
Pain Management Issues for the Substance Misusing Patient

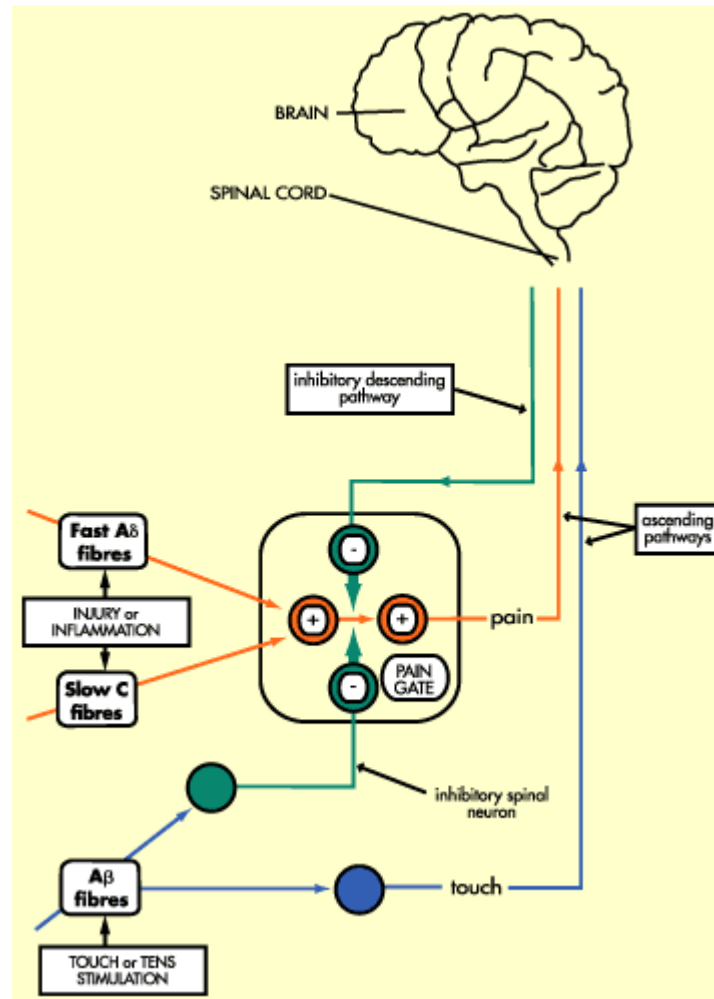
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What is pain?

- "an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage, or described in terms of such damage"

IASP

How does pain happen?



If you want to know more

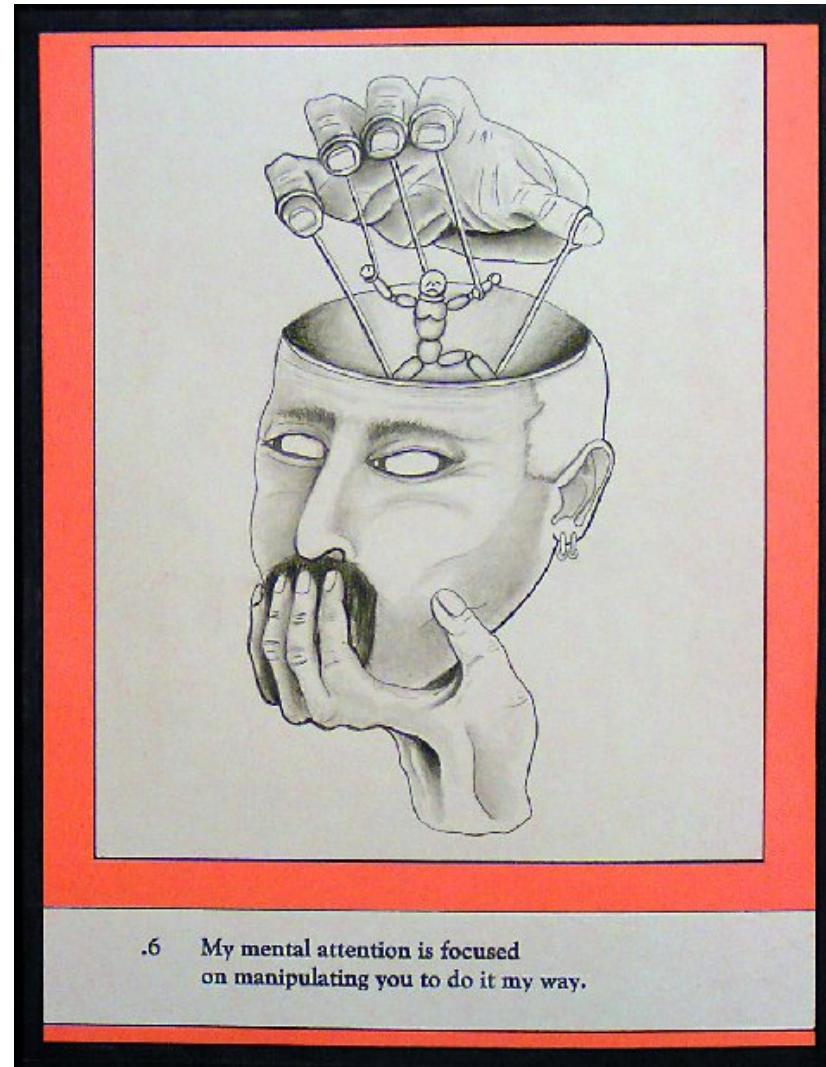
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Chapter 11 Beyond Pain [Ed Dr P Schofield]
Whurr, London 2005

Spiritual



Co-dependence



A three-fold dis-ease



Managing Pain

- Pain is never just physical
 - HCW are co-dependent
 - Pharmacological dosing is not the issue
 - Awareness
 - Self
 - Addict
 - The 12 Step way
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A three-fold solution

BODY



SPIRIT

MIND
