nature versus Nurture
- Survival
- Protection

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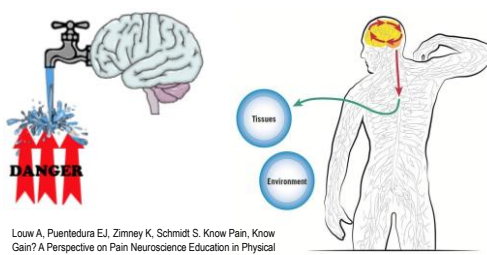
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What about a top-down approach?



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It is well established that cognitions are correlated to pain

- Fear
- Catastrophization
- Knowledge
- Anticipation and consequence of pain

Pain is complex
Pain and injury is the not the same thing
Injury may not result in pain
Pain can be present without injury or disease

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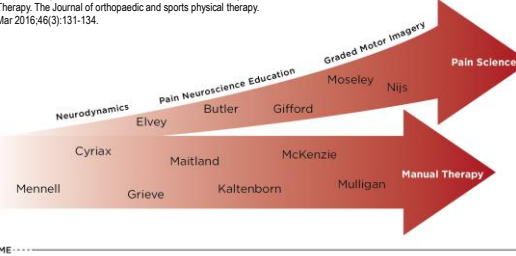
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The “ah-ha” moment...(for us)



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Teaching People About Pain...1998

embraced all the dimensions of pain. It was an honour to present the model, in my ‘Explaining Pain to Patients’ presentation at the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) world congress in Vienna in 1999.

PPA newsletter

The Physiotherapy Pain Association (for Chartered Physiotherapists)

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April/May 1998

PPA members have put forward 3 proposed workshops, 2 of which have been accepted by the IASP congress committee. These are:

1. Explaining Pain to patients, family, health care professionals and employers.



Gifford L. Muncey H. Explaining Pain to Patients. Paper presented at: International Association on the Study of Pain 1999; Vienna, Austria

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First RCT

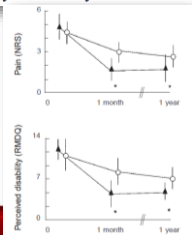
Each subject participated in a one-hour education session, once per week for four weeks. The education session was in a one-to-one seminar format, was conducted by an independent therapist, and focused on the neurophysiology of pain with no particular reference to the lumbar spine. In addition, the subjects completed a short workbook which consisted of one page of revision material and three comprehension exercises per day for 10 days.

Moseley: Combined physiotherapy and education is efficacious for chronic low back pain

Combined physiotherapy and education is efficacious for chronic low back pain

Lorimer Moseley
The University of Queensland and Royal Brisbane Hospital

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Evidence

The results of this updated systematic review of PNE for MSK pain provides strong evidence for PNE improving pain ratings, pain knowledge, disability, pain catastrophization, fear-avoidance, attitudes and behaviors regarding pain, physical movement and healthcare utilization

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PNE NNT for function 2:1

PNE NNT for pain 3:1

Gabapentin NNT for pain 6:1

Antidepressant (SSRI) NNT for pain 7:1

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PNE: Education Delivery Methods

Professionals

- Physical therapists

Duration and frequency

- High: 8 hours
- Low: 10-15 minutes

Educational format

- One-on-one verbal communication
- Two studies utilized group sessions.

Educational tools

- Prepared pictures
- Metaphors
- Hand drawings
- Workbook with reading/Q&A
- Neurophysiology questionnaire

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PNE+

- Mobilization and manipulation
- Soft tissue massage
- Muscle and neural mobilization
- Trunk stabilization
- Circuit based aerobic exercise
- Movement exercises
- Pacing of ADLs
- Graded exposure with ADLs
- Trigger point dry needling
- Neck stabilization exercises
- Aquatic exercise program

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The efficacy of pain neuroscience education on musculoskeletal pain: A systematic review of the literature

Moseley 2002	VibeFersum 2012	PNE Movement	PNE Only
Moseley 2003	Gallagher 2013	In all but one of these studies did patients have statistically significant (p<0.05) decrease in pain ratings	The other group: NONE
Moseley 2004	Van Oostervijk 13		
Ryan 2010	Ittersum 2014		
Meeus 2010	Louw 2014		
		Téllez 2014	
		Beltran 2015	
		Pires 2015	

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PNE: Content

- Neurophysiology of pain
- No reference to anatomical or patho-anatomical models
- No discussion of emotional or behavioral aspects to pain
- Nociception and nociceptive pathways
- Neurons
- Synapses
- Action potential
- Spinal inhibition and facilitation
- Peripheral sensitization
- Central sensitization
- Plasticity of the nervous system

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- 34 year-old female
- 4.5 years of pain
- Started as LBP, then spread to her buttocks and now into both legs
- Pain would flare up with stress at work
- First child 2.5 years ago – "horrible" labor, delivery and pain
- Now constant LBP
- Not able to return to work
- Now severe spasms in both legs
- CT, MRI and X-Ray WNL
- Meds: High doses of pain killers and narcotics

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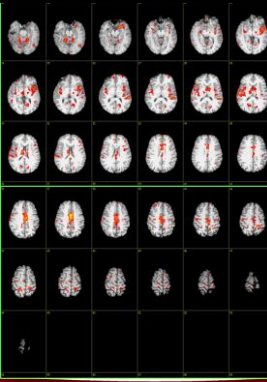
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Spinal Stabilization Exercises

- 1 week practice
- 5 minutes each waking hour



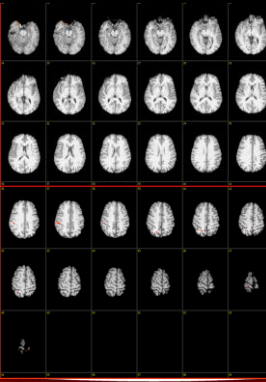




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1 – to – 1 pain neuroscience education



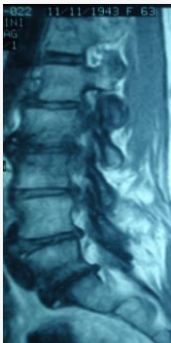




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Suzy's case

- What about my recent patient?
 - Doctor's wife
 - Years of "chronic LBP"
 - Numerous different treatments
 - Latest = ESI, RF, PT
 - ODI = 3675940.1
 - Docs mentioned FM
 - "Surgeons won't touch her"
 - MRI – severe DDD



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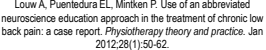
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1st PT session

- Thorough subjective examination
- Skilled, "low tech" physical examination
- Pain Neuroscience Education:
 - Prognostic information
 - Self-treatment ideas and plan
 - What PT can do for her
 - GOALS



