UVM Project ECHO: Chronic Pain

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Agenda

- Introductions and announcements
- Session objectives
- Didactic presentation (25-30 min)
  - Q & A
- Case presentations
  - Clarifying questions
  - Discussion
    - First, participants – then program faculty
  - Summary of recommendations
- Session parking lot items for follow up
- Closing reminders
  - Complete session evaluation (session recording info included in this email)
  - Session slides posted at www.vtahec.org
  - Submit a new case, template posted at www.vtahec.org
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UVM Project ECHO Chronic Pain: Motivational Interviewing for Chronic Pain

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Objectives

• Understand the difference between advice giving and motivational interviewing

• Engage patients in their treatment plans

• Improve therapeutic rapport and empathy
Vignette

• Rupert is a 68 year-old male with lower back pain that you have just inherited from one of your colleagues who has just retired. He is on sustained release morphine 40mg three times a day and also takes lorazepam 1mg about 1-2 times a day for anxiety. His anxiety and pain interact, so the more anxious he gets, the more pain he has, which makes him anxious. The lorazepam really helps when this cycle occurs.

• He has some mild disc disease and mild DJD of the back on MRI done 5 years ago.

• He has tried PT twice, cyclobenzaprine, ibuprofen, naproxen and a chiropractor. None of these have worked, but the morphine and lorazepam have worked well.

• He is very resistant to making any changes – “this is what works for me. It’s worked for me for 10 years and no need to change something that isn’t broken.”
| BEST-EVIDENCE  
Moderate to Small  
benefits for pain and/or functional outcomes |
|-----------------|
| acupuncture<sup>5-7</sup>  
behavioral therapy<sup>7-9</sup>: cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) or operant therapy  
naproxen sodium<sup>10,11</sup>  
tramadol<sup>12-17</sup>  
yoga<sup>18,19,7,20</sup> |
| GOOD EVIDENCE  
Moderate to Small  
benefits for pain and/or functional outcomes |
|-----------------|
| Capsicum frutescens (topical cayenne)<sup>21</sup>  
duloxetine<sup>22,23</sup>  
electromyography biofeedback<sup>8</sup>  
general exercise (no specific type shown better than others)<sup>24-26</sup>  
low-level laser therapy<sup>27</sup>  
mindfulness-based stress reduction<sup>28</sup>  
motor control exercise<sup>29,30</sup>  
multidisciplinary rehabilitation<sup>31</sup>  
Pilates (1-3x per week)<sup>32</sup>  
progressive relaxation<sup>8</sup>  
spinal manipulation<sup>33</sup>  
tai chi<sup>34</sup> |
| No benefit  
for pain and/or functional outcomes |
|-----------------|
| acetaminophen<sup>35</sup>  
back schools<sup>36</sup>  
bupropion<sup>37,38</sup>  
glucosamine<sup>39</sup>  
Kinesio taping<sup>7</sup>  
lumbar support<sup>40</sup>  
maprotiline<sup>38</sup>  
massage<sup>41</sup>  
muscle energy technique (MET)<sup>42</sup>  
pregabalin<sup>43</sup>  
selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)<sup>38</sup>  
therapeutic ultrasound<sup>44</sup>  
traction<sup>45,46</sup>  
transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS)<sup>7</sup>  
trazodone<sup>38,47</sup>  
tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)<sup>38</sup> |
| No data or limited data  
specific for chronic low back pain |
|-----------------|
| anti-seizure medications<sup>7</sup>  
botulinum toxin injections (N=31)<sup>48</sup>  
skeletal muscle relaxants<sup>49</sup>  
systemic corticosteroids<sup>7</sup> |

**Risks may outweigh benefits**

- opioids<sup>50</sup>: Only after multiple treatment failures with other interventions and only if the benefits outweigh the risks<sup>7</sup>
• STOP RECORDING
Cases/HIPAA

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Reminders

• Volunteers to present cases (key to the Project ECHO)

• Use the case template form posted at www.vtahec.org
  • Return completed case forms to: Mark.Pasanen@uvmhealth.org

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