



Chronic Pain Ireland



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.



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