

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**Chronic Pain**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	PAIN. WHILE NOBODY WANTS TO FEEL IT, PAIN IS DOING US A FAVOR BY LETTING US KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG. AND USUALLY IT GOES AWAY AFTER WE HEAL. BUT CHRONIC PAIN IS...
<b>Micahel Hooten, M.D.</b>	"LONG-TERM PAIN THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY EXPECTED OR HASN'T RESPONDED TO CONVENTIONAL TREATMENTS."
	AS A PAIN SPECIALIST AT MAYO CLINIC, JOB ONE FOR DR. MICHAEL HOOTEN IS TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN UNDERLYING PROBLEM, LIKE A FRACTURE OR

	<p>EVEN CANCER. BUT MANY TIMES NO SPECIFIC CAUSE CAN BE FOUND. YET IMAGING STUDIES SHOW THE PAIN IS REAL.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Hooten</b></p>	<p>“BRAIN CENTERS THAT PROCESS PAIN STIMULI ARE VERY DIFFERENT IN CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS VERSUS THOSE WITHOUT CHRONIC PAIN. “</p>
	<p>IF EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT, OR IF YOU FIND YOURSELF DEPRESSED OR ANXIOUS ABOUT PAIN SYMPTOMS, A VISIT TO A PAIN SPECIALIST MAY BE IN ORDER.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>

