

Pacing Discussion Questions

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Possible introduction to the topic: <u>Pacing</u> on YouTube.com from the Pain Association Scotland (3 minute video on Pacing and Choices)

- 1. What are some strategies you use for setting limits and pacing?
- 2. What makes it difficult to pace your activities?
- 3. What makes you happy?

 Are you willing to make time for this?
- 4. What are some ways you prioritize your activities?
- 5. Do you have effective ways of dividing your chores/appointments/ other activities?
- 6. As you consider including 'rest' in your day, how do you define rest?What's restful for some is not for others.(Rest can include laying down, watching a show, working on a hobby or meditating.)
- 7. How do you break your responsibilities down into small steps?
- 8. Think about when you are most likely to overdo it.
 What are some tools you could try to help with this specific challenge?
- 9. Are you willing/able to take frequent short rest periods in your day? If you've tried this, how does it work for you?
- 10. When you overdo it, what do you say to yourself? Are you critical or do you show self-compassion? (Consider saying to yourself: It's okay, it was a tough day and I did the best I could.)