







What does the research say?

Erotic life before stroke = happy

Love life = stinky/sad

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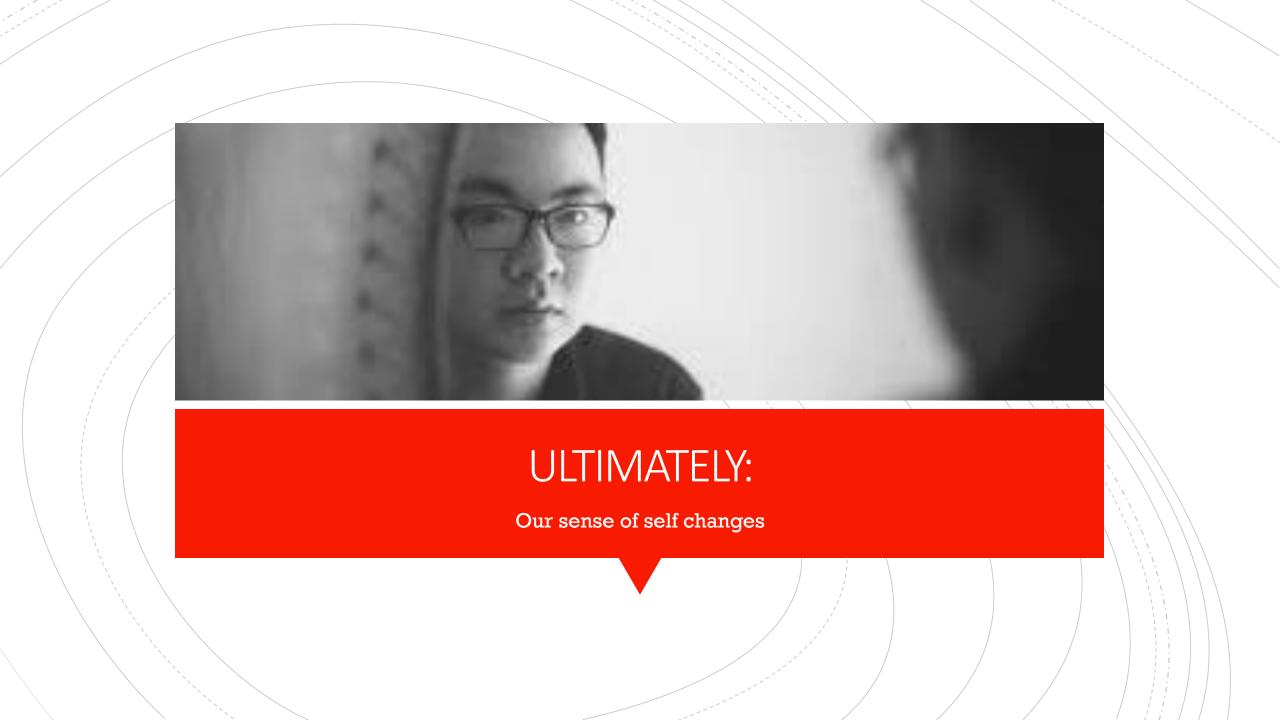
STROKE

(or any significant medical diagnosis)

2018

But why does eroticism take a hit?

- FATIGUE
- PAIN
- CHANGE IN PHYSICAL FUNCTIONING
- FEAR
- CAREGIVER/PATIENT ROLES
- ANGER
- BODY BETRAYAL
- DEPRESSION
- LACK OF COMPETENCE/CONFIDENCE





Techniques that Sex Therapists Use to Support Erotic Recovery

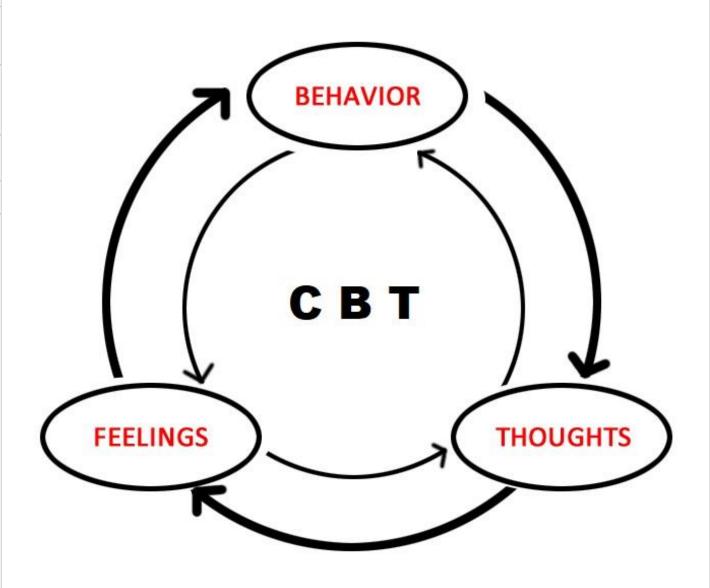
Hand Massage



Techniques

30 Second Meditation

Technique: Cognitive Behavior Therapy



Techniques: Emily Nagoski/Turning Off the Offs

- What is the biggest obstacle to my/our erotic goal?
- When and where specifically will the obstacle occur?
- What can I/we do to prevent the obstacle?
- What will I/we do to get back to the goal when the obstacle occurs?



Q and A

1) Sex positions
2) Difficulty maintaining erections
3) I can't feel to hold my partner's hand/kiss anymore (SUGGESTED PODCAST: Speaking of Sex with the Pleasure Mechanics: Turning Towards Pleasure While Living with Pain and Illness)
4) How do I communicate with patients?