

Subjective Exam Asterisks

(Aggravating/easing factors, description/location of symptoms, behavior, mechanisms of injury)

- 34 y/o female, 8 yr history of widespread disabling pain
- Initially started as LBP after doing a boot camp exercise class (overhead squat); became worse overtime, including radiation into the leg. Saw multiple medical practitioners, became increasingly dissatisfied with lack of improvement.
- Currently complains of pain multiple pain locations, inability to work (on disability), frustrated by limited function, anxious and depressed with current status. Sleeps ~3-4 hrs/night, gradual weight loss (~15 lbs in 8 months) due to lack of appetite

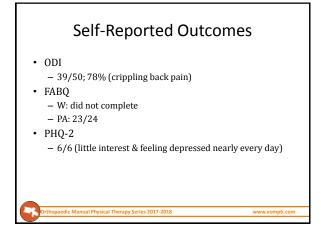
Subjective Exam Asterisks (cont'd)

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- <u>Aggravating factors (P1)</u>: walking > 10 minutes, sitting > 30 minutes, standing > 12 minutes, lifting > 5-10 lbs, laying prone or supine, stress
- Easing factors (P1): meds (~25% reduction x 4 hours), laying sidelying 30-45 min, changing positions
- <u>Quality/behavior (P1)</u>: constant strong ache, no marked difference am v. pm
- <u>Symptom relationship</u>?: Believes P1 & 2 are related, P3 & 4 resultant from P1 but not always connected, P5 and 6 usually indep of others

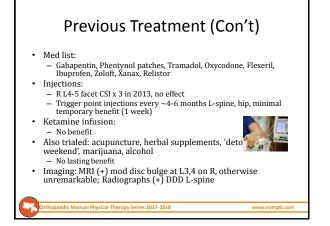
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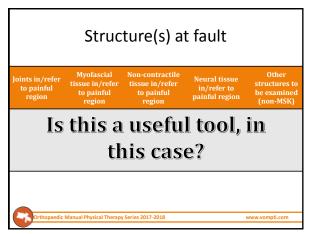
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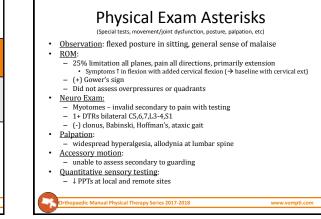
Previous Treatment(s)

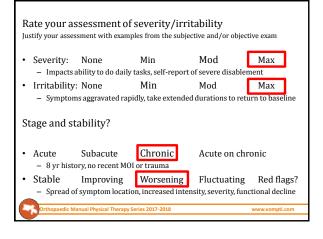
Year: Type	Treatment / Notable Memories	Response
2008: PT	- Cert-MDT - Repeated Extensions - Told 'back is vulnerable', 'don't bend', 'jelly doughnut' metaphor	Symptoms worsened, became constant
2010: PT	- 'Aggressive' lumbar stabilization	'Created leg pain'
2012: PT	- Cert-MDT - 'Need to keep the lordosis', 'your spine is fragile because of the chronicity'	Headaches started Irritability elevated
2013 – 2016: Chiro	- 2-3x / wk, x 3 years	'Feels better after being adjusted', 'helps to be aligned', 'lasts ~ 6 hrs)
2014: PT	- Thoracic manipulation - Dry needling ('I love the needling, it'd help for a couple hours, I think I need more of it')	Upper back pain began

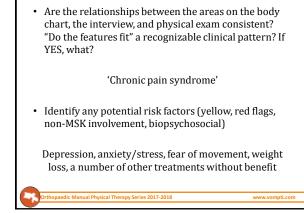


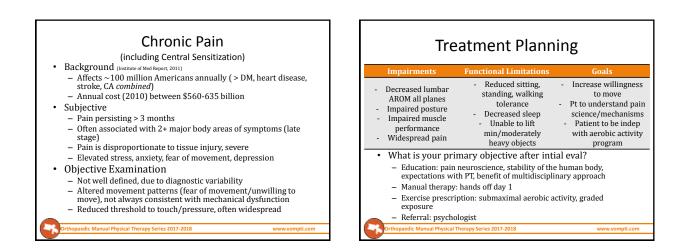


Structure(s) at fault (P1)					
Joints in/refer to painful region	Myofascial tissue in/refer to painful region	Non-contractile tissue in/refer to painful region	Neural tissue in/refer to painful region	Other structures to be examined (non-MSK)	
L2-3,3-4,4-5,5- S1 facets SIJ Hip	Paraspinals, glute max/med/ min, piriformis	L3-S2 discs Interspinsous ligaments	Sciatic n. L3-S2 n. roots	Liver	
 Primary hypothesis after subjective: chronic pain with central sensitization Differential (rank order): fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, lupus 					