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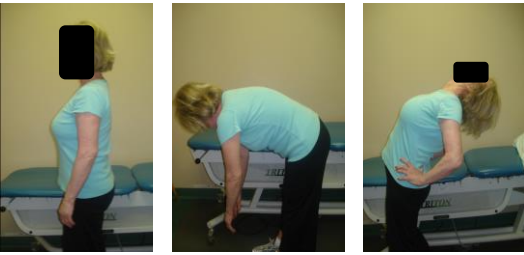


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After the 1st session (no physical treatment)



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Want more info on pain

1. Experiences of lumbar surgery patients

Afraid and expect poor outcome

Focus on anatomy

2. Surgeon's preoperative education

Induces fear

Not helpful unless pain education

3. Pre-op education for pain in orthopaedics

Effective in reducing pain and disability

Development of a Preoperative Neuroscience Education Program for Lumbar Radiculopathy

4. Public perception of lumbar surgery

5. Viewing surgery images prior to lumbar surgery

6. Neuroscience Education for Pain and Disability

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Preoperative Neuroscience Education: Single fMRI case

MRI: marked herniated L5/S1 disc; central and left towards the nerve root

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RCT - 1 Year

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Preoperative Neuroscience Education for Lumbar Radiculopathy: A Multicenter RCT

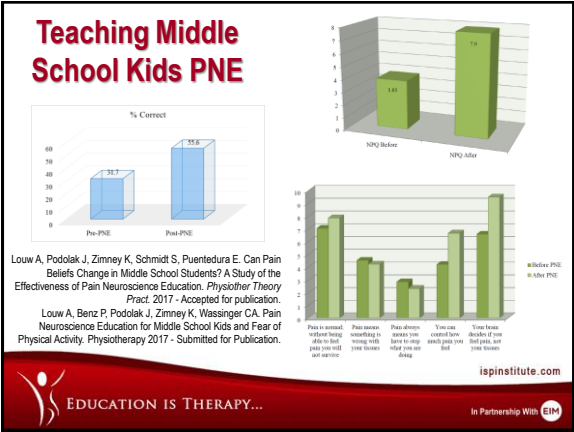
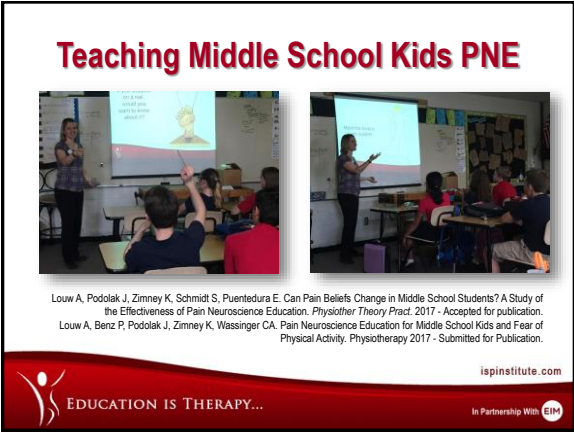
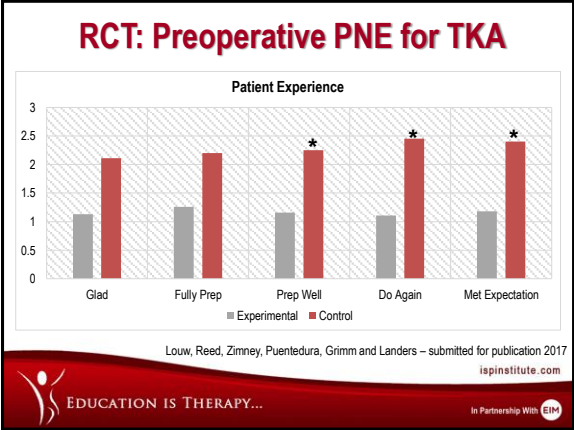
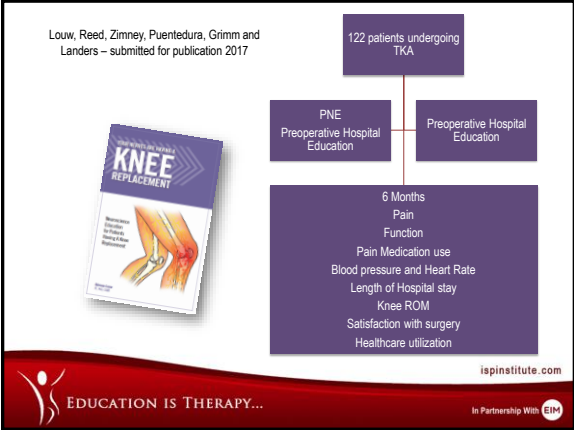
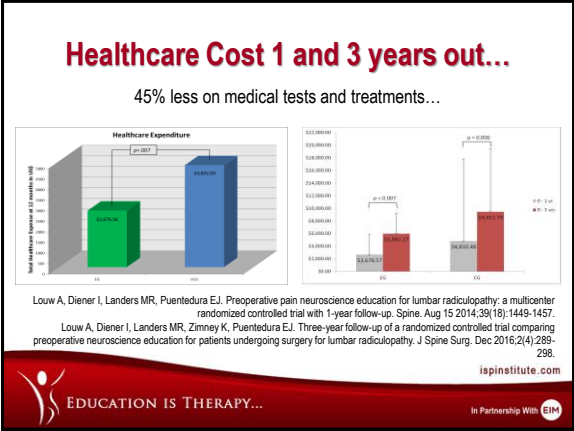
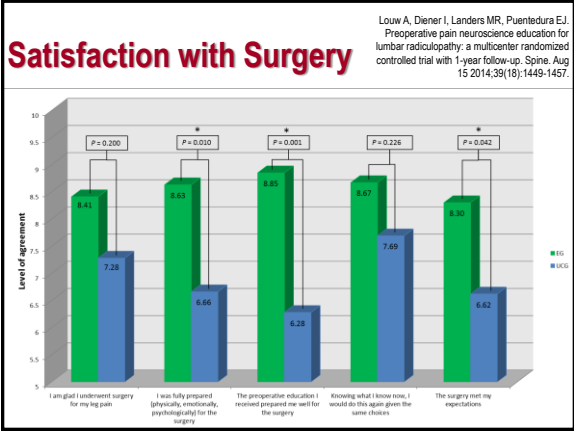
One year follow-up
Superior results (no statistical significance):

- Back Pain
- Leg Pain
- Catastrophization
- Fear Avoidance
- Pain Knowledge

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How Does PNE Work?

Activation of opioid and cannabinoid systems

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PNE Evidence

We TREAT pain; not merely MANAGING it...

