

	Ostrale Chronic Illness Study Og
1	Empowering People Towards Wellness

STAGE	SYMPTOMS	SUPPORTING SELF
	Bedridden, housebound	Bedrest and quality rest
	Symptoms range from debilitating exhaustion to a systemic crash in the physical body	Physical support
		Healing environment
Crash Stage		Calming activities that require no energy output
		Deep breathing
		Hydration
	Exhaustion (wired)	Diagnosis/Acceptance
	Pain (muscle)	Education
	Poor sleep	Treatment of underlying
	Cognitive dysfunction	physical issues (systems)
	Flu-like symptoms	Developing awareness around energy-depleting physical and
	Orthostatic intolerance (light-	mental patterns
	headedness)	Learning to listen to the body
Tired and Wired Stage	Poor digestion	Gentle movements/stretch
Early Phase	Post-exertional malaise	appropriate to your capabilities
	Reactions to food/supplements	Healthy maintenance practices
	Anxiety/panic attacks	Building more energy than you are using each day
	Sore throat/swollen glands	<b>Being</b> as opposed to Doing
	-	Pacing (beginning stages)
		Healing and supportive environment
		Reducing the stress response
	Overall improvement in	Refining the art of pacing
	symptoms	Bouncing the boundaries gently
	Some days feel semi-normal again	Gentle walking, swimming, stretching
Tired and Wired Stage	Acceptance realised	Continued healthy
Latter Phase	Easy to crash again	maintenance practices
	Can get stuck in the 'I am sick forever' belief	Continuing to support weaker physical systems
		Deepening awareness around energy-depleting patterns

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		Calming nervous system
		Building more energy than you are using per day
	Stable baseline	Awareness of environmental tiredness
	More energy, less symptoms	
	Learned to interact skilfully with the condition	Continue with the application of the Tired and Wired <b>Latter Stage</b> protocols
Reintegration Stage	Positive expectation of moving towards greater levels of health and wellness	Using tools and techniques learnt in earlier stages to help reintegrate successfully
	Starting to move back into the world	Continue to deepen understanding of energy –
	Continuing to gently increase activities	depleting patterns, people, environments in your life and making shifts and changes in your life where necessary
		Establishing healthy boundaries
	We arrive at a whole new complete life, of which illness is only one part, even if it is an important part.	Continued self-care
Total Reintegration		Daily Healthy Maintenance Practices
		Continued awareness around health promoting behaviour

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