

A better way to overcome musculoskeletal pain

Help your members outsmart MSK pain with the only clinical-grade digital solution proven to outperform in-person care.



The only solution that works for everyone

Our clinically-validated programs work for all the major MSK issues, at any point in the journey: prevention, acute conditions, chronic pain and post-surgical recovery.



Lower Back



Shoulder



Neck



Knee



Elbow



Hip



Ankle

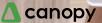


Wrist

Covering 1.4M lives & growing

Some partners:







ORD Health Technologies, Inc. 2020

Outcomes

you can count on

Our programs are proven to work better than anything else out there, and save both members and businesses money by removing the need for surgeries and other costly treatments.

Member satisfaction

9.3/10

Reduced surgery intent

64%

Decrease in opioid use

36%

Cost savings

34%

Reduction pain

70%

Reduced "return to work" time

18%

Fewer disability rates

37%

Reduction in work fear-avoidance

29%

Before, my pain was so bad that I couldn't sleep. Now... I've completely stopped my medication. It really has changed my life.

Dan, chronic back pain



Human care meets

superhuman tech



Physical Therapists

We match members with
a Doctor of Physical
Therapy who identifies
their condition, develops
a therapeutic exercise
program, and educates
and coaches them to
better health.



Digital Therapist

Our FDA-listed Digital
Therapist guides members
through an exercise program
designed just for them, gives
them live feedback, and
corrects their form - all
supervised virtually by their
physical therapist.



Member app

The SWORD Health app
helps members make
changes that last. Members
use the app to chat with
their PT, learn about their
condition and train their
brain with guided
behavioral therapy sessions.

Our certifications









Other recognitions







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Let's outsmart pain, together.

Financial and Experience
Outcomes Report

Giving people the power to heal, at home.

You probably know that musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions are a big issue today. 50% of Americans suffer from MSK pain, and it's costing us \$190B a year - more than cancer and mental health combined. What you might not know is that it's possible for these people to recover from that pain at home, without resorting to surgery or painkillers... at a fraction of the cost. High quality traditional physical therapy works wonders for MSK issues, but doesn't fit into our lifestyles.

SWORD Health is the only digital MSK therapy provider that's been proven to outperform traditional physical therapy. Our groundbreaking solution combines licensed physical therapists with medical-grade technology to give you access to an MSK solution that gives you the best of both worlds - helping your people get better, faster, and saving your business millions.



Better for business

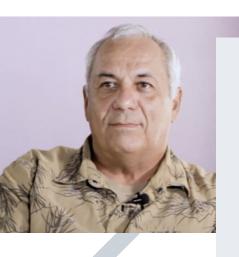
Reduce your MSK spend by up to 34% by avoiding unnecessary costs from surgeries and traditional PT





Better for people

Give your people best-in-class care with a personalized, clinically-proven program they can do without leaving home



"On my initial appointment, I had a makeshift 'cane'. Today...I'm cycling 100+ miles a week, and I'm able to do everything without any restrictions. I am forever indebted to the SWORD program."

Dan, chronic low back pain

Today, the care pathway for a member with an MSK issue is inefficient, confusing and costly. In the majority of cases, members do not have access to care that actually works. They end up spending thousands of dollars in outpatient appointments, imaging, medications, chiropractors, and traditional physical therapy, and many end up in surgery.

In members who go into surgery, the total cost for a full year of care can range from \$10k (shoulder) to \$64K (low back).

SWORD Health's solution is clinically-proven to reduce the need for surgery by up to 64% and outperform traditional physical therapy by 30%.

How much you'll save

Between 40 to 50% of your employees suffer from MSK conditions, and 20% seek care because of them. Here is what your savings could look like if we enroll between 3 and 7% of your employees. We achieve this by reducing healthcare usage across all types of care, especially surgeries, which are by far the biggest cost driver.

