

# Chronic Cow™

FOR LOVED ONES & CAREGIVERS

(2-3 HOUR SEMINAR OR WEBINAR WITH Q & A)

You care for someone with a chronic diagnosis and you (maybe secretly) fear that you have no hope left for a good life. Our relationships are the most important thing about being human, yet chronic illness plays havoc with them. Really, you just have to live by **different rules**. Chronic Cow shows you those rules — backed by real **science** and hard **experience** living with, and caring for, chronic illnesses. We don't just **know** how to live better (based on decades of science and rigorous analysis), we **understand** the challenges you face (because we live them to). Living with a chronic illness can become grim, but you can still lead a **joyous, meaningful, productive** life.

Our **goal** is simple: to help you improve your **quality of life** when touched by the challenges of chronic illness. It may seem hard to believe, but more challenges are **shared** chronic conditions than are **different**. Chronic Cow has been developed to give you the perspective and tools to triumph over those challenges. *What will you learn in this seminar?*

**A Different Way of Seeing Relationships:** Even though they're so important, we don't often think about what makes a human relationship — or what makes them good. But loving or caring for someone with a chronic condition invites more strain than you could have predicted. We share an eye-opening way of understanding our relationships, the effects of chronic illness, & what you can do about those stresses together.

**Intimate Communication:** No matter how close you are or how long you've known one another, a chronic condition will bring up intimate, embarrassing, and emotional topics. In fact, the closer you are, the more difficult these conversations can be. We show you how to manage emotions and expectations, minimize conflict and hurt feelings, and reach mutually beneficial solutions.

**Relationship with Self:** In the press of added demands of chronic illness caregiving, we too easily forget ourselves. But the rest of your life doesn't stop. You have to relearn how to prioritize, set boundaries, manage guilt (and other harmful emotions), and make time in your life for everything else. In short, you mustn't forget to treat yourself with respect, kindness, and a little forgiveness.

And much more! Of course, we provide lots of **practical tips** to put your knowledge into action improving your quality of life and we'll take your specific questions. **Sign up** for a Chronic Cow Seminar or Webinar; or for a personalized Chronic Cow Guidance subscription and **begin your better life now**.



# Chronic Cow™ delivers:

1. Face-to-face and online **workshops, seminars** and **classes** on better living with chronic illness for those with chronic conditions, loved ones and caregivers, and medical & therapeutic professionals.
2. **Individual** and **group guidance** for those with chronic illness, their loved ones & caregivers.
3. Science-backed, data driven, systematically monitored **programs** for **targeted** life improvements.
4. **Print** and **digital** materials supporting better living with chronic illness.
5. Mobile **applications**, powered by cutting edge machine learning and data science, to improve the quality of life with chronic illness through realtime predictive and prescriptive analytics.

# Chronic Cow™ is committed to:

1. A beneficial, socially aware presence.
2. Partnering with, and contributing to, nonprofits, public agencies, causes, and movements supporting chronic illness, caregivers, and medical and therapeutic practitioners.
3. Maintaining an active research & development program in human data science and the analysis of relevant quality of life issues.
4. Rethinking work and pursuing workplace innovations to further meaningful professional opportunities for those with chronic illness and those who give care.
5. Speaking for scientifically-informed, data driven, and humane practices, policies, and procedures regarding those with chronic conditions, their loved ones and caregivers, and supportive medical and therapeutic professionals and institutions.

Be well. Do well. Do good.

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## Our Founder

Kevin has lived with multiple sclerosis for many years. He's successfully dealt with other chronic conditions, too. And he's spent much of his life as a caregiver for loved ones also challenged with chronic conditions.

He holds a doctorate in Sociology and Psychology from the University of Missouri at Columbia, was a professor for 15 years, and has studied how people operate best under distress and disadvantage since the 90s.

His diagnosis with multiple sclerosis set off a series of events that radically altered the course of his life and his career. First, he thought that, as a social psychologist who's studied how people succeed or fail in difficult circumstances, there had to be something he could do to apply those research insights to improving his own quality of life.

Then he expanded his study across thousands of studies on dozens of conditions. He talked with everyone he could who lived with chronic conditions and their caregivers. And he found a different way of building a good life when touched by chronic illness — one backed by science and experience. He found there are simply different rules to living a good life with chronic illness.

He had, without realizing it, stumbled on much more than a shift in career: it was a calling. Chronic Cow™ is a labor of love. (Find out more about Dr. Payne @ [www.kjpayne.com](http://www.kjpayne.com))

