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# Managing Chronic Pain in the Patient Centered Medical Home Webinar Series

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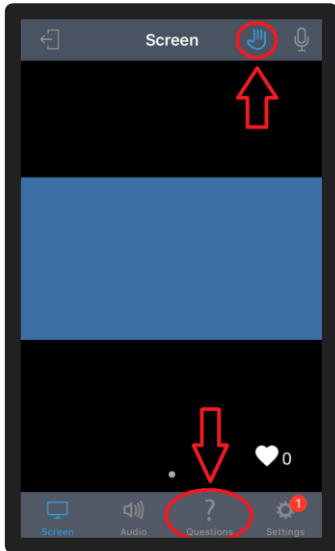
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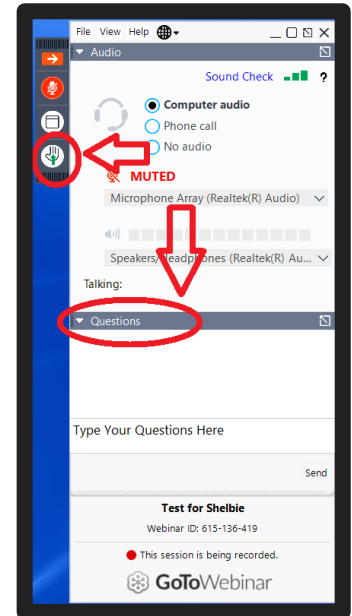
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- To maintain our funding, we are required to get 80% follow-up.
- We greatly value your feedback and participation in the survey!!



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- Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Five-year grant of \$3.7 million
- Awarded to Dr. Joseph Evans at the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) at University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Serves to align mental health systems and professional competencies with evidence-based practices
- Operates in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas
- Provides free/low cost training and technical assistance on a variety of topics germane to effective mental health practice



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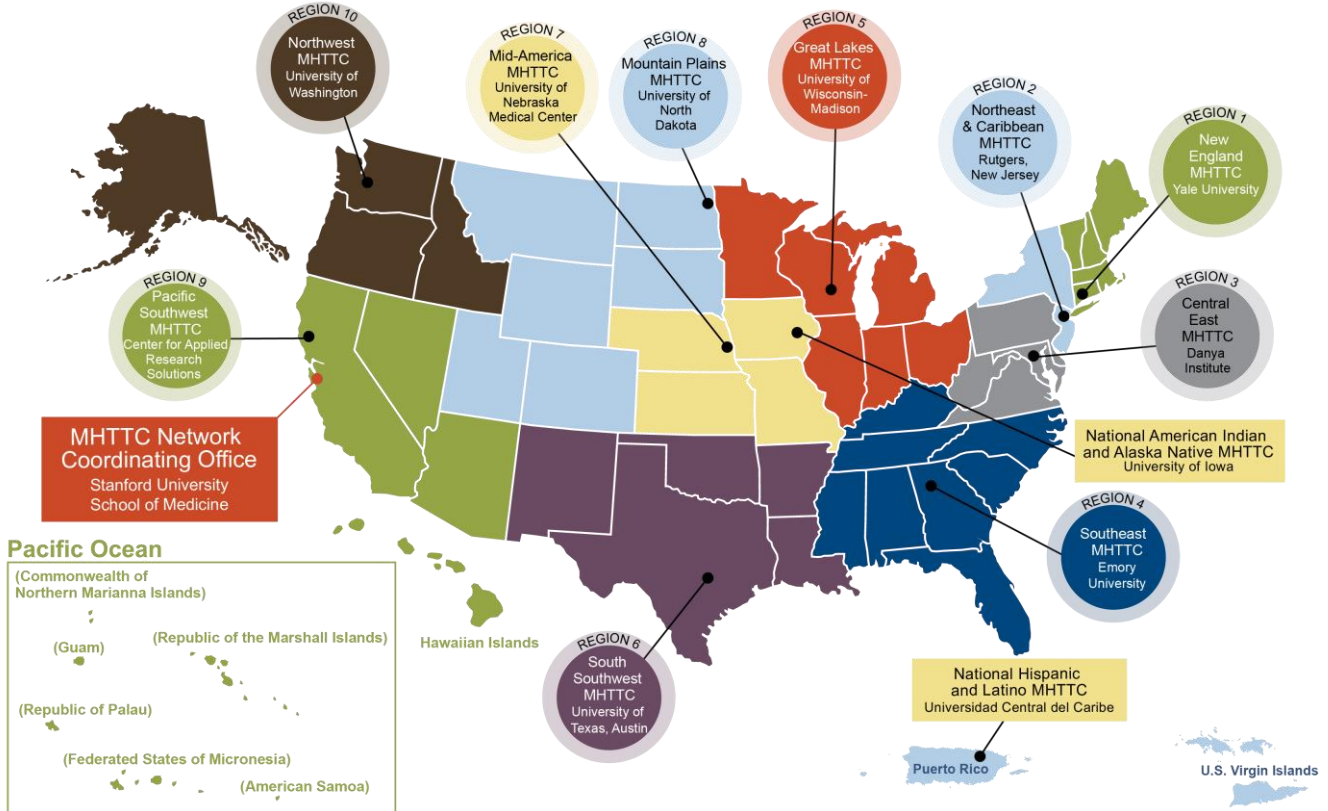