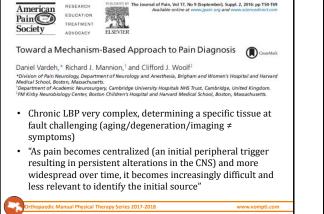


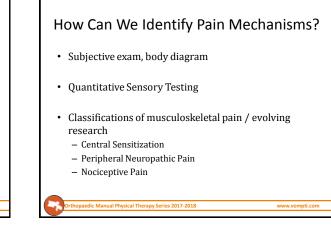


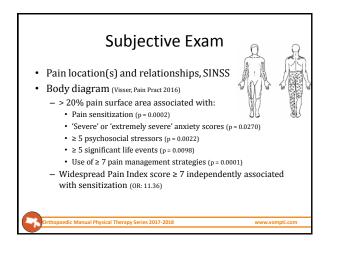


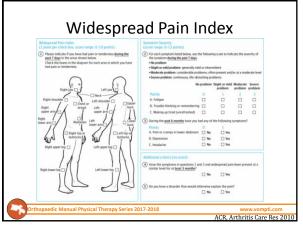


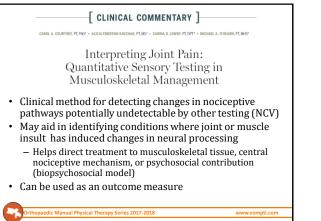


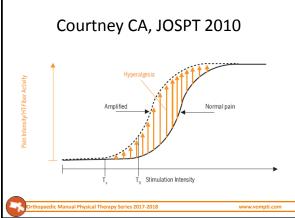












Quantitative Sensory Testing (QST)

- Commonly used methods:
 - Pressure pain thresholds*
 - Vibration detection threshold

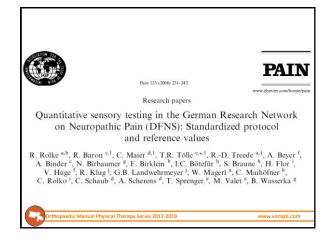
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- Thermal detection threshold



• Taken locally and at a remote site, compare bilaterally, mean of 3 trials



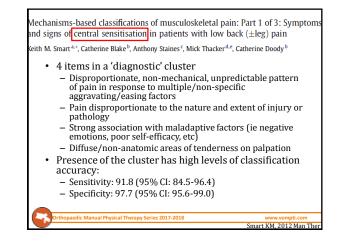


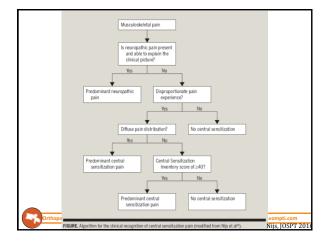
Self-reported pain severity, quality of life, disability, anxiety and depression in patients classified with 'nociceptive', 'peripheral neuropathic' and 'central sensitisation' pain. The discriminant validity of mechanisms-based classifications pf low back (±leg) pain

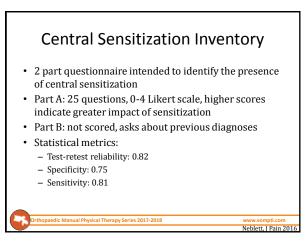
- Patients classified as CS dominant reported the following, compared to neuropathic of nociceptive dominant:
 - More severe pain
 - Poorer physical and mental health related quality of life
 - Greater levels of back pain-related disability, depression, and anxiety
- Similar pattern repeated when comparing neuropathic to nociceptive dominant patients

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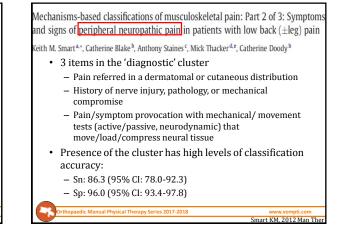
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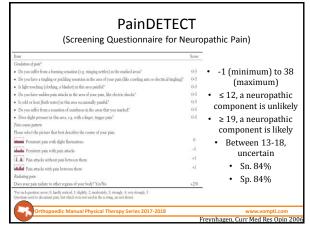


