Chronic Pain

What are the Safe Solutions for Pain Relief?

According to the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress, <u>Chiropractic has been found Safer</u>, <u>Non-Drug Approach for Pain Relief than other solutions</u>. According to a <u>report suggesting the benefits of chiropractic</u> published by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), spinal manipulative therapy was also reported to have effectively and significantly reduced pain and improved function for patients with chronic nonspecific low back pain.

What is Chronic Pain?

Pain is a normal and natural reaction that helps warn you when an injury or illness is threatening your health. The irritation of a bee sting or scraped knee is acute pain. This symptom becomes chronic when it occurs daily or nearly daily for weeks on end. Once your pain remains constant or episodic over months, there is definitely a serious problem. Don't wait to seek treatment at our New Haven office when experiencing chronic pain. You could be dealing with a condition that needs immediate treatment.

Chronic Pain Symptoms

If you experience pain at least two to three times per week, you should visit us for diagnostics and treatment. Daily pain needs immediate treatment, especially if it is moderate to severe. We focus on alternatives to medications and surgery for symptoms like:

- Aching knees due to arthritis
- Hip and leg pain linked with sciatica
- Migraines that disrupt your day
- Hands and feet with burning sensations
- Shooting, throbbing, or steady back pain
- Neck tightness and irritation
- Pain and sensations that only affect the surface of the skin

Cause of Chronic Pain

Chronic pain could indicate a range of illnesses and ailments. All of them are serious, so make an appointment if your aches and irritation doesn't go away shortly after an injury. Some of the most common causes of daily pain include:

- Fibromyalgia
- Nerve damage due to diabetes or traumatic injury
- Muscle strain and overuse
- Depleted cartilage in joints
- Whiplash
- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- Shingles
- Depression
- Herniated discs or spinal misalignment that is compressing major nerves

Chronic Pain Risks

If you are currently without chronic pain, you may be able to avoid developing this problem in the future by caring for your health now. However, some risk factors are simply out of your control. Watch out for risks like:

- Stress from your career or family demands
- Depression
- Major surgeries
- Heredity
- Gender Women report more chronic pain than men
- Obesity
- Injuries from strenuous work or sports participation
- Aging

Chronic Pain Treatment Options

Most doctors only prescribe narcotic painkillers to patients with chronic pain that won't heal on its own. We specialize in more conservative treatments with far fewer side effects and risks. Try the safer options like:

- Massage therapy that eliminates tension and keeps pain away for days or weeks
- Electrical stimulation to soothe nerves irritated by damage or pressure

- · Spinal manipulation and chiropractic care
- In-depth testing through X-rays, MRIs, and full nutritional

Break Out from Under the Burden of Chronic Pain

Finding freedom from pain that has haunted you for months or years could give you a new lease on life. Imagine having more energy to spend time with your family or pursue your career. If you have been on disability, you may even transition back into the workforce after finding a way to safely manage and prevent pain. Start down the road to recovery by stopping by our New Haven pain management clinic. Whether you live in New Haven, Fort Wayne, Woodburn, or any of the surrounding areas, you are always welcome.

Call now for a FREE Consultation (260) 493-6565). Consultations can be done online, via the phone, or in person.