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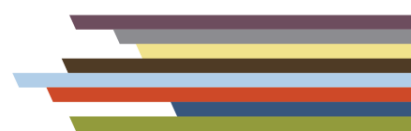


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# MHTTC Services

## Training Levels

- Universal: Conference presentations, newsletters, brief consultation
- Targeted: Online courses, webinar series, focused knowledge-sharing, short-term training, replication guides
- Intensive: Ongoing relationship between the TTC program and agency receiving services

## Outcomes

- Universal: Increased reach of information and tools about evidence-based practice
- Targeted: Increased motivation to use and apply specific interventions
- Intensive: Policy and program changes with implementation of interventions by users



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# Specialized Training Topics



**Integrated behavioral health in primary care**



**School mental health**



**Serious mental illness**



**Behavioral health workforce development**



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# Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care



MHTTC staff have 20+ years of experience integrating behavioral health into primary care in 40+ rural, suburban, and urban sites



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# Training and TA in Integrated Care



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# Introductions



Dr. Tyler Brown is a second-year postdoctoral fellow at Medstar National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, DC. He completed his Psy. D. in Clinical Psychology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Brown has six years of supervised experience working in psychology with an emphasis on rehabilitation and health related issues including chronic pain, spinal cord injury, amputation, stroke, multiple sclerosis, and brain injury. Dr. Brown is a licensed Psychology Associate in the District of Columbia and recently Licensed Psychologist in the state of Virginia. He is also a member of the APA Division 22 Rehabilitation and Division 38 Health Psychology organizations.

Dr. Grosse graduated from Mercer University. He completed an internship in health service psychology at the University of Texas at Tyler Health Sciences Center. He completed his fellowship in Clinical Health Psychology at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Throughout his graduate and training programs, Dr. Grosse has focused on integrating behavioral health, including behavioral pain management, into medical settings and training medical residents and fellows.



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# Actionable Goals

- Describe why behavioral treatment for chronic pain is important
- Differentiate between acute and chronic pain
- Describe the evolution of conceptualizations of pain and pain management
- Utilize models of pain to gain personal understanding and convey meaning to patients and providers



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# Cost and Prevalence of Chronic Pain

- Pain is estimated to cost between \$560-635 billion annually
- Most common reason people seek medical care
  - Up to 80% of all medical visits involve chronic pain (Van Dorsten, 2018).
  - In 2007, despite making up about 4.6% of the total world population, the United States accounted for 81% of oxycodone and 99% of hydrocodone use (Volkow, 2014)



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# Provider Training



**Physicians receive little training in pain management unless they seek training.**



**Psychologists have a similar lack of tracking.**



**Training**

Not in the core curriculum  
80% of U.S. medical schools have sessions as part of a course – approx. 9 hours  
92% of Canadian medical schools have sessions  
Veterinarians vs. Physicians



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# Acute vs. Chronic

Acute pain – short-term, usually in the presence of tissue damage and is self-limited

Chronic malignant pain – associated with cancer or other progressive disorders

Chronic non-malignant pain – tissue injury that is non-progressive or healed and "longer than normal healing process"



