

Dilemmas Surrounding Medication Use In Recovery

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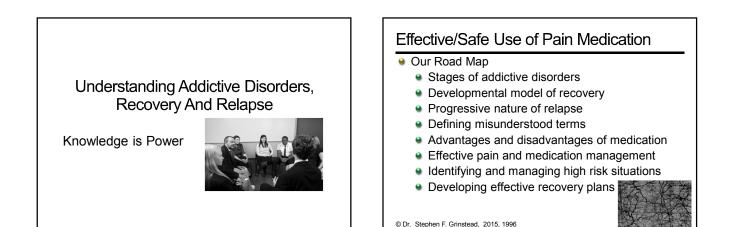
Recovery And Medication

- Why people in recovery use medication
- Medical conditions
- Chronic pain conditions
- Injuries
- Relapse Getting High
 - Cope with painful reality
 - Escape from painful reality



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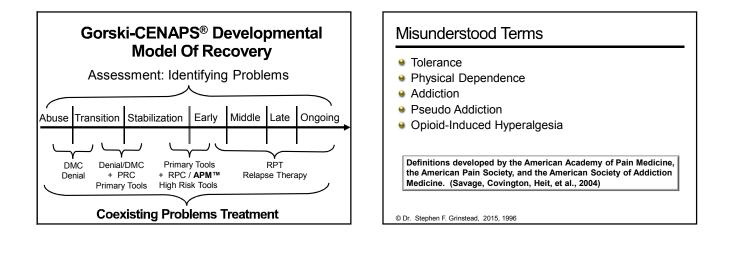
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Stages o	f Rx Add	ictive Dis	orders	
	See	king		
Initial	Ongoing	Building	Abuse	Addiction
Experience	Exposure	Tolerance	Pseudo- Addiction	Death
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The Developmental Model of Recovery Stage 0 – Active Use/Abuse Of Substance Stage 1 – The Transition Stage Stage 2 – The Stabilization Stage Stage 3 – The Early Recovery Stage Stage 4 – The Middle Recovery Stage Stage 5 – The Late Recovery Stage Stage 6 – The Maintenance Recovery Stage





Tolerance

- A state of adaptation in which exposure to a drug induces changes that result in a diminution of one or more of the drug's effects over time.
- Earth Language: When you first used your medication it only took one or two pills to get relief and now it takes four or five.

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Physical Dependence

- Physical dependence is a state of adaptation that is manifested by a drug class specific withdrawal syndrome that can be produced by abrupt cessation, rapid dose reduction, decreasing blood level of the drug, and/or administration of an antagonist.
- Earth Language: When your body gets used to taking a medication on an ongoing basis and your brain adapts to that being the normal stat—then when you stop taking it suddenly you'll get sick or go into what is called withdrawal. For example a diabetic who is taking daily insulin then stops suddenly one day—they will get sick.

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Addiction

- A primary, chronic, neurobiologic disease, with genetic, psychosocial, [spiritual] and environmental factors influencing its development and manifestations. It is characterized by behaviors that include one or more of the following: impaired control over drug use, compulsive use, continued use despite harm, and craving.
- Earth Language: When you are taking the medication for reasons other than physical pain relief and won't or can't stop taking it even when experiencing bad problems you're addicted.

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Pseudo Addiction

 Behaviors that may occur when pain is under treated. Patients with unrelieved pain may become focused on obtaining medications, may "clock watch," and may otherwise seem inappropriately "drug seeking." Even behaviors such as illicit drug use and deception can occur in the patient's efforts to obtain relief.

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Addiction versus Pseudoaddiction

Earth Language

- Pseudoaddiction looks a lot like addiction
- Patients may appear to be "Drug-Seeking"
- Patients may need frequent early refills
- These behaviors are caused by under-treatment
- Problematic behaviors disappear when the person's pain is adequately managed

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Opioid-Induced Hyperalgesia

Definition: A phenomenon associated with the long term use of opioids such as morphine, hydrocodone, Oxycodone, and methadone. Over time, individuals taking opioids can develop an increasing sensitivity to noxious stimuli, even evolving a painful response to previously nonnoxious stimuli (allodynia). This study was on pain sensitivity in patients with noncancer chronic pain, taking either methadone or morphine.