Figure 2-4: Pain rating changes in one year after TNE. Graph from Moseley, 2002.

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Pain and Behavioral Shift:

"Despite The Pain..."

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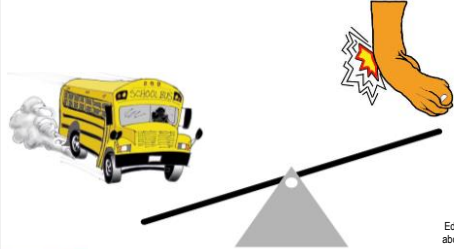
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1. Pain fibers and Pain nerves

- Eyes: Contain light receptors; not vision
- Ears: Contain vibration receptors; not hearing
- Tissues: Contain nociceptive receptors; not pain
- Tissues: Contain danger receptors; not pain

Nociceptive or Danger fibers

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Wild X-Rays



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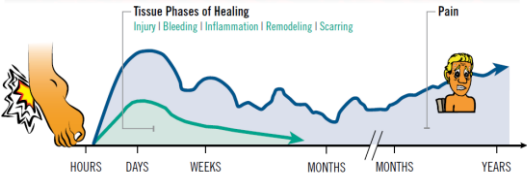
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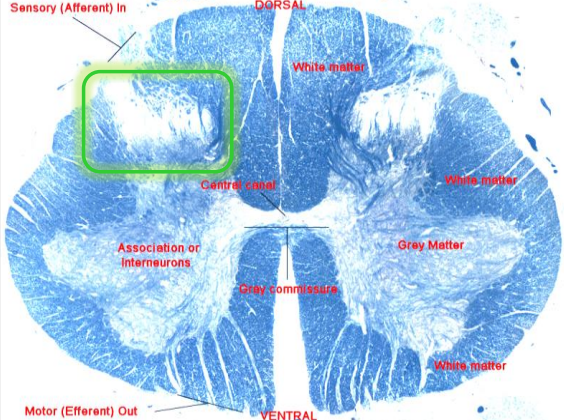
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A nail rests in a South Korean man's skull in December 2004. He'd sought help for a bad headache and upon discovery said it likely happened four years earlier.

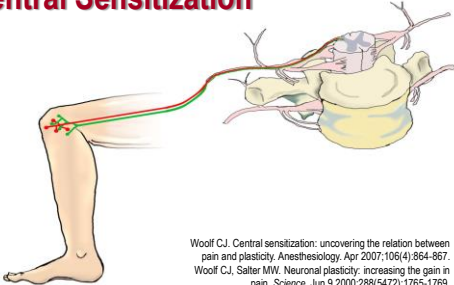
Injury and Pain...

Tissues Heal





3. Central Sensitization



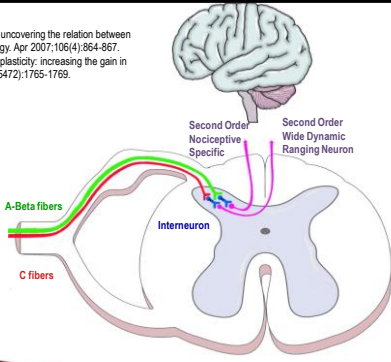
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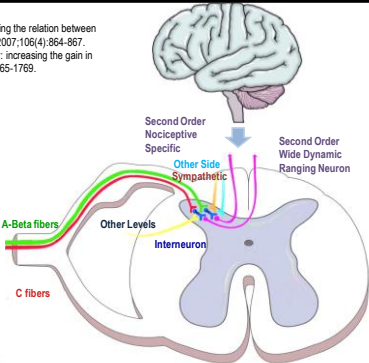
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Other Levels
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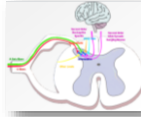
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End-Result?



Process	Consequence
• Death of the inhibitory neurons	• Decreased gating from the periphery
• C-fibers pull back; A-fibers grow in	• Allodynia
• Upregulation of second-order neurons	• Increased firing towards the brain
• Inappropriate synapsing – other levels	• Spreading pain
• Inappropriate synapsing – other fibers	• Sympathetic, immune, motor contributions
• Inappropriate synapsing – other side	• Bilateral “mirror” pains
• Decreased endogenous mechanisms	• Allodynia and Hyperalgesia

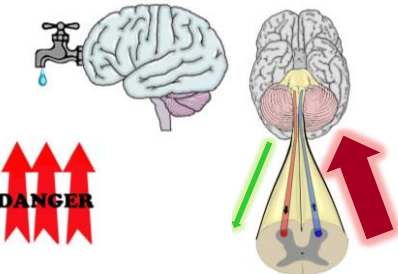
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Injury to a peripheral nerve and electrical stimulation of C-fibers each cause an increase in the permeability of the blood-spinal cord barrier and blood-brain barrier



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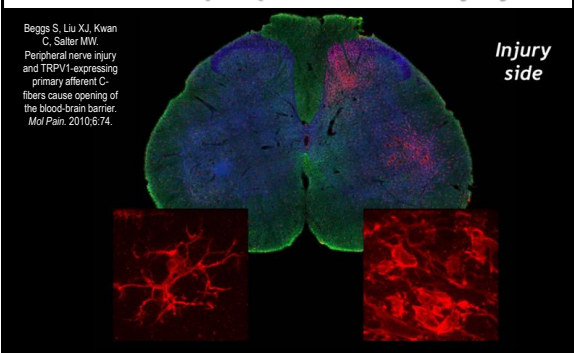
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Response of microglia in the spinal cord after peripheral nerve injury

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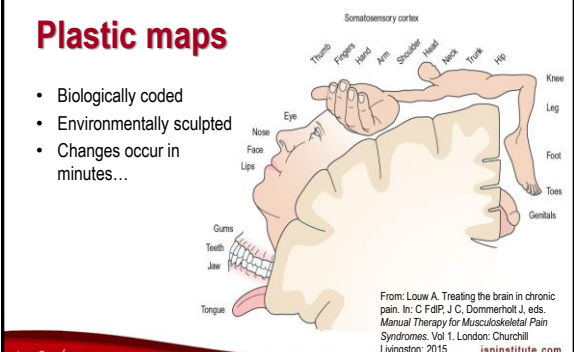
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Plastic maps

- Biologically coded
- Environmentally sculpted
- Changes occur in minutes...



