

Living Well with Chronic Pain

Self-Management Workshops

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Chronic Pain Self-Management can help you develop the skills needed to take control of your pain and live a happier and healthier life.

Classes meet the same day weekly for six-sessions. This interactive workshop helps people who have chronic pain learn how to take control. The sessions deal with the issues that everyone living with ongoing (chronic) pain faces.

<u>Each session lasts two and one-half hours.</u> We encourage you to bring a family member or support person to all sessions. You will learn techniques to accomplish the following:

- Pace activity and rest
- Eat wisely and well
- Manage pain
- Set and meet your goals
- Deal with fatigue and frustration
- Start an appropriate exercise program to improve strength, flexibility and endurance
- Manage stress and relax
- Solve problems
- Communicate better with friends, family and healthcare providers

Developed and evaluated in Canada, this Evidence Based Program was based on Stanford University's other successful self-management programs. Research studies found people who participated in the program reported more vitality, less pain, less dependence on others, and more involved in everyday activities.