Journal of Pain; March 2009: Hay JL, White JM, Bochner F, Somogyi AA, Semple TJ, Rounsefell B © Dr. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996

Opioid-Induced Hyperalgesia

Earth Language

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The medication you've been using to help you manage your pain is actually causing your pain to get worse.

Looking for "Red Flags"

- Is your stress, depression, isolation increasing?
- Do you experience cravings or preoccupation with your pain medication?
- Are all medications being taken as prescribed?
- Is there a reduction in your non-pharmacological pain management interventions?
- Are you experiencing any negative consequences associated with your medication use?



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Looking for "Red Flags"

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- Are you honest with your support group about all medications, (including alcohol)?
- Do you use more than one prescriber for pain meds?
- Are you considering any elective medical or dental surgeries in the near future?
- Are you resistant to non-narcotic medications or referrals to non-medication pain management?



Looking for "Red Flags"

- Are you using non-prescribed substances including alcohol and/or other drugs i.e., marijuana, over-thecounter analgesics, methamphetamine, etc.?
- Is your quality of life and/or relationships are being negatively impacted by your use of pain medication?



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Looking for "Red Flags"

- Do you experience withdrawal symptoms if you go too long between doses or stop your medication abruptly?
- Do you have a history—or family history of alcoholism or other drug addiction?



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Looking for "Red Flags"

- Do your family members or friends report concerns about your use of pain medication?
- Are you unable to fulfill major obligations with family, friends, and/or work due to your use of medication?
- Are you resistant to sign consent to release forms allowing your provider to discuss your treatment with other healthcare providers you have been seeing?
- Are you more concerned about your medication than your pain condition?



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Medication Management Agreement

- Abstain from inappropriate Rx
- For the next number of days, weeks, months, etc.
- Consequences if unable to comply
- Random drug level screening
- Using an addiction medicine specialist
- Signature and witnessing



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Effective Medication Management

Making a Commitment

- List problems forcing you into recovery
- Clarify relationship to substance use
- Clarify consequences of continued abuse
 - Best Worst Most Likely
- Clarify payoffs for stopping abuse
 Best Worst Most Likely



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Effective Medication Management

Making The Commitment

- Make a commitment to abstain from inappropriate medication use.
- Identify high risk situations (HRS) that could cause inappropriate medication use.
- Make the promise that you will manage your high risk situations.

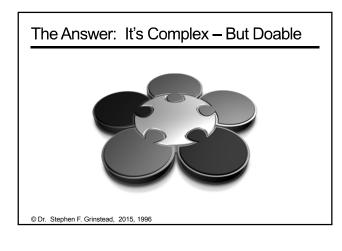


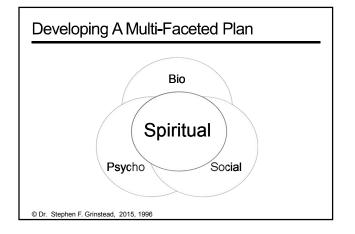
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Medication Management Agreement

- You agree to …
 - Abstain from inappropriate medications
 - Report high risk situations
 - Report desire to stop treatment
 - Report relapse (episodes of inappropriate use)
- Accountability Issues...
 - Consequences of getting caught using
 - Alcohol & drug level testing procedures
 - Other prescribed meds & OTC guidelines
- Now it's time for you to make that commitment
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Multidisciplinary Pain Management

- Physical therapy
- Massage therapy
- Safe and effective medication management
- Counseling or therapy
- Biofeedback



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- Multidisciplinary Pain Management
- Occupational therapy
- Exercise physiology
- Anesthesiologist or pharmacologist
- Movement therapy such as Tai Chi
- Classes on spiritual wellness
- Yoga or meditation



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Developing a Team for the Journey

- Although you have to do this yourself but you should never try to do it alone.
- Finding professional teammates and training them how to better help you.
- Finding personal teammates and training them on ways to better help you.



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Common Psychological Problems

Rx Abuse Or Addiction Problems

Severe Sleep Problems

Cognitive Impairment

Anxiety Problems

Trauma Problems(PTSD)

Depression Problems

Eating Problems

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High Risk Situations Are

 Any experience that can activate the urge to use medication, including alcohol or other drugs, inappropriately in spite of the commitment to adhere to a medication management agreement.