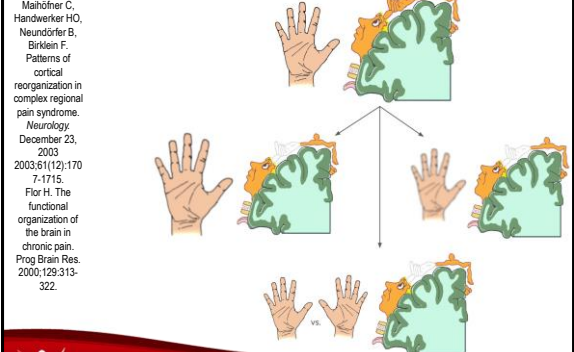
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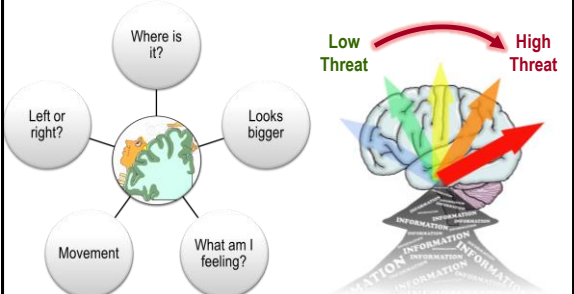


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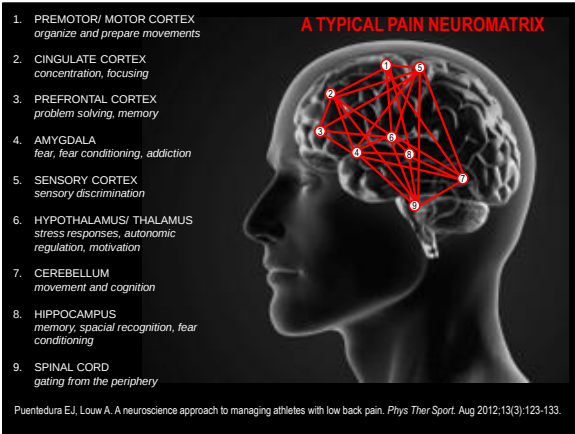
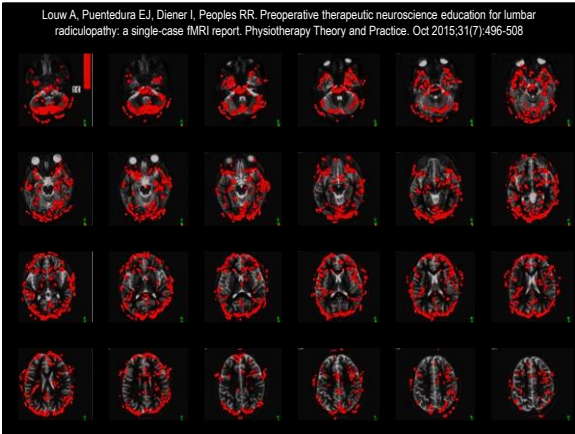
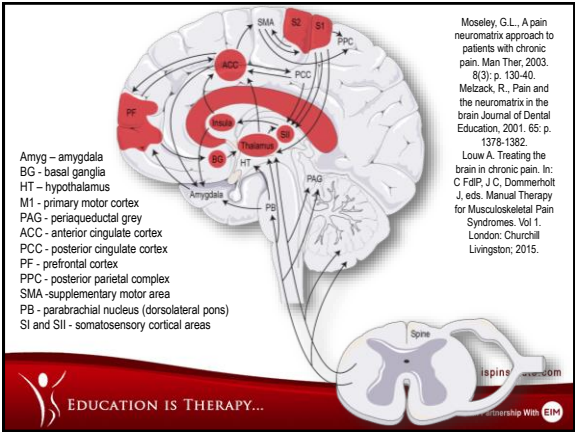
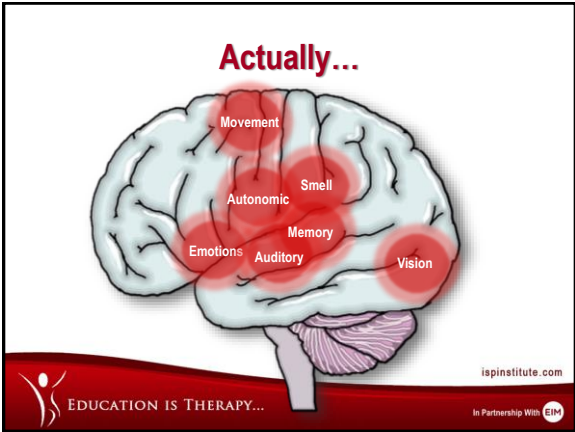
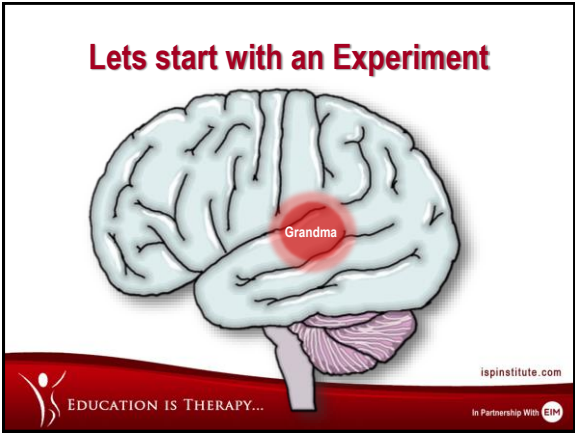
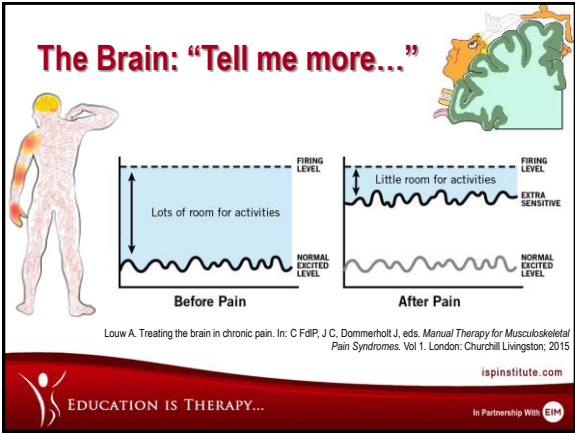


