



CHARTER OF RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH CHRONIC PAIN

We have the right to be believed.

We have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

We have the right to have our pain treated and managed at the earliest possible stage.

We have the right of access to the best possible technologies and therapies in pain treatment and management.

We have the right to be informed about all the pain management options available so that we can make best decisions and choices for our wellbeing.

We have the right to live with the least amount of pain possible.

We have the right to be treated on at least an equal footing with all others who have been diagnosed as having a chronic illness.

The Relief of Pain should be declared a fundamental human right as per the central theme adopted by IASP, EFIC and the WHO at a conference in Geneva on the 11th October 2004.

We should not be left to suffer in silence and ignorance.

Drawn up and approved by the Governing Body of Chronic Pain Ireland.

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