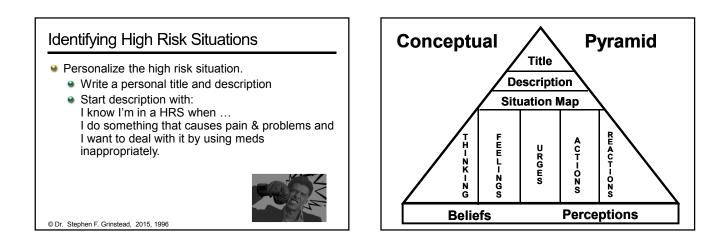
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Identifying High Risk Situations

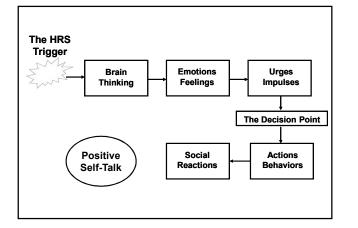
- Ask about high risk situations?
 - What situations could cause you to use inappropriately in spite of your commitment not to do so?
- Review the high risk situation list.
 - Review the list of common high risk situations that have caused others to use medication, including alcohol or other drugs, inappropriately.



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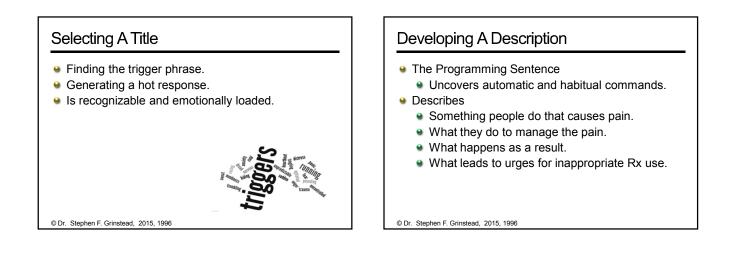




Testing The High Risk Situation It occurs at a specific time. It has a beginning, middle & end. It is time limited (usually 24 hours or less) It involves specific people, places, or things. It activates craving or inappropriate use.

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Mapping High Risk Situations

- What situations should be mapped?
 - Immediate future high risk situation
 - Past high risk situations that are similar to the identified HRS
 - One that ended in inappropriate use.
 - One that was managed without any inappropriate use.
 - One that could happen in the near future.

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How To Create A Situation Map

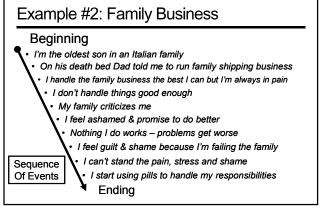
- Describe the exact sequence of events & behaviors.
 - Visualize it See it in your mind
- Clarify all aspects of the situation. Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?
- What did you want to accomplish? Getting into bad situations for good reasons
- Did you get what you wanted?
 - What did it cost you?

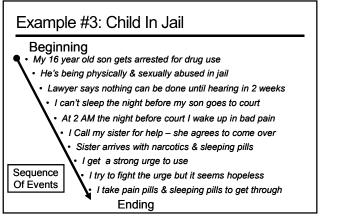
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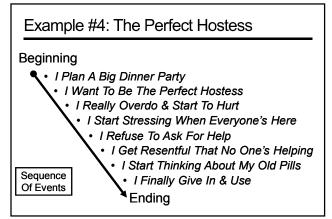
Clarifying The Big Picture Defining A High Risk Situation What did you want to accomplish by managing the It occurs at a specific time. situation the way you did? It has a beginning, middle & end. Did you get what you wanted? It is time limited (usually 24 hours or less). Yes or No. To what degree? (0 − 10) It involves specific people, places or things. What was the price you paid? It activates craving or use. What could you do differently to get those needs met in a healthy way? People, Places Things © Dr. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996 © Dr. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996



