Do you suffer from Chronic Pain?

People with persistent pain often think of themselves as suffering from a specific ailment, whether it's arthritis, back pain, migraines, or something else. But anyone who has experienced pain for several months or longer also happens to be among the millions of Americans with a condition known as chronic pain. Some causes of chronic pain include:

Tendonitis
Back Pain
Bladder Spasms
Carpel Tunnel
Chronic Fatigue
Syndrome
Coccydynia
Elbow Pain
Fatigue
Fibromyalgia
Heel Spurs
Hernia
Knee Pain
Nausea
Neck Pain

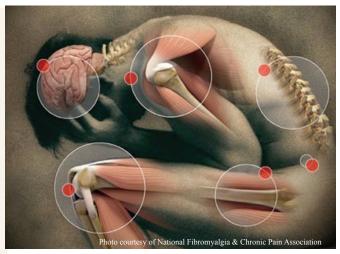
Headaches Trigeminal Pain Low Back Pain Lumbar Stenosis Morton's Neuroma Muscle Pain Muscle Spasms Musculoskeletal Pain Pinched Nerve Radiculopathy Sciatica Neurogenic Pain Sickle Cell Anemia Spinal Cord Injury Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ) Tennis Elbow **Urinary Retention**

Whiplash

Finding a Group That's Right for You

- This is not a crisis management group or a group to deal with addiction issues.
- Social skills adequate to function in a group are required.
- It is expected that any use of pain controlling substances is under a provider's oversight and monitoring.







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Chronic Pain Management

Have You Hit a Brick
Wall in Your Pain
Management?
You Can Dismantle
That Wall

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It can't hurt any
more than it does
right now!

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Looking For Help with Your Chronic Pain?

Living with a chronic condition requires changing the way you think about your health care and your life. The information in these sessions can help you begin to regain control and become an active participant in your life.

Pain Management Group

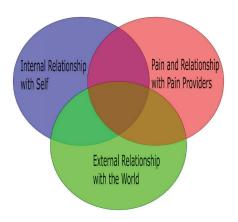
Kade & Associates will be hosting a six week chronic pain management group for adults. The group will be co-facilitated by two Licensed Professional Counselors and assisted by a Registered Nurse. The members will be exploring issues related to pain using a variety of modalities including cognitive behavioral, expressive therapies, action techniques, psycho-educational discussions and peer support. A cursory telephonic screening followed by an interdisciplinary initial assessment will be required and once accepted two short pain management assessments at the start and end of the six weeks will be administered to document progress.

Individually
Tailored Approach

The group will provide a safe place where people can:

- **Process** thoughts and feelings about pain.
- **Reduce** the stress of coping with pain.
- Learn skills to deal with pain.
- **Practice** skills to deal with pain.
- Understand interpersonal dynamics created by the process of dealing with pain.
- **Empower** clients to learn about mechanism of pain.

The expected outcome is increased pain management skills with an improvement in quality of life. Clients will be empowered to understand how they can facilitate their own pain management.



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Pain management can be improved from any area on the above diagram. As one increases one's ability to access any area on the diagram one increases an inner locus of control and an improved self concept. This diagram will guide the group.