# **Martha Teater - Treating Chronic Pain**

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Description

Do you have clients who describe their chronic pain like, "My back is KILLING me" or, "I just want my life back"? They want a life that isn't controlled by pain...before it limited their activity, interfered with their sleep, and prompted the use – possibly overuse – of medications. Living with pain and leaning on pain medication to treat it has become a devastating public health crisis that is ruining individual's lives, tearing up families, and ripping through communities, yet most of us are ill-prepared to address this with skill and expertise. We must arm ourselves with the tools needed to offer our clients evidence-based interventions that will help them live healthy and productive lives.

Watch this cutting-edge recording featuring Martha Teater, MA, LMFT, LCAS, LPC, and finally get the answers you need to understand pain. Discover a 10-session treatment plan with step-by-step instructions you can use tomorrow. You will leave with the skills and confidence you need to provide practical and life changing help to move people out of chronic pain and into active, healthy, and meaningful lives.

#### Handouts

Manual – Treating Chronic Pain Proven Behavioral 155 Available after Tools (25.30 MB) Pages Purchase

#### Outline

# Finally! Your Top 6 Questions Answered

Question 1: What is Pain?

Defining pain: Acute vs. chronic

#### Question 2: What's the Brain's Role in Chronic Pain?

Central sensitization

How the brain's pain processing contributes to pain

#### **Question 3: How do Emotions Influence Pain?**

- Chronic pain onset
  - Physical
  - Emotional
- Chronic pain cycle
  - Psychological
  - Physical
- Emotions and pain
  - Often more problematic than physical aspect
  - Anxiety, fear, catastrophizing
  - Why mindset matters for pain relief
- Suffering
  - Determined by the emotional aspect of pain
- Suicidality and chronic pain
- Marijuana and pain

#### **Question 4: How does Trauma Contribute to Chronic Pain?**

ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study and pain

## **Question 5: How are Special Populations Impacted?**

- Veterans
- Children
- Low income population
- Racial and ethnic considerations
- Elderly

# **Question 6: What is the Role of Opioids in Pain Treatment?**

- Scope of the problem
- The "painful" myth
- Medication-assisted recovery
- Risks vs. benefits

#### **10-Session Treatment Model**

#### Session 1: Assessment

- Goals of 1st session
- Diagnostic options
- 5 "E's" of pain interview
- Self-report measures

- Central Sensitization Inventory
- Pain Catastrophizing Scale
- o PHQ-9
- Collaboration with medical team
- Motivational interviewing techniques
- Best questions to ask during treatment

# **Session 2: Goal Setting**

- How to develop appropriate goals
- SMART goals

#### Session 3 & 4: CBT Tools

- ABC worksheet
- Thought distortions
- De-catastrophizing
- Automatic negative thoughts

#### Sessions 5 & 6: Mindfulness Interventions

- Breathing
- Guided imagery
- Personal visualization
- Yoga
- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Meditation
- Body scan
- Grounding

#### Session 7: Increasing Activity Level & Time-based Pacing

- Helping clients learn that movement won't be damaging
- Increasing ability to accomplish tasks without triggering pain

#### **Session 8: Pleasant Activity Scheduling**

Encouraging clients to infuse pleasure and joy into their daily life

#### **Session 9: Sleep Hygiene**

Help clients develop healthy sleep patterns for improved quality of life

## **Session 10: Relaxation and Stress Management**

- Similarities of stress response and pain response
- Development of stress response tools

Building a relaxation plan for all areas of life

# **Additional Treatment Options**

- Limitations of the research and associated risks
- Resources

# Faculty



Martha Teater, MA, LMFT, LCAS, LPC Related seminars and products: 6

Martha Teater, MA, LMFT, LCAS, LPC, is a Diplomate with the Academy for Cognitive Therapy and is a practicing cognitive-behavioral therapist. She has maintained a private practice since 1990 and has worked in primary care settings, free clinics, and medication-assisted treatment programs. Martha is a Red Cross disaster mental health manager and has been on many national disaster deployments where she provides support to traumatized people. She is also involved with the Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces to develop programs to support military and veteran families.

She has provided trainings in the United States and internationally on topics such as evidence-based treatments for trauma, DSM-5®, compassion fatigue, and behavioral treatment of chronic pain. A prolific writer, Martha has published over 175 articles in newspapers and magazines, including *Psychotherapy Networker* and *Family Therapy Magazine*. Martha is the co-author (with John Ludgate) of *Overcoming Compassion Fatigue: A Practical Resilience Workbook* (PESI, 2014) and (with Don Teater) *Treating Chronic Pain: Pill-Free Approaches to Move People from Hurt to Hope* (PESI, 2017).

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