HOW CAN PHYSIOS ENHANCE LIVES?

ACTING BEYOND THE BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL MODEL.

REDUCE POWER DIFFERENCES

- Actively reduce power difference, do diversity training, self reflect.
- Use collaborative communication e.g. open questions, remain curious.
- Invite patient suggestions: during treatment, feedback boxes, during system changes.
- Avoid labelling people: language matters.
- Enhance the physical environment. Human touches show care.

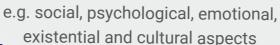
ACKNOWLEDGE & VALIDATE EMOTIONS

- Recognise and name patients' pain and emotions.
- Recognise and name your own emotions. Consider how expressing them might affect patients.
- Find out how patients feel each time, it may have changed.
- Reduce physiotherapy guilt: people are not machines, you can't fix everyone.



existential and cultural aspects

CARE



CHANGE SYSTEMS

THE UNIVERSITY

CREATE CHANGE

- Where possible, make changes to increase attention to human aspects of care.
- Support human aspects with staffing and other resources.
- Avoid one-size-fits-all approaches; patients have different needs, objectives, expertise, experiences.
- Welcome other perspectives physiotherapy is part of a care 'team' not the whole solution.

NON-VERBAL CUES & TOUCH

MANAGE TIME PRESSURE

Discuss realistic expectations.

• Use pauses during conversation.

Book longer sessions if possible.

Allow moments of silence.

with patients.

Collaboratively decide on key focus areas

Slow down. Use a calm voice and pace.

- Respond to cues such as eye-contact, facial expressions, tone, body language.
- Touch can give patients time to think, feel and react.
- Touch should be professional, but also express care.