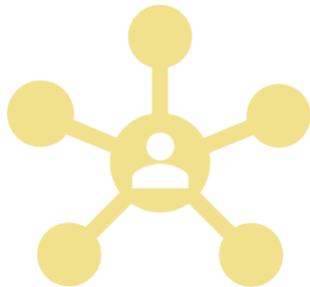
# Traditional Model – ► Biomedical

- “Diseases are expressions of a discoverable disease process and that there is a reliable connection between pathological changes and clinical features.”
  - Depersonalized
  - Reductionistic
- Predictable and linear relationship between identifiable tissue damage and the report of pain (Quintner et al., 2008)



# Modern Model – Biopsychosocial

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- Pain is much more than sensory input.
- “Overall health reflects a high level of intra- and intersystemic harmony. Such harmony may be disrupted at any level, at the cellular, at the organ system at the whole person or at the community level. Whether the resulting disturbance is contained at the level at which it is initiated or whether other levels become implicated is a function of that system's capacity to adjust to change.”



# Biopsychosocial Assessment



**Cognitive:** Rumination, catastrophic thinking, managing expectations



**Emotional:** Sadness, worry, anger, fear



**Behavioral:** Isolation, over/under sleeping, diet, withdrawing from activity and life



**Environmental/Social:** Financial stress, marital discord, reinforcement



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# Theories of Pain



Gate Control Theory



Loeser's Model of Pain



Fear Avoidance Model



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# Theories of Pain – Gate Control Theory



**The spinal cord serves as a gate**



**Certain things “open” the gate, thus increasing signals**

Stress/tension  
Boredom/directed attention  
Inactivity



**Certain things “close” the gate, thus inhibiting signals**

Relaxation and positive emotion  
Distraction/mindfulness  
Activity  
Sleep  
Competing sensations (heat, pressure, etc.)



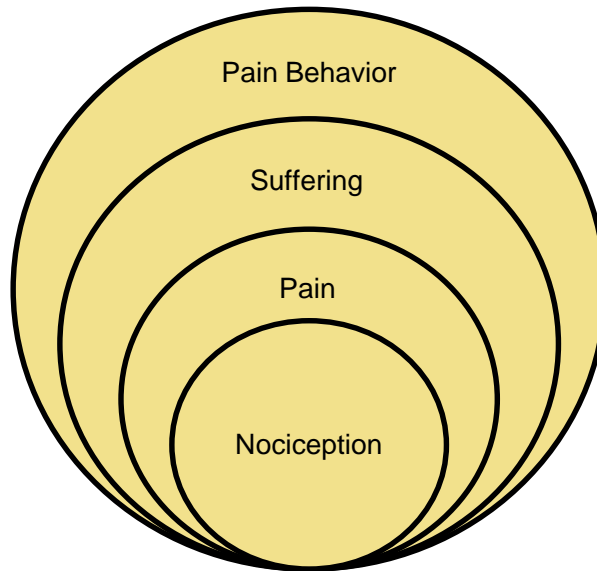
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# Theories of Pain – Loeser's Model



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# Theories of Pain – Loeser's Model