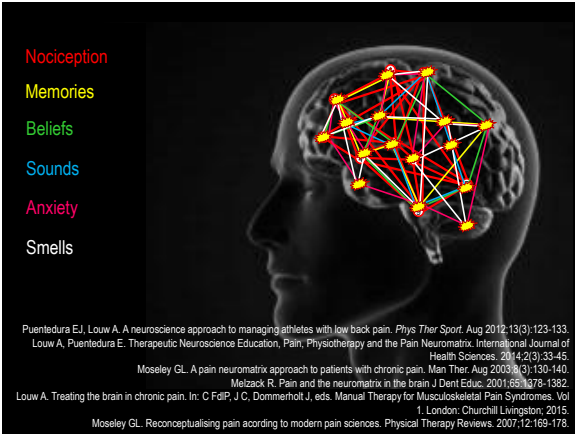
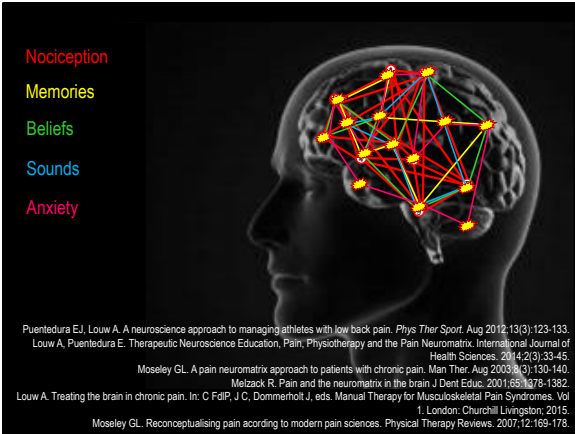
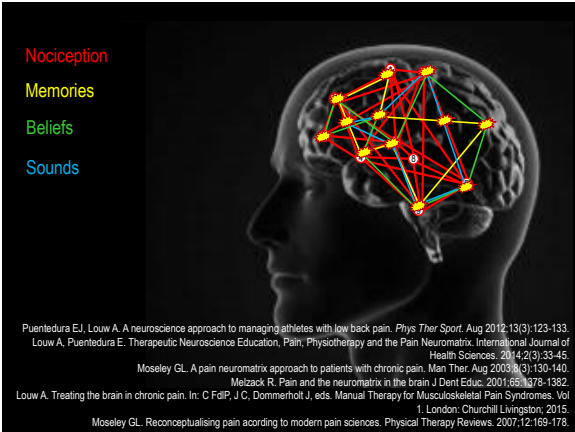
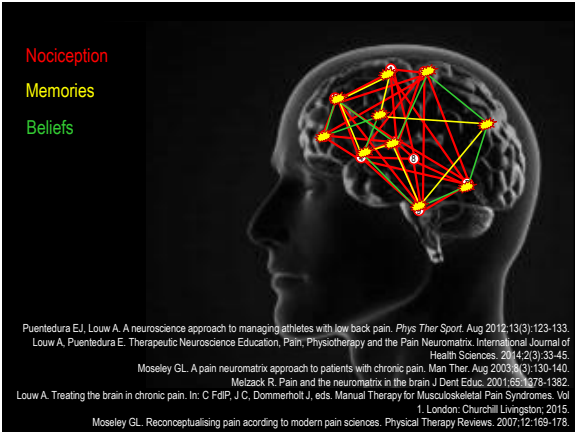
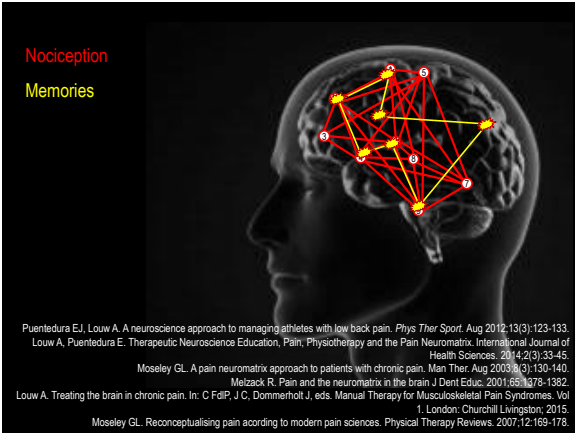
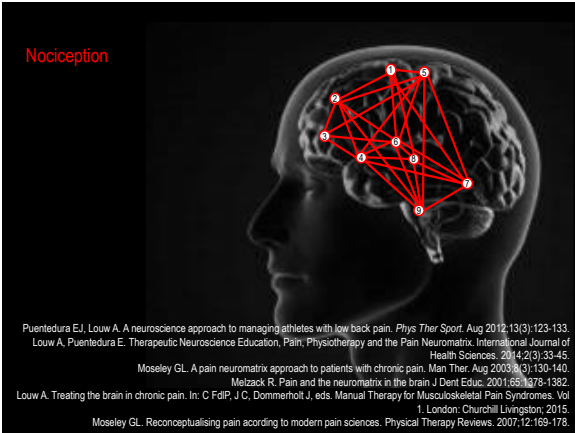
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Nociception

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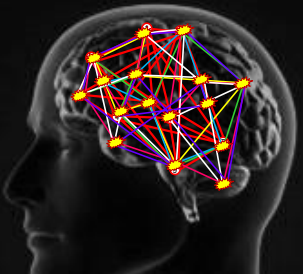
Beliefs

Sounds

Anxiety

Smells

Sights



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Definition of Pain: Update

Pain is produced by the brain after a person's neural signature has been activated and concluded the body is in danger and action is required

a

How Dangerous is this?

This is dangerous
More Information

Facilitation
Neuronal adaptation

b

How Dangerous is this?

This is not dangerous

Inhibition
Endogenous

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Will this hurt?

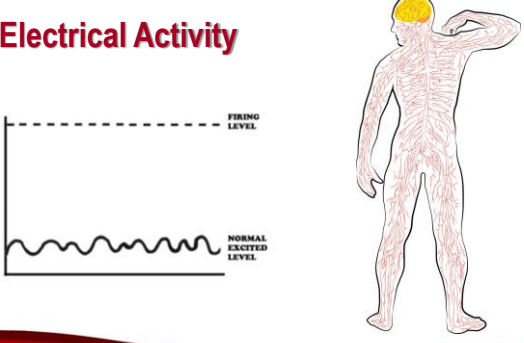


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Electrical Activity



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VOLTAGE

THRESHOLD

STIMULUS

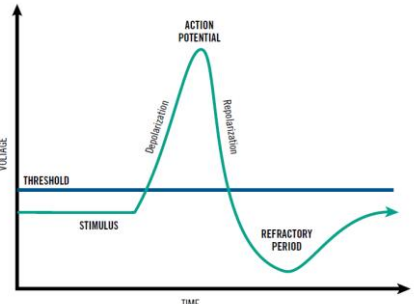
Depolarization

ACTION POTENTIAL

Repolarization

REFRACTORY PERIOD

TIME



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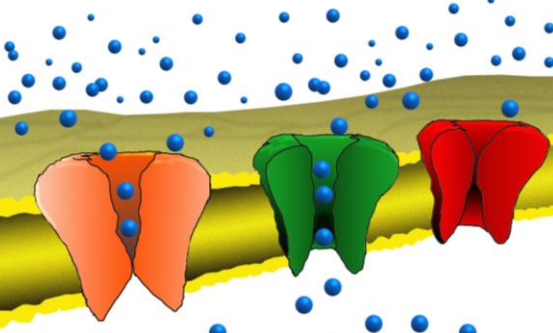
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Ion Channels



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Various kinds of channels...