47%

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34%

1.9 - 4.4x

Savings in enrolled population

Savings on total MSK expenditure

ROI

What this means for your business in Year 1

\$1.6M

\$8M

\$16M

10,000 employees

50,000 employees

100,000 employees

Performance, guaranteed

We put 100% of our fees at risk. If you don't see results, you don't pay. At the end of each year, we will calculate the total surgery and PT avoidance cost, and if it is not greater than the total amount you paid during the year, we will refund you the difference. We also don't assess any fees for members who don't attend at least 25% of their sessions during the first month of the program.

Better for people

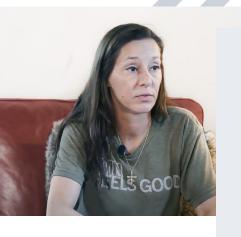
At SWORD Health, we believe that you're not really saving money unless you're making a real impact on people's lives. Our intervention is not only proven to work better than anything else out there, members love it, too.







> 3 day Adherence



Before, my pain was so bad that I couldn't sleep. Now... I've completely stopped my medication. It really has changed my life.

Sara, chronic low back pain

Saving time and the planet



71% of our members did their sessions on Christmas Day last year!



200,000

Commuting miles saved this year by SWORD's program, equivalent to 8 trips around the Earth!

How we calculated these financial outcomes

- We have partnered with Avalon Health
 Economics to produce a model that would
 reflect the impact of our programs. This model
 factored in the holistic nature of our programs, as
 well as the fact that our program is significantly
 more engaging than traditional physical therapy.
 Our retention rates are 89%, much higher than
 conventional physical therapy, where 50%
 of participants drop out after just 4 sessions.
- We analyzed all claims related to MSK conditions from the IBM Marketscan database for 2017, with a sample size of over 2 million patients.
- We analyzed expenses related to each type of care inpatient surgery, outpatient surgery, painkillers (including opioids), office visits, imaging, ER visits, and conventional physical therapy to determine the costs associated with each of them for a typical patient.
- We then calculated the impact of SWORD's programs on the usage of each type of care, factoring the cost of the SWORD program into the totals.

According to these calculations, you can expect SWORD's program to reduce the number of claims for each type of care in the following ranges:

Surgeries	44 - 64%		
Medication	49 - 55%		
lmaging	49 - 53%		
ER visits	61 - 69%		
Office visits 19 - 23%			

What's not included

The SWORD Health program is likely to save your business and your people more than we've shown in our calculations, because we didn't include the indirect costs of MSK on your business.





34% of missed workdays are MSK-related



of people prescribed opioids misuse them

Let's outsmart pain, together.



For a personalized, comprehensive cost savings analysis for your business, email us today:

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STATE OF MSK SURVEY

Navigating the Paindemic

The impact of COVID-19 on musculoskeletal conditions in the workforce



About the survey

As COVID-19 hits another peak in the U.S. and around the world, millions of Americans have been working remotely for the better part of a year. Employers are looking for solutions to mitigate the health impacts of this new normal, including surges in complaints of musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions. We conducted a study of 1,040 employed Americans to understand the state of MSK conditions in the U.S. today. In this report, you'll learn how prevalent MSK conditions of all types are in today's workforce, the impact of remote work and other lifestyle factors on MSK pain, and employees' shifting attitudes toward treatment options, including traditional and virtual physical therapy.

This survey was conducted in October 2020 via SurveyMonkey. The sample included 1040 employed Americans (working part- or full-time) aged 18-99+ across all regions of the United States. Data analysis was performed by SWORD's Clinical Validation team.











Pain in the workforce is surging

Musculoskeletal conditions affect a growing proportion of the workforce. Previous reports¹ have estimated the number of Americans suffering from musculoskeletal issues to be around 50% of the population, but our research has found that in the wake of the pandemic, the number may be significantly higher than that. In our study, almost 80% of respondents claimed to be suffering from some kind of musculoskeletal pain, with 79.2% of pain sufferers reporting pain in more than two areas of their body.

For two-fifths (40.5%) of pain sufferers, the pain is new - less than three months old - and among those for whom the pain is chronic (defined as pain that has lasted more than 12 weeks), 37.9% have experienced an increase in pain since the pandemic began.

