



A Practical Guide for Persistent Pain Therapy

**Wexham Park Hospital, Berkshire
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th April 2025**

“Attending this course was like opening a treasure chest filled with invaluable gems of pain knowledge and practical skills.” Physiotherapist

**“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.
- **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.**
- 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 twenty countries and have provided a wide range of clinicians around the world with practical skills. Feedback from over 1000 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.

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, researcher 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.

CPD Hours: 14

Cost: £275

Discounts: £220 for students & when booking with friends/colleagues

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