TEMPERATURE STRESS MOVEMENT IMMUNE BLOOD FLOW

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Distribution of ion channels...

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Removing myelin

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- Immune
- Chemical

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Development of an Abnormal Impulse Generating Site

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Fig. 1.4 Schematic representation of a single sensory neurone highlighting ion channels and receptor proteins in the cell wall. Adapted from: Devor et al 1994

▽ K⁺ channel ● Ca²⁺ channel
■ Na⁺ channel ▲ Adrenoreceptor = ligand gated ion channel sensitive to adrenaline.
◆ Mechazoreceptor or Stretch activated receptor

Nerve Sensitization...

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Cytokines
Metabolic
Mechanical
Temperature
Spontaneous
Catecholamines

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Neuroplasticity: There is hope...

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Environment...

- Stressful situations
- Sports
- Demolition derby drivers

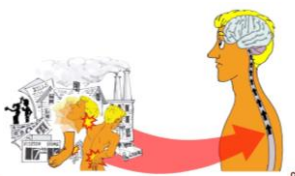
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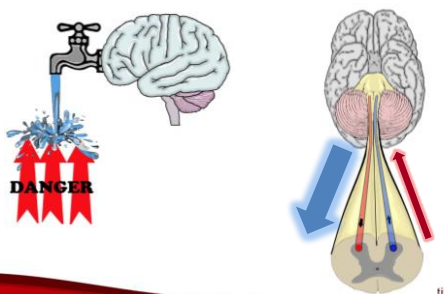
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Descending modulation...



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Pain is a Perception of THREAT



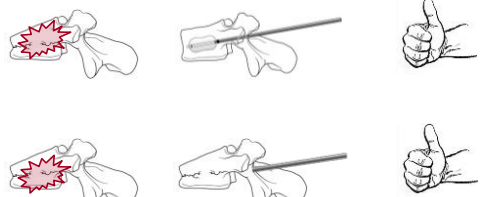
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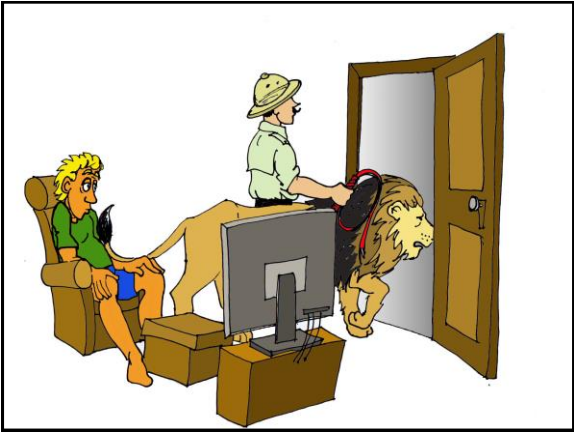
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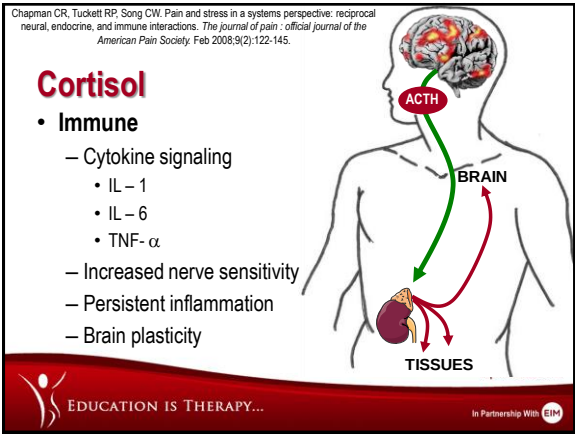
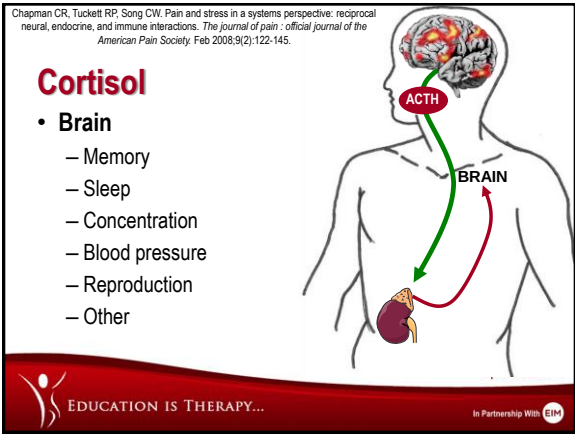
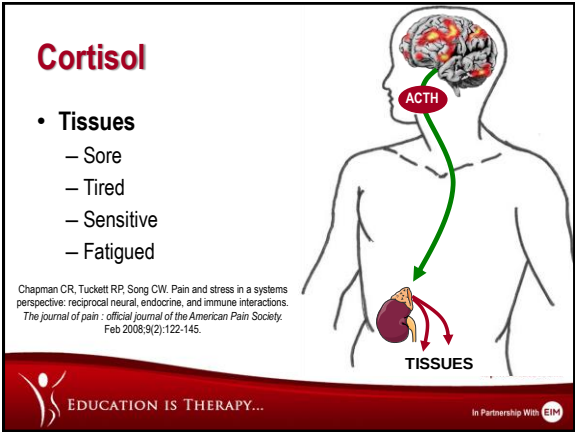
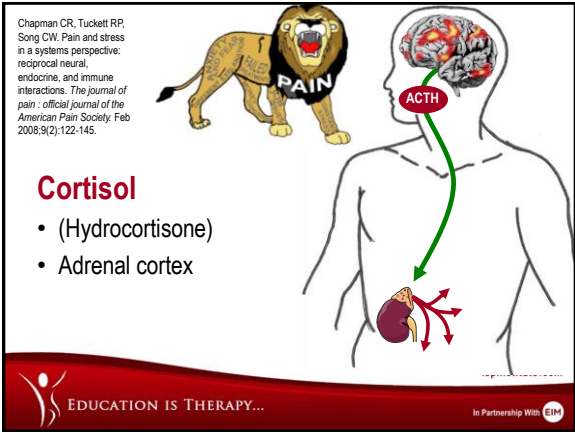
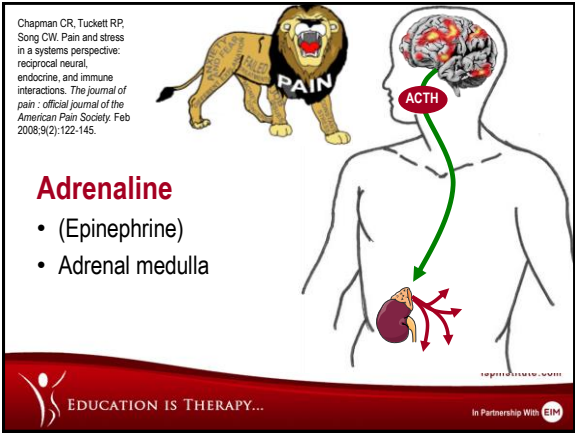
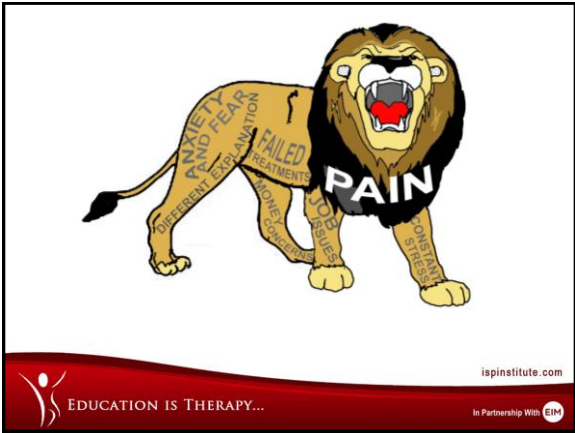
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Information used in educating the patient.