¹ The Burden of Musculoskeletal Diseases in the United States. U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative







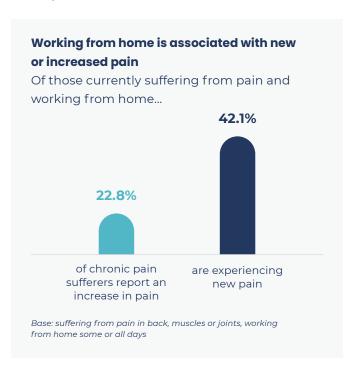
Remote work is causing more pain, but office setups aren't to blame

The majority of the workforce is still working remotely and will be for some time to come. Our study found that over half (59.7%) of respondents are working from home, either every day or some days. Since the pandemic began, we've heard many theories about the potential impact of remote work on MSK conditions. Suboptimal office setups are often cited as a contributing factor, but our analysis has uncovered a different culprit.

Is working remotely causing more pain?
Our signs point to yes. Almost half (42.1%) of those working from home at least some workdays are feeling new pain (defined as pain that has started in the past three months). Additionally, 22.8% of respondents that suffer from chronic pain and are working from home reported that their pain has gotten worse since the pandemic began.

Increases in pain among those working from home are at best only marginally related to the quality of their office setup. Is the office setup to blame? That one's a no. The increase in pain symptoms and intensity among those working from home seems to be, at best, only marginally related to the quality of their office setup. Pain was equally prevalent irrespective of workspace setup: 80.2% among those working on a desk or table in a dedicated office space; 84.7% among those working from a desk or table in a non-dedicated office space such as a living room, bedroom, kitchen, or dining room, or 81.3% among those working in a non-dedicated space without a desk or table.

So if it's not suboptimal office spaces that are leading to more pain, what could the culprit be?





The real culprit is lack of movement

It is well known that lack of movement for prolonged periods of time can lead to MSK pain. Our bodies were designed to move, and the shift to a remote work lifestyle brings with it a whole lot less movement for most people. All of the small, incidental movements associated with commuting, walking from meeting to meeting and picking up lunch - things that can help prevent and relieve pain - have been significantly reduced in their day-to-day lives. Our research shows it's probable that this lack of movement is what's really responsible for some of the surge in MSK pain: Of those working from home, almost half (43.6%) of those who reported moving the same or less are in pain, compared to just 8.1% of those who claimed to be moving more.

Interestingly, even a commute can be protective against pain. The biggest gaps in pain prevalence were found between those working from home only some days (26.1%) and those working from home either every day (34.7%) or not at all (38.4%), suggesting that those who vary their work environment by commuting into a workplace on some days are slightly less likely to be in pain.

Movement may be the antidote to WFH painOf those working from home...

43.6 % moving the same or less are in pain

8.1 % moving more are in pain

Base: suffering from pain in back, muscles or joints, working from home some or all days



Even a commute can be protective against pain.
People who commute on some days are less likely to be in pain.



It's affecting our minds as well as our bodies

Much has been written about the impact of the pandemic on mental health. In our study, 76.2% of all respondents claim to have experienced depression and/or anxiety since the pandemic began. We sought to understand the role of MSK pain in mental health, and found, not surprisingly, that increases in pain are correlated with increases in mental health issues. Those in chronic pain are one and a half times as likely to respond with depression or anxiety to serious life and world events. For instance, 31.8% experienced an increase in depression and anxiety since the pandemic began, compared to just one in five of those who had pain for fewer than three months (19.9%) or those who did not experience pain at all (18.6%).

Of those who experienced an increase in depression, anxiety, and panic since the pandemic began, they were three times more likely to have chronic pain. (59.9% vs. 24.0%)



Chronic pain makes people 3x more likely to experience mental health issues

Among those who have experienced an increase in feelings of depression, hopelessness, sadness, anxiety or panic during the pandemic...

Chronic pain (more than three months):

59.9 %

New pain (less than three months):

24.0 %

Base: have experienced an increase in feelings of depression, hopelessness, sadness, anxiety or panic since the pandemic began (March 2020)

Those in chronic pain are one and a half times as likely to respond with depression or anxiety to serious life and world events.



