Outline

Challenging the Definition of Pain

The concept of "wellness" Mind-body approach Evaluating pain as an emotion Are emotions in our conscious control?

Moving Pain Out of the Forefront

Impacts of placebo and nocebo Effects on physiology and mindset Therapeutic bias - rituals and meanings in medicine

Reframing Pain as an Emotion

Interoception and re-framing pain Theory of constructed emotion Top-down and bottom-up processing Behavioral implications Importance of the internal self

Building Therapeutic Alliance: Better Communication, Better Results

Guide to assessment and treatment strategies Questions you need to ask 30-90 seconds to better inform your

treatment plan Empathy vs compassion 7 body wisdom principles

The Key to Change: Valence and **Exercise Prescription**

Keywords analysis – red flags Impact of word choice on patient out-Body budgets

Reinforce positive behavior

Improve Strength, Endurance and Mobility

Exercise selection and prescription Flexibility vs mobility vs stability Interactive slow charts for exercise selection

Breathwork

Simplicity for progression and regression strategies

Live Webinar Schedule (Times listed in Eastern)

10:00 Program begins

12:30-1:00 Lunch Break

5:00 Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker. A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

Objectives

- 1. Evaluate chronic pain as an emotional experience and assess the implications for behavior in our patients.
- 2. Investigate the impacts of placebo and nocebo effects on physiology and
- 3. Conduct effective assessments by utilizing specific questions to better guide treatment strategies.
- 4. Implement mind-body practices into current rehabilitation to improve functional outcomes with patients.
- 5. Utilize progression and regression exercise strategies to meet patients where they are while still achieving objective goals.
- 6. Determine optimal exercise and behavior dosing strategies to achieve your goals in improving strength, endurance, and mobility in patients.

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Move. Massage. Mobilize. Grind. You've done everything that you can do to help them...but have they? What if you were able to give them the tools they need to reframe their pain – and get back to doing the things they love!

These patients are highly receptive to the idea of trying something new. They are open to change because **they** *need* **something that will work. And that's where you come in.**

Dr. Joe Lavacca will bring an evidence-based approach to chronic pain management and will explore:

- Step-by-step guide to assessment that will integrate the bio-psychosocial model
- Red flags you are overlooking and how to tailor your treatment plan to them
- Progression and regression strategies to achieve patient goals
- Mind-body practices that will improve functional outcomes

With an in-depth exploration into best practices and communication tactics, you'll quickly develop buy-in from your patients that will enhance the therapeutic alliance. You'll gain skills and techniques you can implement immediately to truly bridge the gap between mind and body rehabilitation.

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Meet Your Speaker

Joseph Lavacca, PT, DPT, OCS, CFSC, FMS, FMT-C, SFMA, is

an experienced orthopedic physical therapist who graduated from Sacred Heart University with his Bachelor of Exercise Science Degree in 2008, and his Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2010. Since that time, he has become board certified in orthopedics through the APTA and has taken courses in advanced movement screening through the FMS and SFMA, completed training to become a Functional Strength Coach, and is an FRC mobility specialist and Kinstretch instructor. More recently he has been focused on enhancing communication and therapeutic alliance with patients through empathy and compassion. Joe has been teaching for 10+ years throughout the nation with RockTape and worldwide with "Top Down, Bottom Up", a lower extremity gait analysis and movement course.

Speaker Disclosure

Financial: Joseph Lavacca is the owner of Strength in Motion Physical Therapy. He receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.

Non-financial: Joseph Lavacca has no relevant non-financial relationship to disclose.

I really appreciate how you tied in mental health/emotions to the pain experienced. As a healthcare provider, this is often a topic of discussion and how they are both so intertwined. Thank you for a great presentation!

And for ensuring you spoke about the current environment.

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