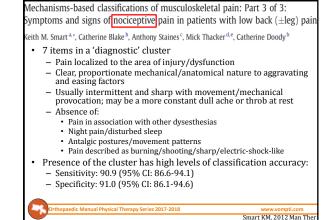


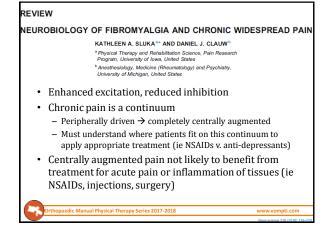


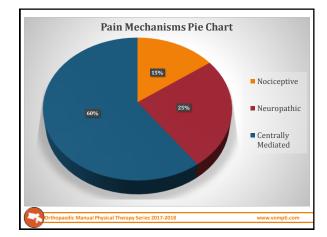
	1	I feel tired and unrefreshed when I wake from sleeping.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	2	My muscles feel stiff and achy.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	3	I have anxiety attacks.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	4	I grind or clench my teeth.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
-	5	I have problems with diarrhea and/or constipation.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	6	I need help in performing my daily activities.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	7	I am sensitive to bright lights.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	8	I get tired very easily when I am physically active.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	9	I feel pain all over my body.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	10	I have headaches.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	11	I feel discomfort in my bladder and/or burning when I urinate.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	12	I do not sleep well.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	13	I have difficulty concentrating.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	14	I have skin problems such as dryness, itchiness, or rashes.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	15	Stress makes my physical symptoms get worse.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	16	I feel sad or depressed.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	17	I have low energy.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	18	I have muscle tension in my neck and shoulders.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
1	19	I have pain in my jaw.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
-	20	Certain smells, such as perfumes, make me feel dizzy and nauseated.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
3	21	I have to urinate frequently.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	22	My legs feel uncomfortable and restless when I am trying to go to sleep at night.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	23	I have difficulty remembering things.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
-	24	I suffered trauma as a child.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	25	I have pain in my pelvic area.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
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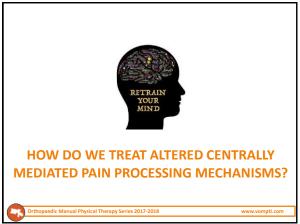


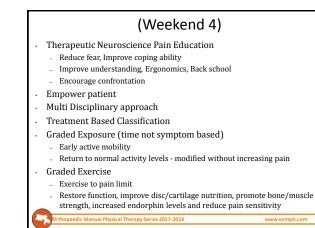




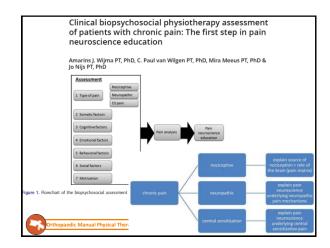








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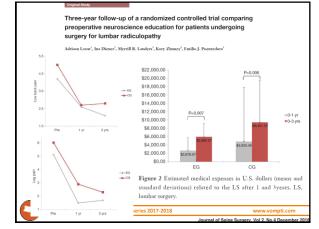
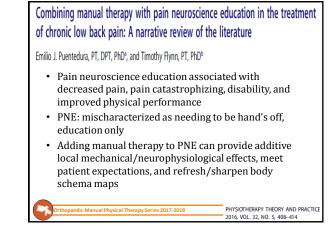


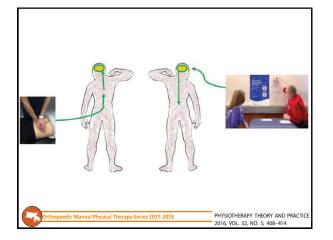


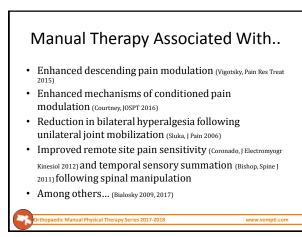
TABLE 2. Estimated Prevalence of Depression. Anxie Disorders in Commonly Occurring Chronic Pain Conditi	
Variable	Prevalence (%)
Depression	
Spinal pain (lumbar, thoracic, or neck) ²⁶⁻²⁹	2-56
Neuropathic pain ³³⁻³⁶	4-12
Fibromyalgia ¹⁷⁻²³	21-83
Migraine headache ^{37:41}	17-28
Temporomandibular joint disorder ^{24,25}	16-65
Pelvic pain ⁴²⁻⁴⁶	19-22
Abdominal pain ³⁰⁻³²	9-54
Arthritis ^{23,37,38,47-49}	3-39
Anxiety	
Spinal pain (lumbar, thoracic, or neck) ^{26-29,38}	1-26
Neuropathic pain ³⁴⁻³⁶	5-27
Fibromyalgia ^{18-21,23} Migraine headache ^{38,39,41}	18-60
Migraine headache ¹⁰²⁰⁰ Temporomandibular joint disorder ⁵⁰⁻⁵²	2-45
Pelvic pain ^{42,53}	12-41
Abdominal pain ^{30,32}	21-51
Arthritis ^{23,37,38,48,49}	1-35
Substance use disorder	
Spinal pain (lumbar, thoracic, or neck) ²⁶⁻²⁹	4-14
Neuropathic pain ⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶	1-9
Fibromyalgia ^{19,20,23}	1-25
Migraine headache ⁴⁰	1-6
Arthritis ^{23,49}	1-12
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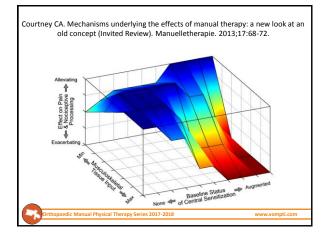