The majority (39.0%) of people in pain have not sought treatment in the last six months. Among those who are treating their pain, almost a third (28.0%) are taking medication, and a small percentage have undergone surgery (3.5%). And while physical therapy has been shown to be an effective treatment for MSK pain², only about one in ten respondents have seen a physical therapist for their condition.

untreated pain sufferers said that they haven't pursued treatment because they don't feel safe going into a hospital or clinic right now. The lack of convenience of many MSK treatments also continues to be an issue: over a quarter (26.3%) of pain sufferers report that they haven't had treatment because they haven't had the time. Lack of appointment availability or appointment cancellations only contributed marginally to treatment barriers.

Over a third of pain sufferers haven't had treatment Have you had any of the following treatments for your pain in the last six months? I have not had treatment: 39.0 % Medication: 28.0 % Chiropractic: 14.8 % Physical Therapy: 10.5 % Something else: 4.2 % Surgery: 3.5 %

The pandemic has caused many people to reconsider going into clinics and hospitals for fear of infection, and our research confirms that MSK sufferers are no exception. Almost a third (29.1%) of



² Centers for Disease Control, Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain — United States, 2016

Of those who have not treated their pain at all, more than half (57.9%) claim that they haven't pursued treatment because they don't think the pain is bad enough. MSK conditions, like many medical issues, are best treated early. The longer we experience pain, dysfunction, and range of motion limitations, the more our nervous system, movement patterns, and behaviors will change in response, and the worse the condition can get.



Safety and time are getting in t Why haven't you had treatment	-	ndemic began?	
I don't think the pain is bad eno	ugh:		
I don't feel safe going to a clinic 29.1%			
I haven't had time: 26.3 %			
Another reason:			
I can't get an appointment: 5.0 %			
My appointment was canceled: 2.2 %			
Base: have not had treatment for pain in the po	ast six months		

Almost a third (29.1%) of untreated pain sufferers said that they haven't pursued treatment because they don't feel safe going into a hospital or clinic right now.

Physical therapy is seen as expensive, time consuming and unsafe

There is substantial clinical and real-world evidence that physical therapy is effective in managing chronic pain as well as speeding recovery from acute injuries and surgery³ 5, but the gap between those who would consider treatment and those who actually pursue it remains high. We asked respondents who had not had treatment as well as those who had pursued a treatment other than physical therapy whether they would consider physical therapy to treat their pain. A total of 524 respondents (63.2% of all pain sufferers) said that they would consider physical therapy: six times as many as the 87 pain sufferers (10.5%) who have had physical therapy.

Among those who would consider PT but have not pursued it, cost is the highest barrier to treatment (31.5%). Time and safety are less of a concern for these respondents yet still remain a barrier: one fifth (18.1%) report not having enough time, and a similar proportion (16.9%) don't feel safe going to a clinic right now.

⁴ Madera, M., Brady, J., Deily, S., McGinty, T., Moroz, L., Singh, D., Tipton, G., & Truumees, E. The role of physical therapy and rehabilitation after lumbar fusion surgery for degenerative disease: a systematic review, Journal of Neurosurgery, 2017



⁵ Littlewood C, Bateman M, Clark D, Selfe J et al. Rehabilitation following rotator cuff repair: a systematic review. Shoulder Elbow 2015

³ Westby MD, Brittain A, Backman CL. Expert Consensus on Best Practices for Post-Acute Rehabilitation After Total Hip and Knee Arthroplasty: A Canada and United States Delphi Study. Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken). 2014



The majority of pain suffers would consider virtual physical therapy, but most want licensed PTs to provide the care

The pandemic has changed the way patients view telemedicine, and physical therapy is no exception. Almost three-quarters (74.3%) of all pain sufferers would consider a virtual physical therapy solution. Of those, over two-thirds (67.5%) think that care from a licensed PT, not a non-clinical health coach, is important when choosing a virtual PT provider. About half of pain sufferers believe that proven efficacy (52.8%), a large patient base (46.6%) and the ability to see how they're performing their exercises in real time (44.9%) are important (respectively).