What you need to know.

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Taking it to patients

- They want it...
- We underestimate their ability to take on the information
- Metaphors, examples and pictures
- We already have the script

Script for PNE

- Neurophysiology of pain
- Nociception
- Nociceptive pathways
- Neurons
- Synapses
- Action potential
- Spinal inhibition and facilitation
- Peripheral sensitization
- Central sensitization
- Plasticity of the nervous system

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Who needs PNE?

- Central Sensitization
- High Fear-Avoidance
- High Pain Catastrophization

Ranking	Patient Characteristics for Success	Mean	SD
1	Chronic Pain	3.02	1.98
2	High Fear Avoidance	3.87	2.36
3	Acute Pain	4.14	2.61
4	Central Sensitization	4.56	2.03
5	Multiple Treatment Failures	5.08	2.42

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The "Rules" when considering PNE

- Screen accordingly
 - Red Flags
- Use outcome measures
- Thorough interview
- Thorough "low tech" examination

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Outcome Measures

- Function
- Function
- Function
- Fear-Avoidance
- Pain Catastrophization

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Interview...peeling layers

Beyond the basics:

- What do you think is going on with your back?
- What do you think should be done for your back?
- Why do you think you still hurt?
- What would it take for you to get better?
- Where do you see yourself in 3 years in regards to your back?

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Physical Examination

Physical Examination

High tech

Low tech

- **THOROUGH**
- More "low tech" than high tech
 - Large, functional, physiological
- **Neuro**
 - Neurodynamic tests (active > passive)
 - Nerve palpation
 - Pressure algometry
 - Two Point Discrimination

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Starting "the pain talk"

- Has anyone explained to you why you hurt?
- Would you like to know why your pain is not getting better?
- Before we start some of the "physical" treatment, I'd like to explain to you a little more about your pain





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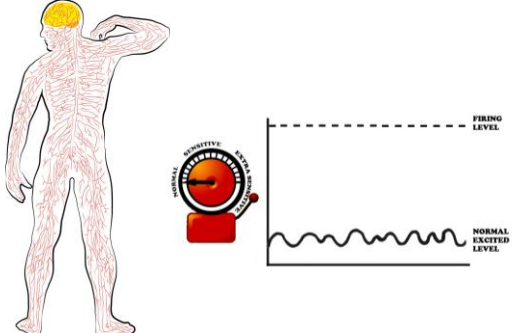


Diagram illustrating the concept of firing level and normal electrical level.

The graph shows a dashed line for the **FIRING LEVEL** and a solid line for the **NORMAL ELECTRICAL LEVEL**. A red alarm bell icon is shown next to the graph, indicating that the firing level is above the normal level.



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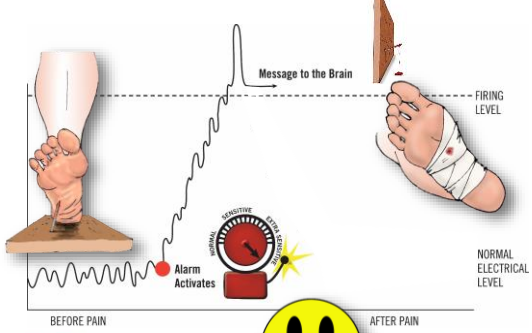


Diagram illustrating the concept of firing level and normal electrical level, showing a transition from 'BEFORE PAIN' to 'AFTER PAIN'.

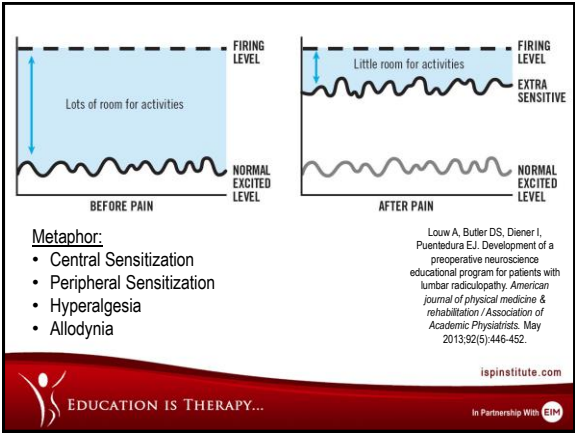
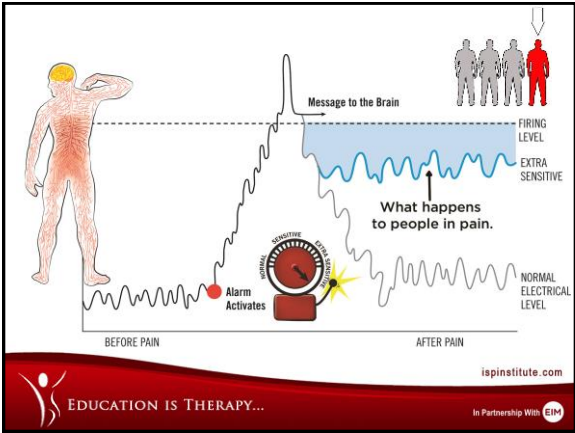
The diagram shows a transition from a state of **BEFORE PAIN** to **AFTER PAIN**. In the 'BEFORE PAIN' state, the firing level is below the normal electrical level. In the 'AFTER PAIN' state, the firing level is above the normal electrical level, and the alarm bell icon is shown, indicating that the firing level is above the normal level.



