

## What if I Have Pain?

Many people experience pain as a result of their cancer or from cancer treatment. Physical or emotional pain can almost always be relieved. If you are experiencing pain, talk with your healthcare provider about available relief options.

# How can I describe my pain to my healthcare provider?

Below are some common terms associated with the pain experienced from cancer or its treatment:

Burning Throbbing Stabbing
Aching Radiating Stiffness Cramping



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## Talk with your cancer treatment team to develop an individualized plan for preventing or managing your pain.

Below is a list of options that may be effective in relieving cancer pain. Empower yourself by locating these options in your community.

Acupuncture . Aromatherapy Art therapy Counseling Exercise Plan

Imagery/Hypnosis

Interventional Radiology Journaling/Expressive Writing

Massage

Meditation/Mindfulness

Music Therapy Pain Clinic

Palliative Care Pharmaceuticals **Psychiatry Radiation Oncology** 

Rehabilitation (PT/OT/Speech)

**Relaxation Techniques** Psychosocial Support

Spiritual Care **Support Groups** Surgery Yoga

### For help in identifying resources available in your community, speak to your treatment team:

**Oncology Social Worker Patient Navigator** Palliative Care Provider **Rehabilitation Team** 

Let your provider know what you discover!



#### **Additional Resources**

New Hampshire Hospice & Palliative Care www.nhhpco.org **American Cancer Society** www.cancer.org **National Cancer Institute** 

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National Comprehensive Cancer Network www.nccn.org **Oncology Nursing Society** 

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