Patty's PT Tips Pain Management Techniques

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These are treatment options that are in alphabetical order and not in any particular ranking for efficacy. A good objective and science-based source to investigate these options and more is Allen C. Bowling, MD, PhD's book **Optimal Health with Multiple Sclerosis** published in 2014. It addresses each particular approach in more depth and with references to scientific studies.

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Aromatherapy
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Biofeedback/Guided Imagery/Meditation
Cooling/Heating modalities
Counseling/Talk Therapy-clinical psychologists/support groups/friends
Electromagnetic Therapy/Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve stimulation
Manual Therapies/"Body Work"- Massage, Reflexology, Therapeutic Touch, Traeger, Feldenkrais,
Myofascial Release
Music Therapy
"Nature Bathing"-spending time outdoors exercising or just sitting and breathing
Pets/Crafts/Hobbies/Art
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Physical Therapy-for a more specifically tailored exercise program/recommendations that can be applied to your situation and your specific orthopedic or neurologically driven limitations

Therapeutic Movement Techniques-Tai Chi, Qigong, Feldenkrais, Dance, Yoga

Challenges: Consistency, Finding the right practitioner, financial limitations, objective self-assessment

What not to do: Smoking, excessive alcohol/sugar/eating