Pain Cheat Sheet

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Terminology	
Allodynia	Pain due to stimulus that does not usually cause pain
Analgesia	Absence of pain in response to a stimuli that should be painful
Anaesthesia Dolorosa	Pain in an area/region that is anaesthetic
Causalgia	Burning Pain, Allodynia + Hyperpathia after a traumatic nerve lesion (CRPS)
Central Pain	Pain associated with a lesions @ CNS
Dysaesthesia	Unpleasant sensation - formication (a feeling of ants crawling on the skin)
Hyperaesthesia	Increased sensitivity to stimulation
Hyperalgesia	Increased response to stimulus that is normally painful
Hyperpathia	Painful syndrome - increased reaction to stimulus - repetitive
Hypoaesthesia	Decreased sensitivity to stimulation
Hypoalgesia	Diminished pain in a normally painful stimuli
Neuralgia	Pain in the distribution of a nerve

Types of Pain		
Nociceptive	Stimulation of superficial or deep tissue pain receptors from tissue injury/inflammation	
Neurogenic	Pain caused a primary lesion/dysfunction in the peripheral/central nervous system - due to inflammation, trauma/degenerative diseases	
Psycho- genic	Pain without discernible injury - real and distressing to the patient, look at yellow flags	

The Pain Gate Close gate & decrease pain Open gate + Increase Pain Comfortable Furniture Inactivity/deconditioning Heat/Cold Poor/restrictive sleep Drug + Alcohol dependence Pacing Adequate rest Nicotine Massage Trying to do too much too quickly Acupuncture **Difficult Relationships** TENS Social Isolation Manipulation Stress Medication Persistent Worry Diet Negative Outlook, catastrophising Relaxation Hopelessness/worry Direct, rewarding communication Suppressing Emotions Depression/anxiety Humour **Pleasurable Activities** Focusing on pain Relaxation/mediation/prayer Surgery Optimism/positive outlook Trauma Setting Realistic Goals Structural and functional MSK faults



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The Pain Gate (cont)			
Affirming of self			
Surgery			
Postural + functional Correction			
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Pain Management			
Patients in pain want to know:			
What the problem is			
Whether it's serious and what's going on			
Be relieved of their pain			
General Medication use			
Mild Pain	- Paracetomol 1g four times a day for at least 72 hours		
Mild-Moderate pain that is not responding to paracetamol	- Ibuprofen 400mg three times a day with meals + 1g of paracetamol. Kidney, Liver, Gastric Ulcer, Heart problems or blood clotting disorders, asthma should not take ibuprofen or other NSAIDs		
If painkillers dosage not relieving pain	- Increase Ibuprofen to 800mg three times a day, only for two days, Could use Ibuprofen cream instead of oral ibuprofen		
If still not relieving pain	- Continue with ibuprofen, but Change paracetamol to co-codamol (8mg/500mg) 2 tablets 4 times a day		
FOR SHORT PERIODS ONLY			
Fibromyalgia			
- Widespread pain (LBP possible radiation to buttocks, legs and pain in the neck and across shoulders (coathanger pain))			
- Fatigue			
- Sleep disturbances			
Morning Stiffnoon	- Morning Stiffness		

- Paraesthesia
- Feeling of swollen joints (no swelling seen)
- Problems with cognition
- Headaches
- Lightheadness/dizziness
- Fluctuations in weight
- Anxiety and depression
- Worse in cold, humid weather and stress



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Classifications

- Rule out other disorders (hypothyroidism + inflammatory arthritides)
- Widespread pain involving both sides of the body, above and below the waist as well as the axial skeleton, for at least three months AND
- Presence of 11 tender points among the nine pairs of specific sites

Management

- Explanation + reassurance

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- CBT
- Magnesium malate
- Rehab walking, swimming, cycling
- Gentle myofascial release
- Strength Training
- Fibromyalgia impact Questionnaire (FIQR)
- Refer to GP for management of pain Paracetamol, tramadol, antidepressants (amitriptyline/other tricyclics



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