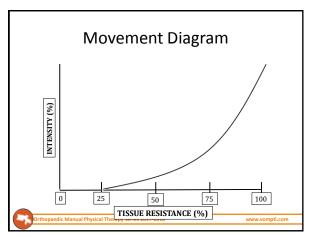


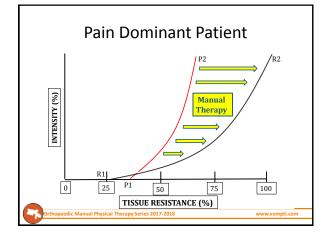


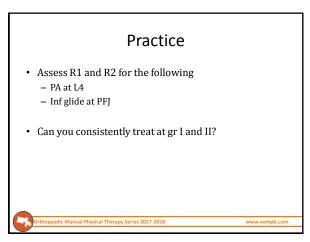


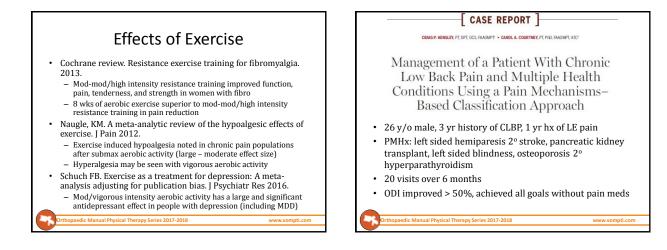












Hensley C, JOSPT 2014 – Pain Mechanisms Decision Making

· Nociceptive

- Worsening of symptoms with certain movements, relief with alteration of movement
- But not localized, night pain, dysesthesia, burning
- Neuropathic
 - Hx of CVA, DM; 12 on LANSS pain scale, relief with gabapentin, (+) SLR
 - But no cutaneous mechanical detection threshold deficits, no dermatomal pattern
- Central sensitization
 - Fit all 4 criteria per Smart et al

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What are you going to reassess at subsequent visits?
 Activity level

PROGNOSIS/EXPECTATIONS

- How do you expect to progress your treatment over subsequent visits?
 - Monitor graded exercise & progress as tolerated, add manual therapy for P1/2 symptom modulation
- Associated factors for expected outcome:

Favorable

- Integration of other practitioners, patient understanding pain
- Unfavorable
 - Psychosocial factors, chronicity, 'failed' previous treatments

Possible referrals:

- Pain support groups, pain psych, nutritionist

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'Gap' in Knowledge					
Patient or Population	Intervention	Comparison	Outcomes		
Chronic LBP Psych		Control	Self-reported disability, pain		
 Article reviewed: Effect of mindfulness-based stress reduction vs cognitive behavioral therapy or usual care on back pain and functional limitations in adults with chronic LBP: an RCT 					
 Relevance to the clinical case: Patients with CLBP who received CBT of mindfulness-based stress reduction demonstrated significantly better improvement in self-reported disability in the short and long term, as compared to usual care 					

Cherkin, 2016 JAN

Clinical Pattern (Chronic pain related to centrally mediated processing mechanisms)				
Subjective	Objective			
 Pain lasting > 3 months Widespread pain Pain reported as severe, unpredictable Concomitant anxiety, stress, depression, maladaptive behaviors 	 Functional outcome scales demo significant disability Reduced PPTs Hyperalgesia, allodynia 			
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Local Unilateral Dysfunction can be a Central Problem

- Strong evidence supporting presence of central sensitization in the shoulder pain population
 - Noten, Pain Pract 2016
 - Sanchis, Semin Arthritis Rheum 2015
 - Borstad, Braz J Phys Ther 2015
 - Coronado, Clin J Pain 2014
- Patients with PFPS may demonstrate:
 - Heightened flexor withdrawal reflex after knee pathology (Courtney et al, Clin Neurophysiol, 2011)
 - Impaired conditioned pain modulation (Rathleff et al, Clin J Pain, 2016)
 - Widespread hyperalgesia (Pazzinatto et al, Pain Med, 2016)
 - Higher levels of mental distress (Jensen et al, JOSPT, 2005)
 - Bilateral tactile sensitivity deficits (Jensen et al, Eur J Pain, 2007)

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Some names to know in pain

- Lars Arendt-Nielsen (Denmark)
- Joel Bialosky (U of Florida)
- David Butler (Australia)
- Carol Courtney (U of Illinois at Chicago)
- Cesar Fernandez-de-Las-Penas (Spain)
- Adrian Louw (Iowa)
- Lorimer Moseley (Australia)
- Jo Nijs (Belgium)
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- Clifford Woolf (Boston)