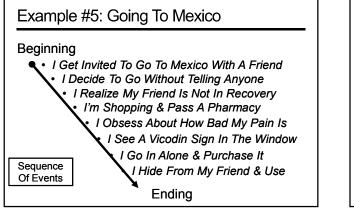


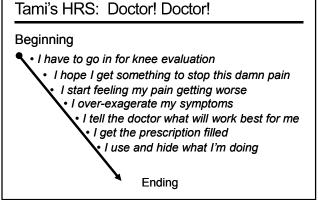


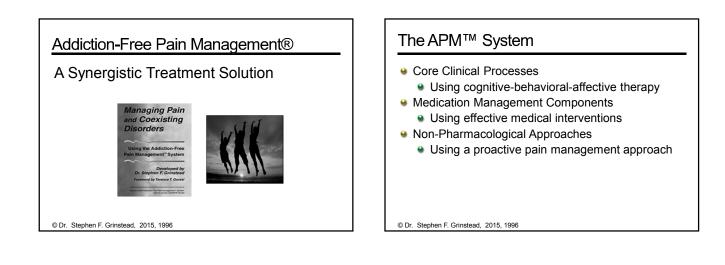




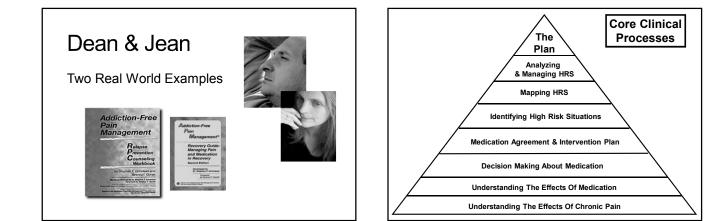












Traditional Medication Management

- Opiate analgesics
- Opiate & non-opiate combinations
- Transdermal patches

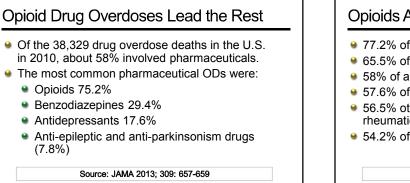
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- Benzodiazapines & muscle relaxants
- Non-Steroidal anti-inflammatory medications
- Antidepressant medications (Cymbalta)
- Anti-Seizure medication (Neurontin & Lyrica)

N	on-Medical Prescription Drug Abuse
9	ER visits for Opioid analgesics increased 111%, from 144,600 in 2004 to 305,900 in 2008.
9	Most commonly used pain killers were Oxycodone (this includes OxyContin), Hydrocodone, and Methadone, all of which increased during the five- year period.
•	ER visits for benzodiazepines increased 89% during the period from 143,500 in 2004 to 271,700 visits in 2008 and 24% during 2007 to 2008.
	Source: U. S. Center for Disease Control – June 2010

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Opioids Also Present in These ODs

- 77.2% of benzodiazepines
- 65.5% of anti-epileptic and anti-parkinsonism drugs
- 58% of antipsychotic and neuroleptic drugs
- 57.6% of antidepressants
- 56.5% other analgesics, anti-pyretics, & antirheumatics
- 54.2% of other psychotropic drugs

Source: JAMA 2013; 309: 657-659

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Commonly Abused Pain Drugs

- Alcohol, Marijuana, Methamphetamine
- Hydrocodone (Vicodin, Loratab, etc.)
- OxyContin & Oxycodone
- Demerol & Dilaudid

Morphine & Codeine

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Methadone

- Exalgo™ (Hydromorphone HCI) Remember Palladone? 24 Hour Extended-Release Tablets
- Opana (oxymorphone)
 12 Hour Extended-Release Tablets



Commonly Abused Pain Drugs

- New generation of sleep medication
 - Ambien, Lunesta
- Supposed "non-addictive" pain medication
 - Ultram/Tramadol
 - Soma
- Benzodiazepines
- Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medications
 - Beware of acetometaphine
 - Beware of ephedra & alcohol



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Recovery Friendly Medications

- Buprenorphine/Suboxone Methadone **
- Celebrex Pre-Operation Loading 400mg
- All Other NSAIDS if side-effects tolerated
- Sleep Aids: Olanzepine 2.5mg (Zyprexa) and Ramelteon (Rozerem)
 - Muscle Relaxants (Need to use caution with these) **
 - Skelaxin® (metaxalone)
 - Zanaflex® (tizanidine hydrochloride)
 - Robaxin® (methocarbamol)
 - Flexeril® (cyclobenzaprine HCI) **