Over two-thirds of those who would consider virtual PT think that care from a licensed PT, not a non-clinical health coach, is important.

Three-quarters of pain sufferers would consider virtual PT

Would you consider a virtual PT treatment that you could do at home?



Base: suffering from pain in back, muscles or joints

Care from a licensed physical therapist is important

Which of the following would be important to you in choosing a virtual physical therapy provider?

Care from a licensed physical therapist, not a health coach: **67.5** %

Proven to work for people like me: 52.8 %

A provider that has treated many other people before: **46.6** %

The ability to see how I'm performing my exercises in real time: **44.9** %

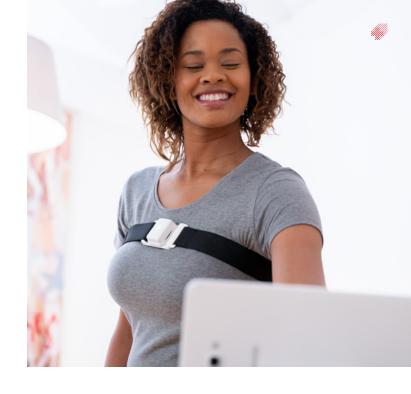
The ability to chat to my physical therapist anytime: **31.8** %

Something else: 3.4 %

Base: would consider virtual PT (yes and depends on cost)

Recommendations for employers

The high incidence of untreated MSK conditions and comorbid mental health issues in today's workforce is concerning, but need not be cause for alarm. For employers with large numbers of remote workers, educating employees on the value of movement and implementing programs to encourage more movement can be protective. To help those already in pain but resisting treatment for safety, cost and convenience reasons, employers should consider adding a robust digital solution to their MSK solution set. Adding a solution like SWORD Health that combines therapeutic exercise with behavioral interventions can help those with new pain resolve the issue before it becomes chronic. For those with chronic conditions, a high-quality digital solution can relieve the pain and prevent it from progressing so far that surgery is desired or required. Implementing a digital MSK solution now can improve employees' wellbeing, mental health and productivity in this challenging time, and importantly, it can also reduce the likelihood of a spike in surgeries and other costly treatments once the pandemic has subsided.



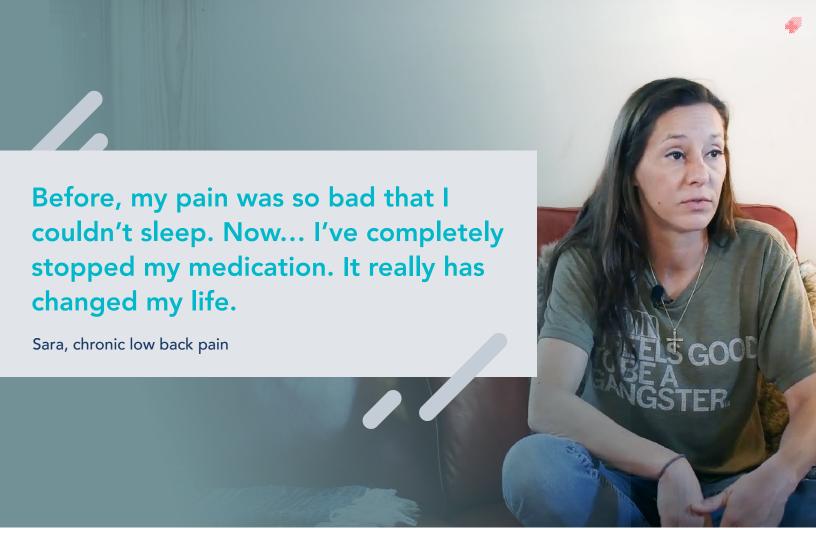
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To learn more about SWORD Health, visit www.swordhealth.com



How a top 5 health plan freed their members from chronic pain



THE CHALLENGE

Rising pain and rising costs

Low back pain will affect 80% of us in our lifetime, and is the leading cause of disability worldwide. Physical therapy (PT) has been shown to be as effective as surgery, but the plan's members weren't adhering to their programs, and as a result, claims for elective surgeries, imaging and prescription medications were increasing, costs were soaring, and people just weren't getting better.

