



Comprehensive Pain Management Campaign Plan (CMPCP)

Providing a Standardized DoD and VHA Vision and Approach to Pain Management to Optimize the Care for Warriors and their Families.

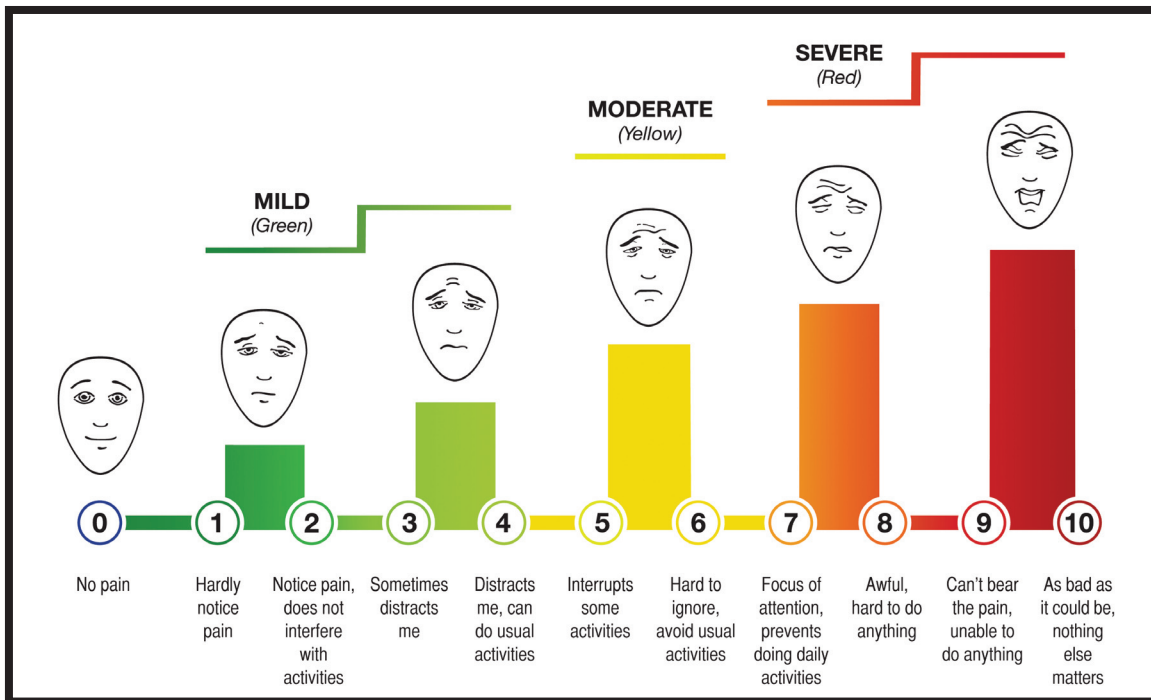
Background

In August 2009, The U.S. Army Surgeon General chartered the U.S. Army Pain Management Task Force (PMTF) to make recommendations for a U.S. Army Medical Command (USAMEDCOM) comprehensive pain management strategy that is holistic, multidisciplinary, and multimodal in approach, utilizes state of the art/science modalities and technologies, and provides optimal quality of life for Soldiers and other patients with acute and chronic pain.

The PMTF conducted 28 site visits at U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force Medical Centers, Hospitals, and Health Clinics, as well as Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and civilian hospitals. During the site visits, leadership and staff were asked to assess pain management capabilities, strengths, weaknesses, and best practices at their respective facilities.

The PMTF developed 109 recommendations based on its findings. These findings and recommendations were compiled and published in the May 2010 Pain Management Task Force Report.

