



Interdisciplinary Pain Training Program

Training VA Providers Nationwide

This training program is based on the biopsychosocial approach to managing chronic pain. Training takes place in conjunction with the CARF accredited Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program (CPRP) at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, which is a nationally recognized VA Program of Excellence and one of the American Pain Society's first "Clinical Centers of Excellence." Training faculty include pain specialists from a variety of disciplines.

Purpose

The Interdisciplinary Chronic Pain Management Training Program has been developed to offer VA providers the information and tools necessary to effectively treat veterans with chronic pain conditions within the interdisciplinary framework. This will allow more veterans to achieve a higher quality of life by optimizing their level of physical, emotional, and social functioning in the home, workplace and community.

How to Get Started...

- Contact the coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Chronic Pain Management Training Program indicating your interest in bringing a team to a training session.
- Provide information about the current status of pain management programs at your VA facility.
- Indicate which members of your treatment team will be visiting.
- Identify group goals for training, as well as individual goals for treatment team members.

General Format

Training takes place at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, FL and typically lasts 3-5 days. Once a team contacts the coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Chronic Pain Management Training Program, an individualized itinerary is developed for that team's unique training needs and goals. The coordinator works with the visiting treatment team to arrange a training visit for the appropriate timeframe that allows for, not only didactic experiences, but also interaction and observation of the interdisciplinary treat-

Team Oriented Training

Our unique team training experience is designed to facilitate the learning process. Our hope is that, in an effort to implement interdisciplinary pain treatment at your site, your facility will send as many core members of the treatment team as is feasible. Teams could include any combination of the following or more disciplines: physician, psychologist, neurologist, ARNP, RN, physical therapist, occupational therapist, pharmacist.

Taking part in our program as a unit helps educate the treatment team to each other's specialty areas while fostering the communication and teamwork necessary for interdisciplinary pain management to function at its best!

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