## Nociception

Biological reaction to tissue damage, injury and/or inflammation



## Pain

Perception resulting from the processing of sensory information

Begins at the dorsal horn into the CNS



## Suffering

Affective response to the perception of pain



## Pain Behaviors

The observable results of suffering due to pain

Grimacing, guarding, restricted activity, seeking medical treatment

Experienced or anticipated



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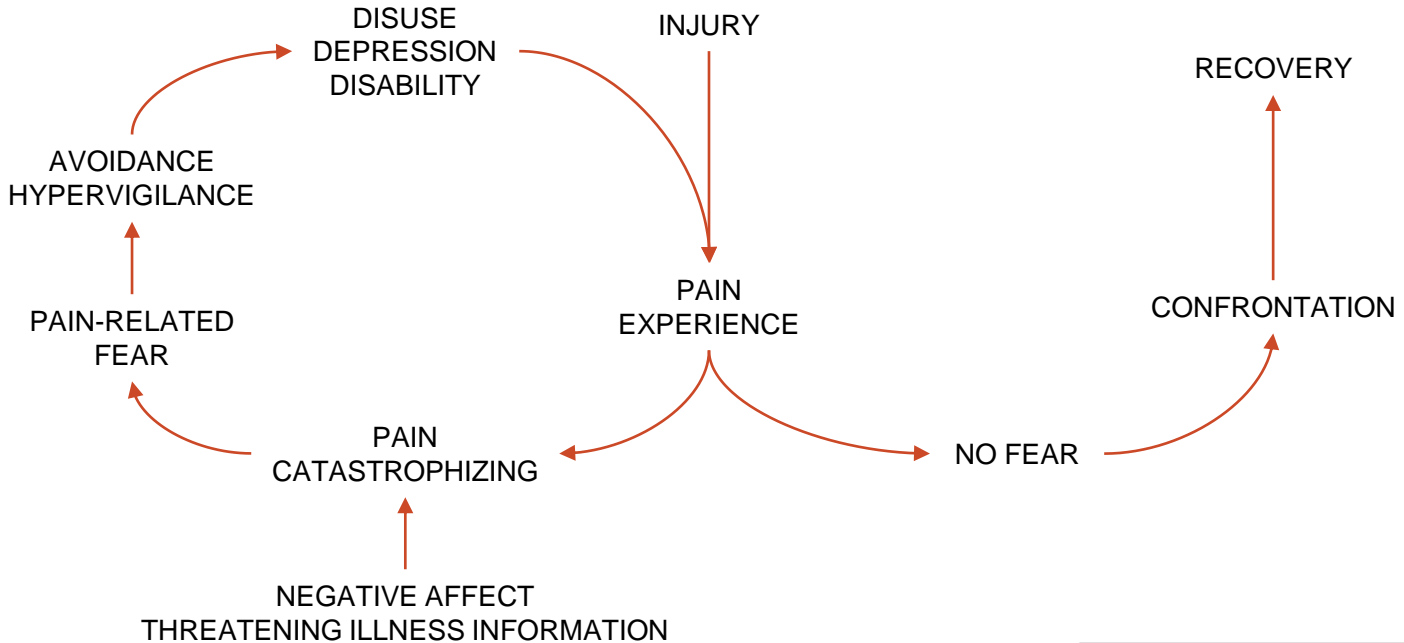
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# Theories of Pain – Fear Avoidance Model



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# Theories of Pain – Fear Avoidance Model

Helps significantly predict pain-related disability in low-back pain patients (Robinson, 2006; Swinkels-Meewisse et al., 2006; Jensen et al., 2010).

Associated with greater pain ratings, attention to pain, self-reported disability, depression, pain behaviors, and poor coping (Keefe et al., 2004; Swinkels-Meewisse et al., 2006).



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# The Changing Landscape of Behavioral Pain Management

## Persistent pain

- Can define pain due to inflammation
- A more useful term to replace chronic pain
- Relatable for patient (Robinson, 2018)

## Function over cure

- Pain is natural
- How to live a life worth living
- More in the intervention module



# Psychosocial Role in Pain

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## Pain Catastrophizing

- “An exaggerated negative orientation toward pain stimuli and pain experience” (Sullivan et al, 1998)
- Catastrophizing accounts for up 31 percent of variance in pain ratings (Sullivan et al., 2001).
- Associated with “greater disability, increased use of health care services, increased use of pain medications, increased pain behaviors, and increased recovery time during postsurgical rehabilitation.” (Robinson & O’Brien, 2010).

## Expectations of Treatment



# Psychosocial Role in Pain

- Psychosocial factors that can be predictors of development of chronic disability (Turk & Okifuji, 2001)
  - Psychiatric diagnosis
  - Adaptive attitudes
  - Perceived lack of social support
  - Heightened emotional reactivity
  - Job dissatisfaction
  - Substance abuse
  - Compensation status



# Behavioral Health Provider's Role



Expectation management and patient education



Assessment and diagnosis of comorbid psychological distress, coping, and maladaptive behavior



Treatment for cognitive, affective, and behavioral components of the pain experience



Assessment of risk for medication abuse



Assessment of candidacy for surgical intervention such as spinal cord stimulator



Co-management with other providers to maximize outcomes



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# Interdisciplinary Care



Across meta-analytic studies, siloed approaches to treatment often produce modest results at pain reduction at best (Turk, Wilson, & Cahana, 2011).



Meta-analyses on interdisciplinary treatment for pain have demonstrated effects as good or superior to unidimensional treatments (Hoffman, Papas, Chatkoff, & Kerns, 2007; Flor, Fydrich, & Turk, 1992).



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