THE SOLUTION

Clinical-grade care, at home

The health plan wanted to find a way for their members to access treatment for their pain from home, but didn't want to compromise on quality of care. They chose SWORD Health - the only digital MSK treatment proven to outperform the gold standard of care. SWORD uses licensed physical therapists and FDA-listed technology to give members a way to overcome their pain at home, with a holistic program that combines exercise, behavioral support and education.

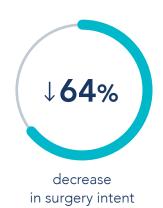
The best of both worlds

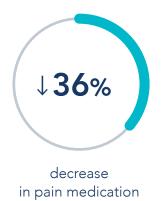
Plan members who've completed the SWORD program are significantly less likely to consider surgery, they're off their meds and they've got their lives back.



Less pain, fewer surgeries, less medication

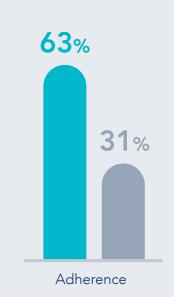


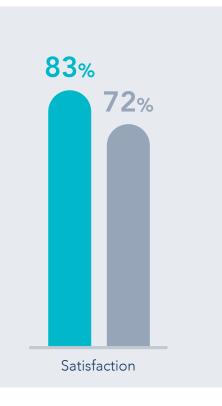














ABOUT

SWORD Health

SWORD Health is a digital musculoskeletal (MSK) and pulmonary therapy provider that's on a mission to free two billion people from chronic and post-surgical pain. The company's Al-enabled digital therapy platform pairs expert physical therapists with medical-grade wearable

technology to deliver a fully remote, yet highly personalized treatment plan that is more effective, easier and less expensive than traditional physical therapy. SWORD believes in the power of people to recover at home, without resorting to imaging, surgeries or opioids.

Contact Us:

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Relieve pain from the comfort of home

Tired of chronic and post surgical pain or loss of mobility? We have you covered! Meet SWORD, the new physical therapy alternative designed to help you overcome your back, joint or muscle pain – at home. Combining real physical therapists with easy-to-use technology, SWORD is far more than just convenient. It's proven to work better than in-person physical therapy.

Coming Soon

How it works



Your dedicated physical therapist designs an exercise program just for you.

SWORD will ship you a tablet and motion sensors to guide you and provide real-time feedback during your exercises.



Complete your exercise sessions at home when it is convenient for you. Your physical therapist is there to support you virtually and is available at any time.



Wherever it hurts, SWORD can help

















Lower Back

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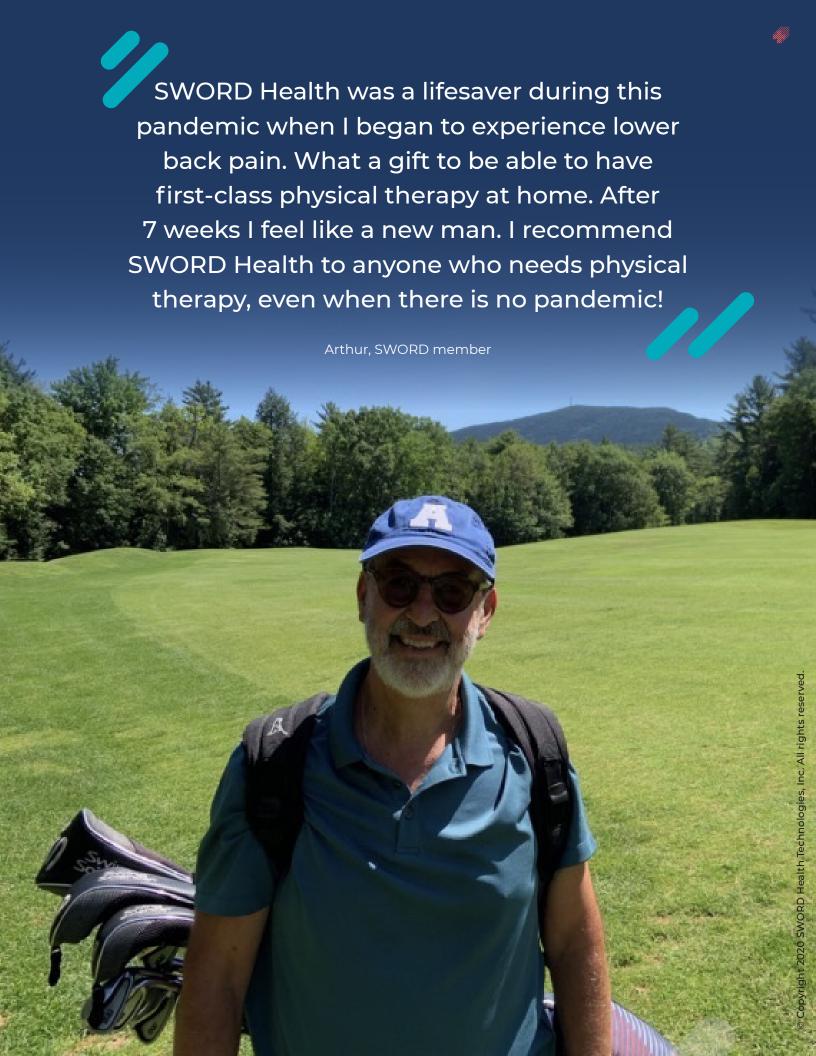






