

Chronic Pain Management Program

Information for GPs



COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW PHN, in conjunction with NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI), is offering small group education programs targeting those patients suffering **low to moderate** chronic pain for more than 3 months. To meet the needs of patients and ensure COVID safe program delivery, the Chronic Pain Management Programs (CPMP) have been adapted to meet COVID-19 group gathering requirements and an online program is now being offered. Programs will run throughout the 2021-2022 financial year in Batemans Bay, Bega and Bermagui, with a new group coming to Cooma in early 2022. (COVID allowing)

Suitable patients	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients experiencing chronic pain >3 months and/or beyond the normal healing time of an injury resulting in declining functional and psychological well-being • Patients with an Orebro Musculoskeletal Pain Questionnaire - Short Form (OMPQSF) score of ≥ 50 • Low to moderate pain complexity • Ability and willingness to attend all sessions • For face to face programs - Independently mobile • For online program – Computer literate and internet connection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients undergoing active treatment for cancer, infection or fractures • Patients receiving high dose opioids (>60mg morphine equivalent per day) • Workers compensation, third party, and motor accident injury claims

The program consists of:

- Face to face: a 3 hour face to face group session each week for 6 weeks OR
- Online: 2 x 1.5 hour sessions per week for 6 weeks
- Follow-up sessions at 4 and 12 weeks post program.
- Small group size – maximum 10 participants face to face, or 6 participants online

Suitably qualified Allied Health professionals deliver the program which aims to improve participants:

- functional capacity through education and management,
- ability to identify goals, overcome barriers, set boundaries, develop crisis management strategies and self-help routines.

Participants will be provided with:

- a work book: containing suitable exercises, relaxation strategies, stretching techniques, goals chart etc
- a list of resources and websites,

Their referring **GP** will receive a report describing the patient's progress to assist with follow-up and continued care.

Dates for the Programs

The programs are expected to run throughout the 2021-2022 financial year. Contact the Program Facilitator for program dates in your area.

How to refer patients

Complete the referral form on HealthPathways <https://actsnsw.communityhealthpathways.org/13893.htm> and the Orebro Musculoskeletal Pain Questionnaire - Short Form (OMPQSF) and send to the appropriate Facilitator below.

Location	Facilitator	Fax number	Email	Phone
Batemans Bay Eurobodalla Exercise Physiology	Hamish Gorman	02 4405 5746	hamish@eurobodallaep.com	0423 901 208
Bega Community Health, South East Regional Hospital	Ed Moore	1300 797 331	'Chronic Pain Group Bega' SNSWLHD- communityintake@health.nsw.gov.au Secure Messaging (Argus): 3043011@connectingcare.com	1800 999 880
Bermagui Team Resolve	Josephine Richardson	02 8330 6308	3resolvepain@gmail.com	0413 659 882
Cooma Cooma Hospital and Health Service	Hilary Keighley	1300 797 331	'Chronic Pain Group Cooma' SNSWLHD- communityIntake@health.nsw.gov.au Secure Messaging (Argus): 3043011@connectingcare.com	1800 999 880

Further Information

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