Outline

Pain as a multifaceted issue and our pain experience

Physiologic and socioeconomic/cultural influences for pain perception The power of social and emotional

connections

How pain changes the brain

Somatosensory neural network illustrated and explained

Pathways that fire together wire together Pain and emotional integration Our endogenous opioid system Somatosensory neurological fiber types and pathways

4 Types of Pain Explained

Mechanical Inflammation Neuropathic Non-organic/psychogenic/ neuropsychiatric disorders

Comprehensive and holistic evaluation of the patient and concomitant factors for pain perception and recovery

Physical and neurological exam Current treatment protocols in the physical and pharmacologic treatment of pain Acute vs chronic pain

How we heal from injury, inflammation, cell death and repair

Nutrition protocols

Epigenetic, social and cultural influences

Polyvagal theory and nervous system activation

Neuroplasticity and neurogenesis How to reduce pain from the inside outways to effectively treat and modulate the pain experience by rewiring fear avoidance behavior

Manual therapy and pressure techniques that affect pain modulation and recovery

How cranial nerves and lower brain centers affect pain modulation

How to treat tone using golgi tendon apparatus and reciprocal inhibition

Exercises for pairing neurological connections and primitive reflex integration

Clinical case studies

Motor vehicle accident

Coccyx – fracture, subluxation

Shoulder and cervical injury – worker's compensation emotional and social components

Shoulder, cervical and lower back pain – military personnel emotional and chemical factors

Fibromyalgia

Multiple Sclerosis

Experiential Lab: Mindfulness through meditation, movement, breath and art

Breathing to balance the nervous system Guided mindfulness meditation exercises Movement – Yoga, Tai chi and exercises The art of meditation – drawing mandalas

Live Webinar Schedule

12:00-12:30 Lunch Break

4:30 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.

(Times listed in Central)

9:00 Program begins

Objectives

- 1. Evaluate and treat patients more effectively using a cutting-edge and comprehensive approach to pain management with improved outcomes.
- 2. Demonstrate somatosensory pathways that modulate pain and sensory information.
- 3. Analyze how the brain interprets and responds to pain, and how to rewire neural circuitry.
- 4. Develop skills to employ manual therapy and neuroplasticity techniques to help their patients experience less pain and improve more rapidly.
- 5. Employ methods to balance muscle tone and function.
- 6. Integrate evidence-based interventions to effectively treat multiple systems dysfunction techniques and mindfulness exercises to tonify the nervous system that promote mind-body connection.



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Karen Pryor, Ph.D., PT, DPT, ND, CH, CFPS, has practiced for 40 years in the field. Dr. Pryor is an international speaker and owner of Health Sphere Wellness Center, an integrative therapy clinic in Jasper, Tennessee. Involved with orthopedic, chronic pain patients, she developed neuroplasticity techniques that are used in a wide variety of settings, including orthopedic hospitals, out-patient clinic, home health, assisted living centers and nursing homes, to advance neurological – orthopedic programs. She is an author of a book teaching neuroplasticity techniques. Dr. Pryor serves on several boards, including the Tennessee State University Physical Therapy School and Nashville State Community College. In 2010, she received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her contributions to advanced treatment by President Barack Obama. In addition to her pioneering neuroplasticity work, Dr. Pryor has served as an adjunct professor at Tennessee State University Occupational Therapy School, and Volunteer State Community College Physical Therapy Assistant program. She is a clinical instructor for several universities and colleges. With her years of experience and passion for complete wellness, Dr. Pryor advances a more expansive view of how to integrate therapy throughout the lifespan by using neuroplasticity techniques.

Speaker Disclosure:

Financial: Karen Pryor is owner of Health Sphere Wellness Center. She receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc. Non-financial: Karen Pryor serves on the Leadership Interagency Council for Early Intervention board.

Mica Foster, DC., graduated from University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic in 2005. She is also a licensed craniosacral therapist, Reiki Master, HeartMath practitioner and artist. She has a private practice in Hood River, Oregon. She treats a wide array of musculoskeletal disorders with a focus on finding ease and promoting stress reduction. She enjoys teaching "The art of meditation: drawing mandalas" to all ages. She has created "community coloring collaboration" walls to invite community involvement and communication. She has created "custom color pages for the classroom" to decrease stress and increase focus. Her art therapy has been distributed nationwide. Her illustrations have been featured in the book *Ten Fingers Ten Toes Twenty Things Everyone Needs to Know in 2019*.

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