How Concordia Plans

Mobilized in a pandemic
to cut pain and surgeries in half



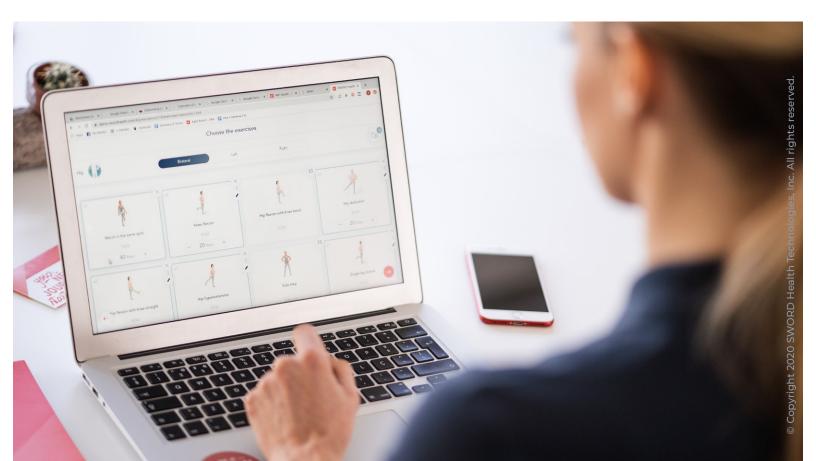
THE CHALLENGE

How do you treat pain in a pandemic?

One in two Americans is struggling with musculoskeletal (MSK) pain, and treating these issues costs the healthcare system more than cancer and mental health combined. Physical therapy (PT) is effective at treating these conditions, but it's too inconvenient to stick to, so people resort to expensive elective surgeries, medications and injections to find relief. The team at Concordia Plans had identified that this was an issue worth addressing, and had planned to look for a solution in the 2020 benefits year.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, even fewer people had access to great MSK care. PT clinics were closed, and hospitals delayed elective surgeries and other treatments. To make matters worse, as many in the workforce transitioned to working from home, there was a surge in MSK issues.

Concordia Plans knew they needed to do something about this, and fast. Their members do important work in service of the Lutheran community, and they couldn't afford - and didn't deserve - to be in pain.



THE SOLUTION

Implementing a clinical-grade solution in record time

Concordia Plans worked with SWORD Health on an accelerated launch plan to give their members access to clinical-grade care for their MSK conditions as quickly as possible. We launched the program a mere 15 days after signing the contract.

The benefit was launched on June 14th, 2020 to the entire eligible population. The outcomes in this case study reflect the impact on enrolled members who had completed 8 weeks of the SWORD program as of September 21st. Each member is matched with a licensed physical therapist and completes their exercise program using SWORD's FDA-listed Digital Therapist.

watch video



One of, if not the, most efficient implementation process I have ever been a part of. So many times we left meetings and heard from internal stakeholders "can all of these go this easily?!" Implementation was a dream with the SWORD team.