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Recovery Friendly Medications

- Medications for neuropathic pain
 - Cymbalta® (duloxetine hydrochloride)
 - Lyrica (pregabalin) and Neurontin (gabapentin)
- Medications for migraines
 - Topamax® (topiramate)
 - Triptans (serotonin receptor agonists)
 - IV Toradol (ketorolac) for unresponsive pain
 - Zanaflex® (tizanidine hydrochloride)
 - Celebrex ® (celecoxib)

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Recovery Friendly Medications Transitional Medical Procedures Ecotrin (coated aspirin — acetylsalicylic acid) Spinal Cord Stimulation Doxepin (Brand names: Adapin, Sinequan): Lumbar Sympathetic Blocks Depression & Sleep Peripheral Nerve Injections Anticonvulsants Facet Joint Injections Tegretol® (carbamazepine) Epidural & Trigger Point Injections Depakote (divalproex sodium) Nerve Blocks Elavil (amitriptyline) Radio Frequency (RF) Procedures The recovery friendly patch/ointment delivery meds Capsaicin patches Lidocaine (Lidoderm) patches NSAID gels, e.g., Voltaren Thank you Dr. Jerry Callaway & Sheila Thares © Dr. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996 © Dr. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996

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Non-Pharmacological Approaches Other Non-Pharmacological Meditation And Relaxation Yoga/Tai Chi TENS Units Diet/Nutrition Emotional Management Reflexology Massage Therapy Prayer/Meditation Deep Tissue Massage Physical Therapy Tribal Healing Aerobics Chiropractic Treatment Sweat Lodges Rolfing/Hellar Bodywork Talking Circles Acupuncture Peace In Nature Biofeedback EMDR Fun Hobbies Self-Help Groups Hypnosis © Dr. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996 © Dr. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996

Passive And Proac	tive Tools
Passive TENS/RS Stim Units DBT and CBT Life Coaching Hydrotherapy Rolfing/Hellar Physical Therapy Equine Therapy Hypnosis Bird Watching Or. Stephen F. Grinstead, 2015, 1996	 Proactive Practice Yoga/Tai Chi Follow Diet/Nutrition Plan Practice Sleep Hygiene Participate In Aerobics Swimming Regularly Frequent Nature Walks Walking A Labyrinth Learn & Use Self- Hypnosis

Stage I Pain Managen	
Stage II Pain Manager	
Stage III Pain Manage	ement
Phase I CD Treatment	t
Phase II CD Treatment	ıt
Phase III CD Treatment	nt
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Stage I Chronic Pain Management

- Multi-Disciplinary assessments
- Medication modification as needed
- ID physiological versus psychological/emotional
- ID and manage resistance and denial
 - Road blocks to effective pain management
 Secondary gain issues
- Start introducing the non-pharmacological tools

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Stage II Chronic Pain Management

- Continue introducing non-pharmacological tools
- Develop initial pain flare up plan
- ID and manage grief/loss issues
- Assess for trauma history
 - Trauma as precursor for increased sensitivity and ineffective pain management
 - Trauma related to other pre-existing conditions

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Stage III Pain Management

- Getting a life you are not your diagnosis
- Resolving core psychological issues
- Resolve / manage trauma symptoms
- Develop an activity pacing plan
- Fine tune the pain flare up plan
 - To address high risk pain situations
 - To address core psychological issues

Phase I CD Treatment

Transition/Stabilization

- Assess level of addictive disorder
 - Differentiate between abuse, dependency, pseudoaddiction, and addiction
- Identify & start managing denial
- Implement stress & craving management
- Implement biopsychosocial DMR Tx Plan
- Introduce social support concept

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Phase II CD Treatment

Early Recovery

- Continue to monitor & manage denial
- Identify & manage high risk situations
- Identify patients relapse justifications
- Assess for trauma history (containment versus treatment)
 - Trauma as precursor for addictive disorder
 - Trauma related to other pre-existing conditions

