

## Why is my connection with my provider important?

Jake was starting treatment for chronic pain.

While completing the pre-appointment questionnaires, he noticed that he was answering questions about his connection with his provider.

He told his pain management specialist that he was curious why these questions were included.

Jake used the **Patient Provider Connection questions** to discuss the importance of a good relationship with his provider and how it can help his treatment.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

New questions that ask about how well you connect with your pain management specialist are included in your pre-appointment questionnaires.

### **Q: Why is my connection with my pain management specialist so important?**

A: Research shows that having a positive relationship with your provider can help improve your pain treatment outcomes. You are encouraged to think about the connection and consider discussing it to make the most of the pain treatment you are receiving.

### **Q: I don't have the best connection with my provider so far. Will they be able to see my answers?**

A: To help you feel more comfortable, your responses will not be included with the reports that your pain management specialist views for your appointment. In other words, your provider will not see your answers. It is up to you to decide if you would like to talk about the connection.

### **Q: These questions seem repetitive. Do I really need to answer these?**

A: The questions you answer after your appointment are anonymous and directly linked to your provider. The questions in your pre-appointment questionnaires are not included in your reports. They are meant only to help you reflect about the connection and possibly start a conversation with your doctor. Also, you will only see these questions at 1 appointment at this clinic.