# Lupus and Pain Management

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### Lupus and Pain: Pain Sources

- Joints
- Muscles
- Tendons
- Pleural and Pericardial Pain
- Headaches
- Neuropathies
- Fibromyalgia

### Lupus and Pain Indirect Pain Sources

- Fatigue
- Stress
- Deconditioning
- Non restorative sleep
- Depression

### Lupus and Pain What Is Pain

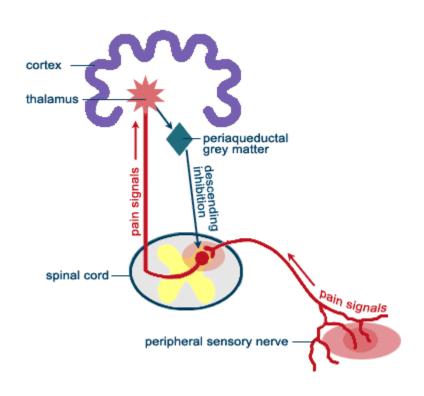
 Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience that is associated with actual or potential tissue damage or described in such terms.

International Association for the Study of Pain

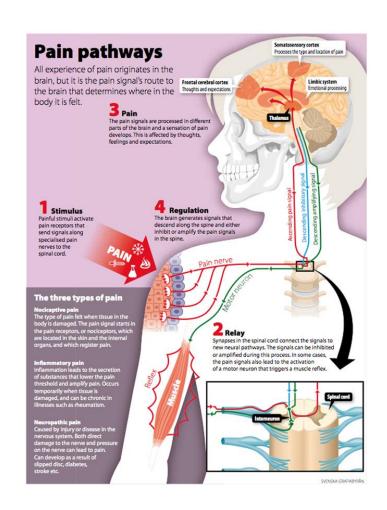
### Lupus and Pain Purpose of Pain

- Alert us about problems
- Focus us to source and location of problems
- Keep our attention/Keep us awake
- Activate the Sympathetic Nervous System

### Lupus and Pain Pathways

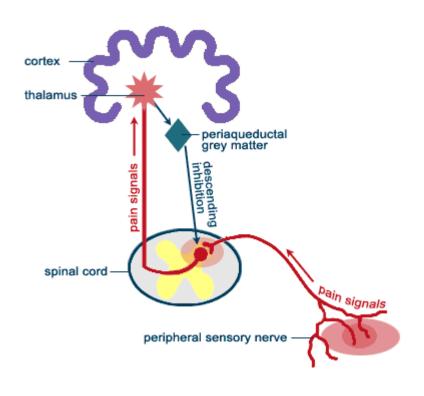


## Lupus and Pain Pathways



### Lupus and Pain Internal Pain Controls

#### **Pain Pathway**



#### **Descending Pain Control**

- Internal pathway
- Role in acute pain
- Role in chronic pain
- Endorphins

### Lupus and Pain Pain Types

- Acute
- Recurring Acute
- Chronic
- Inflammatory
- Visceral
- Somatic
- Neurological
- Fibromyalgia

### Lupus and Pain Treatment of Acute Pain

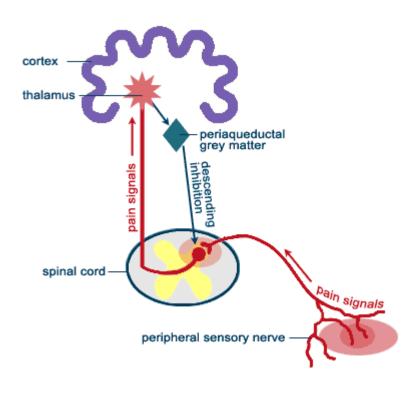
- Inflammatory
- Physical Methods. heat, ice, stretch
- NSAIDS
- Steroids
- Prevention: immune modulators

### Lupus and Pain Treatment of Chronic Pain

- Topicals
- NSAIDS, Acetaminophen
- Muscle Relaxants
- Adjunctive
  - Antidepressants
  - Antiseizures
- Opioids
- Non Pharmacologic

### Lupus and Pain Adjunctive Medications

#### **Pain Pathway**



#### **Adjunctive Medications**

- Antidepressants
  - SNRI
    - Cymbalta/duloxetine
    - Savella/milnacipran
- Anitseizure Meds
  - Gabapentin
  - Lyrica/pregabalin
  - Lamictal/lamotrigine
  - Others

### Lupus and Pain Opioids

- Pseudoendorphins
- Very effective for short term, visceral and somatic pain
- Becoming controversial for chronic and neuropathic pain
- IR and SR formulations
- Current Indiana Licensing Board Guidelines
- Future of Opioid treatments

### Lupus and Pain Non Pharmacologic

- Exercise
- Stretching
- Physical Therapy
- T'ai Chi/ Yoga
- Hydro Therapy
- Mediatation/Prayer/Quieting
- Stress Management

### Lupus and Pain Stress Management

- Role of stress in acute and chronic pain management
- Quieting
- Exercise/stretching/hydro therapy/physical therapy
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- T'ai Chi/Yoga

### Lupus and Pain Non Pharmacologic Pain Control

#### **TAI CHI**



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- Combines exercise, stress reduction, stretching, meditation.
- Multiple health benefits

### Lupus and Pain Hydro Therapy

#### **Hydro Therapy**



#### **Hydro Therapy**

- Weightless
- Water Pressure/Massage
- Exercise/Stretching
- Community

### Lupus and Pain Summary

- Complex subject
- Identify the sources of the pain
- Multimodal approach
- Fibromyalgia
- Importance of movement
- Opioids
- Constant re-evaluation