

Using Positive Language to Support your Focus & Wellness

Levels of Illness Change	То	Levels of Wellness Change
Recovery or cure	→	Sustained wellness
Illness remission	→	Wellness maintenance
Illness improvement	→	Wellness improvement
Reduced stress	→	Increased calm, contentment, and regulation
Improved coping	→	Greater resilience and flexibility
No illness change	→	Static/neutral
Increased stress	→	Low levels of calm and regulation
Poor coping	→	Low resilience and adaptability
Long duration relapses	→	Short bursts of wellness
Worsened illness		Low levels of wellness

(Adapted from Fred Friedberg's Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: 7 Steps to less pain and more energy)