



## **A Practical Guide for Persistent Pain Therapy**

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Whittington Hospital, London**

**“This course will fundamentally change how I  
communicate with my patients.” Doctor  
“I connect with my patients so much better since taking this course.”  
Physiotherapist**

### **Learning Aims:**

This course will help you develop a range of engaging, practical skills so that you can help people make sense of pain and overcome it. You will learn ways to apply practical solutions to everyday clinical challenges.

- Help people to feel believed by understanding the relationship between pain, perception & behaviour change without them thinking that it's “all in their head!”
- Learn ways to combine a biopsychosocial approach with your manual therapy and exercise therapy skills.
  - Learn creative ways to help people make sense of pain by using interactive experiments involving taste, touch and hearing!
- Become a better teacher. Guide people who become stuck, empower people who feel hopeless, and engage people who feel bored.
  - Optimise patient education by expanding your teaching toolkit & applying educational theories to your practice.
  - Develop empathy and build therapeutic connections through an evidence-based awareness of what people in pain want from healthcare professionals.
- Help people to express their experience of living with pain through a range of engaging and empowering communication skills.
- Explore the role of metaphors in healthcare and understand the hidden impact of language on clinical outcomes.
- Integrate practical psychological treatment skills into your rehabilitation by exploring motivational interviewing, cognitive-behavioural therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, mindfulness and cognitive bias modification.
- Consider common barriers towards recovery, and explore methods of developing self-efficacy & resilience for people in pain.
- Understand the importance of shared-decision making and develop a collaborative approach to healthcare.
- Explore a variety of patient case studies that give you the opportunity to use what you have learnt before returning to your clinic.

## Course Description:

The challenge of successfully managing persistent pain can be one of the most daunting for both clinicians and people in pain who are often frustrated after failed short-term interventions. It is often difficult to understand and explain high and prolonged levels of pain where a traditional tissue based cause is lacking. This course explores a cutting edge, patient centered approach using a variety of practical learning methods to help your patients make sense and overcome their pain. It provides a range of practical applications and innovative learning methods to take into your clinic for immediate results. The course content blends a wide range of contemporary evidence from both educational and healthcare literature. Know Pain courses have been taught in over fifteen countries and have provided a wide range of clinicians around the world with practical skills. Feedback from over 700 people who have attended Know Pain courses has shown that 100% would recommend a Know Pain course to their colleagues, whilst 95% felt more confident when helping people to overcome pain. This 2 day practical course is relevant to anyone who works with people in pain.

## Course Outline:

### Day 1

**Setting the Scene:** What is pain? What are we hoping to achieve?

**The Neurobiology of Pain:** Helping people understand why it hurts in their own words.

**Developing Teaching Skills:** Optimise your patient education toolkit & learn practical ways to guide, empower & engage people.

### Day 2

**The Language of Pain:** Develop your communication skills & help people to express their experience of living with pain.

**Pain & the Affective Mind:** Combining psychological treatment skills with physical rehabilitation and manual therapy.

**Getting Going Again:** Empowering function by applying pacing & graded exposure therapy to your practice.

**Interactive Workshop:** Practice your new treatment skills to find solutions to everyday clinical problems.

**Case Studies:** An opportunity to test what you have learnt before you return to your practice. Use a variety of real life patient case studies to practice your new skills!

## Tutor: Mike Stewart

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Mike is a physiotherapist and visiting university lecturer with over twenty years experience of helping people to overcome pain. Mike is a dedicated practice-based educator who is passionate about providing evidence-based education to a wide variety of health professionals. He teaches across elite sports, and is an advisor on pain management to the International Olympic Committee. Mike has a Masters degree in Education and is planning a PhD focusing on pain and communication. His published work has received international praise from the leading names in neuroscience.

**Cost: £275**

**(20% discount £220 for students & multiple bookings of 2 or more people).**

**CPD Hours: 14**

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