

# **Promoting Dialogue, Understanding And Action For Community Health Improvement**

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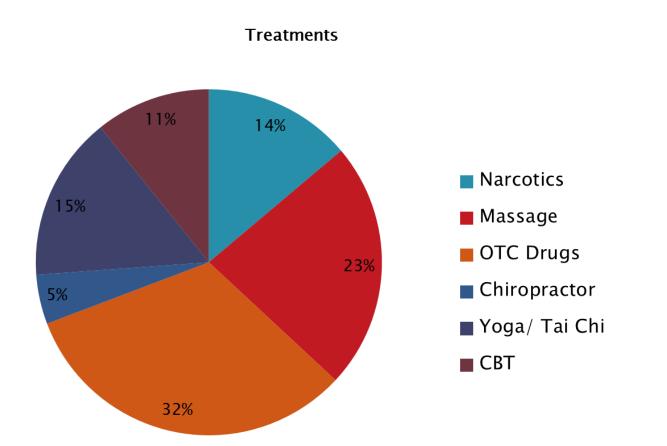
### Introduction

The Alliance was established in June 2012 with the premise of bringing people together who are concerned about health improvement in Bexar County. The Alliance is composed of a diverse group that include educators, non-profit agencies, public health professionals, academia, military personnel, health providers, librarians, local business professionals and volunteers. Our vision is to establish a strong link between health care providers, research and community assets to reduce health disparities as well as improve the health of all residents in South Texas.

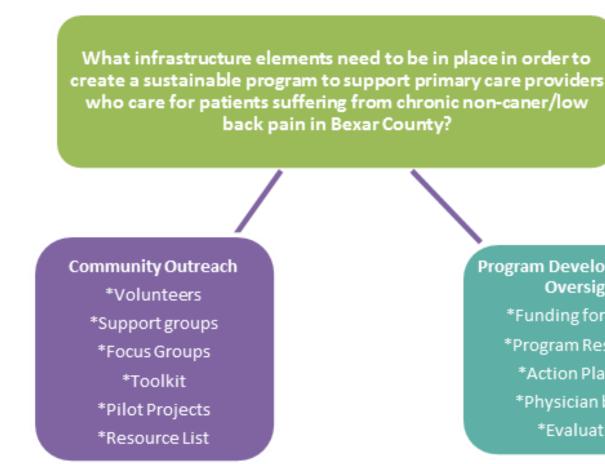


# **The Alliance Card Study 2014**

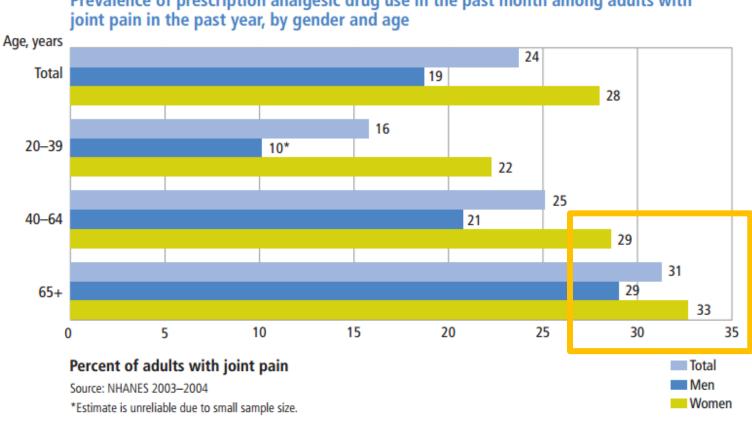
#### Which of the following is the ONE best way to treat chronic non-cancer pain?



# **The Alliance Priority**



#### We have a problem!



The Alliance has spent many meeting sessions learning about the scope of chronic pain in the United States. Our intent is to learn more about the issues specific to South Texas.

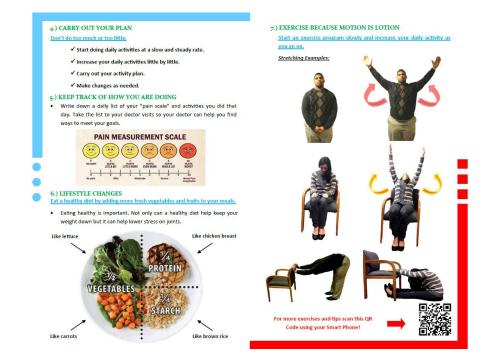






#### **Alliance Tool Kit**

Using the ReACH Center website the Alliance is developing tools to assist providers and community members to encourage chronic pain self management. We are creating brochures, videos and presentations to keep the discussion going.







Living With Chronic Pain: Prevention, Management & Empowerment

#### http://reach.uthscsa.edu/

## **Future of the Alliance**

The future work of the Alliance is to foster new relationships that will promote health while respecting community wisdom, drawing on assets (community and academic) and increasing local problem-solving capacity.