Sara Correnti, Concordia Plans

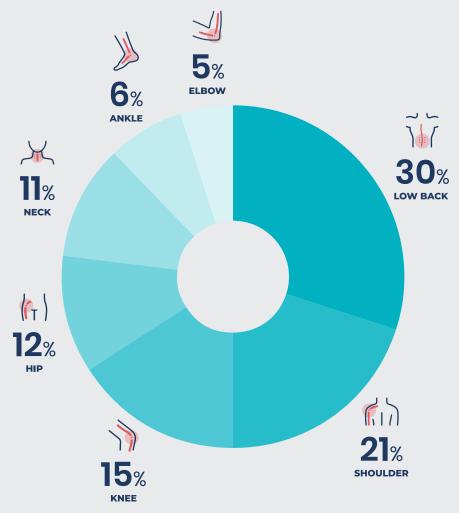


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A solution that works for everyone

Concordia Plans' member base is diverse, and so are their MSK conditions. SWORD is treating Concordia Plans members with all types of MSK pain, and at every point in the journey, from acute injuries to chronic pain.

Members have a wide range of MSK conditions



11%

Addressing
the true
source of pain

of Concordia Plans members received a different kit from the one they ordered, indicating that their pain was referred from another source.

Only a physical therapist is able to understand and address the true source of pain. To learn more about referred pain and the consequences of misdiagnosis, click here.

Less physical pain, less reliance on surgery and medication

Concordia Plans members are enjoying the benefits of less physical pain, are less likely to consider costly interventions such as surgeries, and are less reliant on medication.

After 8 weeks, members have cut their pain levels in half...

↓50%

PAIN

... and are almost half as likely to consider surgery.

\$\sqrt{40}\% SURGERY INTENT

Just 8 weeks and lots of exercises later I am virtually pain free and back to my normal exercise routine.

Kim. SWORD member

We have rescued one in four members from pain medications...

24%

FEWER MEMBERS
ARE TAKING PAIN MEDS

... and reduced medication intake by half in the others.

148% MEDICATION CONSUMPTION

Better mental health and productivity

Depression, anxiety and MSK conditions often go hand in hand, and improving physical health leads to better mental health and quality of life. Concordia Plans members who have completed the first eight weeks of our programs are seeing meaningful decreases in their depression and anxiety levels, and increases in productivity and quality of life.

Of the members who were depressed and anxious at the beginning of their program...



1 in 2 members scored below the threshold for depression at week 8



1 in 3 members scored below the threshold for anxiety at week 8

SWORD members who completed the program are more productive



A program that's easy to use and stick with

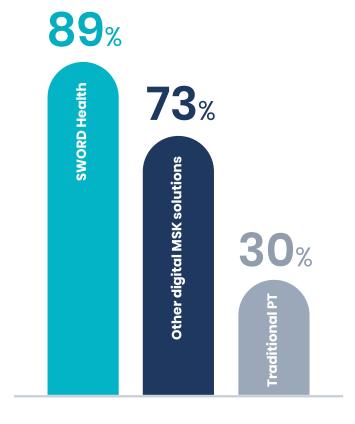
Physical Therapy only works if you stick with it, and adherence rates in traditional PT are strikingly low. SWORD's solution encourages adherence with real-time feedback, gamification and accountability from the physical therapist every step of the way - and the results show for themselves.

Between family and work obligations, I found it difficult to "find the time" for physical therapy. The SWORD Health digital therapy program has been a fantastic fit for me - I can follow my physical therapy program when and even where it works best for me.

Jason, SWORD member



Average member satisfaction



Retention rate

What's next: Real Returns

SWORD's digital MSK solution isn't just getting great outcomes for Concordia Plans members. It's having a real impact on their MSK costs, too. To sign up for outcomes and ROI updates, or to learn more about SWORD and see our solution in action, click here or scan the QR code to your right.



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