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1. How do you know this?

- ✓ You told us – “used to could...”
- ✓ Your Dr. told us - medicine
- ✓ Your tests told us – palpation, pressure pain thresholds, neurodynamic tests

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2. Why did my nerves not calm down?

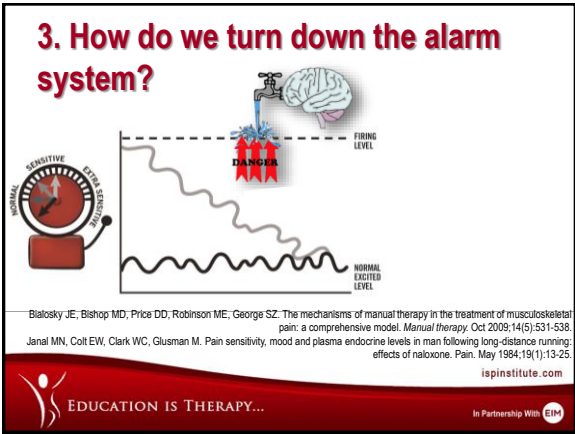
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“Education to behavior change is like throwing wet spaghetti at a brick”

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Philip Morris

Smoking kills

NO SMOKING

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Pain Science is NOT hands-off

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PNE+

- Mobilization and manipulation
- Soft tissue massage
- Muscle and neural mobilization
- Trunk stabilization
- Circuit based aerobic exercise
- Movement exercises
- Pacing of ADLs
- Graded exposure with ADLs
- Trigger point dry needling
- Neck stabilization exercises
- Aquatic exercise program

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Movement is the biggest pain killer on the planet

A six mile run stimulates endorphin release that is equivalent to 10mg of morphine

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Exercise and activity mistakes

"No pain; no gain"

"If it hurts; don't do it"

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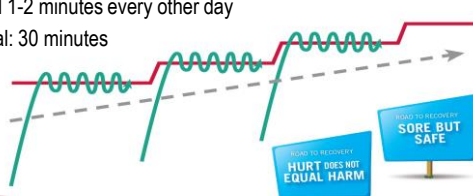
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It does not take much...

- Start with 3-5 minutes
- 50% max heart rate
- Add 1-2 minutes every other day
- Goal: 30 minutes

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Calming Nerves: Sleep Hygiene

Below is a list of strategies to help you develop a healthy sleeping pattern. Choose one every day, and over time you will see the benefit. Use this as your sleep checklist:

- ☐ Set a time to go to bed—before 11pm.
- ☐ Quiet the house by turning off the computer and the TV.
- ☐ Reduce fluid intake in the evening.
- ☐ Reduce alcoholic beverages in the late evening.
- ☐ Darken and cool the bedroom.
- ☐ Remove kids and pets from your bed (no bed buddies).
- ☐ Park your ideas. Place a notepad and pen next to your bed.
- ☐ Relax, meditate or read a book before bed.
- ☐ Avoid checking e-mails or messages before bed.
- ☐ Stay in bed. If you cannot sleep, close your eyes and relax.
- ☐ Set a wake time, and stay in bed until then.
- ☐ Eliminate naps. If naps are needed, limit them to power naps of fewer than 20 minutes.
- ☐ Avoid caffeine in the late afternoons or evenings.
- ☐ Exercise during the day.

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Goal Setting

Most patients:

- No goals
- Poorly defined goals

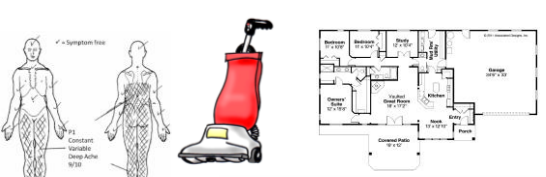
You have to have a reason to get out of bed



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Goal Setting/Pacing/Graded Exposure



A = Living Room	Monday A1	Tuesday A2
B = Entry Way	Wednesday B1	Thursday B2
C = Master Bedroom	Friday C1	Saturday C2
D = Guest Bedroom	Monday D1	Tuesday D2
E = Hallways	Wed E1	Thu E2

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Goal Setting/Pacing/Graded Exposure

- Meals
- Laundry
- Sweeping floors
- Answering e-mails
- Weeding a garden
- Walking
- Sex
- Etc.

7:00 - 8:00 Kids off to school
8:00 - 8:30 House preparation
8:30 - 9:00 Morning walk
9:00 - 11:00 House work
11:00 - 11:30 House preparation
11:30 - 12:00 Shower, relaxation
12:00 - 12:15 Lunch
12:15 - 12:30 Short walk
12:30 - 1:30 House work
1:30 - 1:35 House preparation
1:35 - 2:00 Rest / read
2:00 - 3:00 House work
3:00 - 3:05 House preparation
3:05 - 4:30 Kids home work
4:30 - 5:00 Walk with kids
5:00 Dinner - put it all together...

20 minutes

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INITIAL ASSESSMENT: Subject Interview, Physical Examination, TNE, Exercise, Home Program

INTERMEDIATE: Questions, Exercise, Walking Program, Goals

FOLLOW UP: Q & A, Continued TNE, Review Goals/Pacing, Traditional Therapy

MAINTENANCE: TNE Refresher, Stretching/Exercise, Walking Program, Relaxation/Training, Pacing Daily Tasks

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"Despite the pain..."

Pain

Function

Time

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- ☐ Manual therapy
- ☐ Soft tissue treatment
- ☐ Aquatic therapy
- ☐ Modalities
- ☐ Diet
- ☐ Meditation
- ☐ Relaxation
- ☐ Mindfulness
- ☐ Breathing
- ☐ Pilates
- ☐ Yoga
- ☐ Social interaction
- ☐ Humor
- ☐ Spirituality
- ☐ Other...

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- Teach people about pain
- Exercise
- Modalities
- Manual therapy
- Relaxation/Meditation
- Breathing
- Sleep hygiene
- Safe, healing environment
- Coping skills
- Pacing and graded exposure
- Goal setting
- More....

End-Result

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Patients want to know...

1. What is wrong with me?

2. How long will it take?

3. What can I (the patient) do for it?

4. What can you (the clinician) do for it?

5. How much will it cost? (I added this one)

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