Defense and Veterans Pain Rating Scale*



*The PMTF recommended a Department of Defense and VHA Pain Assessment Tool to improve actionable information for patient encounters across Military Treatment Facilities. (Line of Action 1, Standards and System Improvements)

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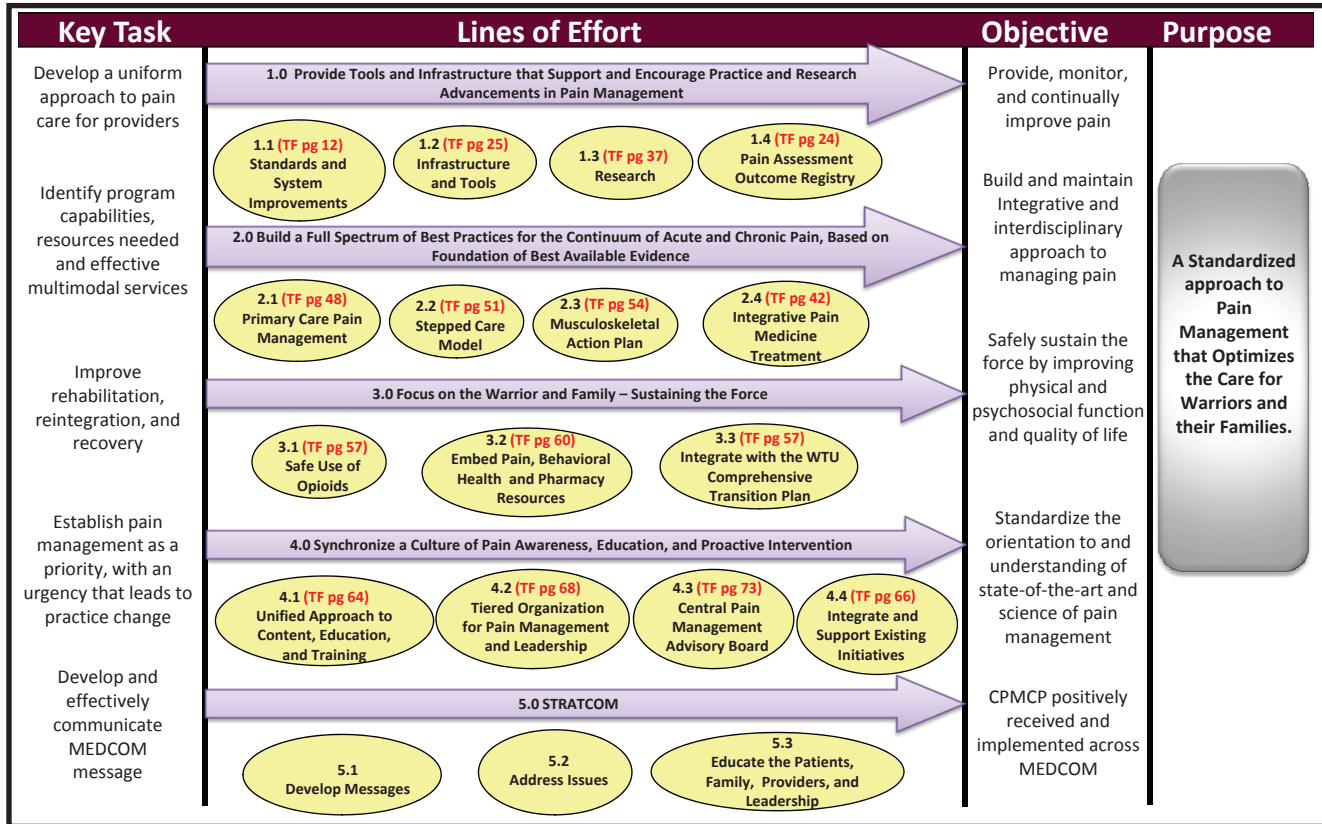
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CPMCP Top Initiatives

- Establish a comprehensive pain care strategy/policy to address acute and chronic pain
- Partner with Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs network, civilian, and academic institutions to leverage expertise
- Develop additional agreements with network partners for information sharing and case management to ensure continuity of care for Soldiers throughout Military Treatment Facilities
- Identify and implement standards for training and pain care
- Design multi-level education and training initiative for Soldiers and Families
- Research and implement non-pharmacological approaches to pain control

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