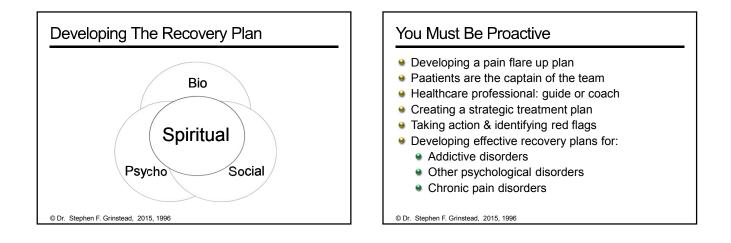
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Phase III CD Treatment

Middle/Late Recovery

- Move from external to internal motivation
- In-depth psychological work
 - Core-psychological issues
 - Trauma history issues
- Comprehensive relapse prevention
 - High risk addiction situations
 - Core psychological issues

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Developing A Pain Flare Up Plan

- Relaxation response training
- Increasing your activity and flexibility
- Diffusing or reducing emotional over-reacting
- External Focusing Avoidance By Distraction
- Exploring non-pharmacological options
- Build a personalized plan with at least four activities that you will be able to execute when you are experiencing a pain flare up

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Twelve Personal Action Steps

- Avoid elective dental / surgical procedures
- Significant other holds and dispenses medication
- Consult with addiction medicine specialist
- Explore all non-chemical modalities
- Identify and manage stress
- Augment recovery supportive activities



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Twelve Personal Action Steps

- Self-disclose recovery status to providers
- Take time off to heal—don't overwork
- Be aware of cross-addiction concept
- Identify and cope with depression
- Implement nutrition and exercise plan
- Explore past beliefs about pain



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Recovery/Relapse Indicators Using medication as prescribed. Using medication for pain relief only. No obsessions or intrusive thoughts. No compulsion to use inappropriately. No cravings to use or increase dose.



Recovery/Relapse Indicators

No loss of control

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- No euphoria / intoxication
- No negative biological consequences
- No secondary psychosocial problems
- No pain rebound effect or abnormal tolerance build up



Relapse Prevention Network

Appropriate

- Self-Help Sponsor
- Therapist/Counselor
- Significant Others
- Recovering Friends
- Phone numbers: day or might access
 Practice calling when in a good place

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The Recovery Plan

- Scheduled Activities
 - A schedule of activities that can help a person to identify and manage high risk situations.
- Behavioral Guidelines
 - A set of instructions that shows what a person needs to say & do during each activity to focus upon identifying & managing high risk situations.



List Of Recovery Activities

- Chronic Pain Support Groups Stood Bank
- Stress Management
- Spiritual Development
- Morning and Evening Inventories
- Addiction Counseling
- Self-Help Programs

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- Mental Health Counseling
- Diet, Nutrition
- Veterans Associations

Volunteers

Treatment Programs

Pain Management

Sleep Disorder Clinics

Agencies Needing

Internet & Library

Parenting Classes

Groups

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Exercise Programs

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List Of Recovery Activities

- Wellness Clinics
- Sponsors/Mentors
- Leisure Activities
- Weight Watchers
- Community College
- GED Programs
- Keeping A Journal
- Singles Groups
- Divorce Support Groups

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 Women's Support Groups
 Men's Support Groups

YMCA/YWCA

Grief & Loss Groups

Prayer & Meditation

Rape Counseling

Domestic Violence

Smoking Cessation

Relaxation & Recreation

Selecting Recovery Activities

- Select the available activities from the list that will help you identify & manage your high risk situations.
- Develop your personal list of at least 3 to 5 of these activities that will help you with high risk situations and effective pain management.



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Testing Recovery Activities

- Review the immediate high risk situations you are facing.
- Explore how each recovery activity will help you to identify and manage these high risk situations.
- Test each activity using the following questions.



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Testing Questions

- How will this activity help you to identify and manage your high risk situation?
- How strongly do you believe that you need to complete this activity?
- (0 = Not At All; 10 = Absolutely Necessary)What obstacles might prevent you from
- doing this?How can you overcome these obstacles?
- Will you put this activity in your recovery plan?

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Scheduling Recovery Activities

Place the recovery activities on a weekly planner



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One Day At A Time

My Favorite Sanskrit Proverb

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope

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