

How to Understand Pain and How to Treat IT

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For the Most Part...

It does not come from nerve, disc, spine, joint, arthritis, or even inflammation as we were taught to understand it.



So our Diagnostic tools of MRI and X-ray Do Not Show the Injuries that Cause Chronic and even Acute Pain

- So how do we find them?
- By touch, and we were not taught how to touch.
- What do we need to feel?
- We need to be able to feel the texture of fascia... more injured vs. less injured.
- Let's explore:
 How Our Bodies are Put Together—
 How we Accumulate a Lifetime of Injuries— And what it takes to heal.











Objectives

- Identify and diagnose myofascial pain
- To do this .. Apply new knowledge about the anatomy of fascia
- Allow us to .. Utilize new strategies to manage care of acute and chronic pain patients
- Learn to .. Integrate non-pharmaceutical 'hands-on' options for pain patients
- Also an appreciation for the concept.. everything eat, think, touch, and do, every drug, food, or remedy you prescribe... all affects your fascia.. and also your genetic structure



Are you thinking that Myofascial Pain is fairly benign and less important than other 'kinds' of pain?

- There is no significant symptom difference between neuropathic and nociceptive pain that 'type' can be determined.¹
- Myofascial pain is sympathetically mediated pain and neuropathic and physical at the same time.²
- Almost all pain is derived from a lifetime of injuries to fascia that holds us together and allows for motion.
 - 1. Corey SM, Vizzard MA, Badger GJ, Langevin HM. Sensory innervation of the nonspecialized connective tissues in the low back of the rat. Cells Tissues Organs. 2011;194(6):521-30. doi: 10.1159/000323875. Epub 2011 Mar 18. PMID: 21411968; PMCID: PMC3238034.
 - 2. Liptan G. The widespread myofascial pain of fibromyalgia is sympathetically maintained and immune mediated. J Bodyw Mov Ther. 2023 Jul;35:394-399. doi: 10.1016/j.jbmt.2023.04.081. Epub 2023 May 4. PMID: 37330799.





What if Your Finger Was Bleeding?

- Hold it up in the air and watch it for a while?
- Take some ibuprofen and see how it is in the morning?
- Race to the ER for emergency treatment?
- Or couldn't you put some pressure on it and stop the bleeding....



What if Your Knee Was Hurting?

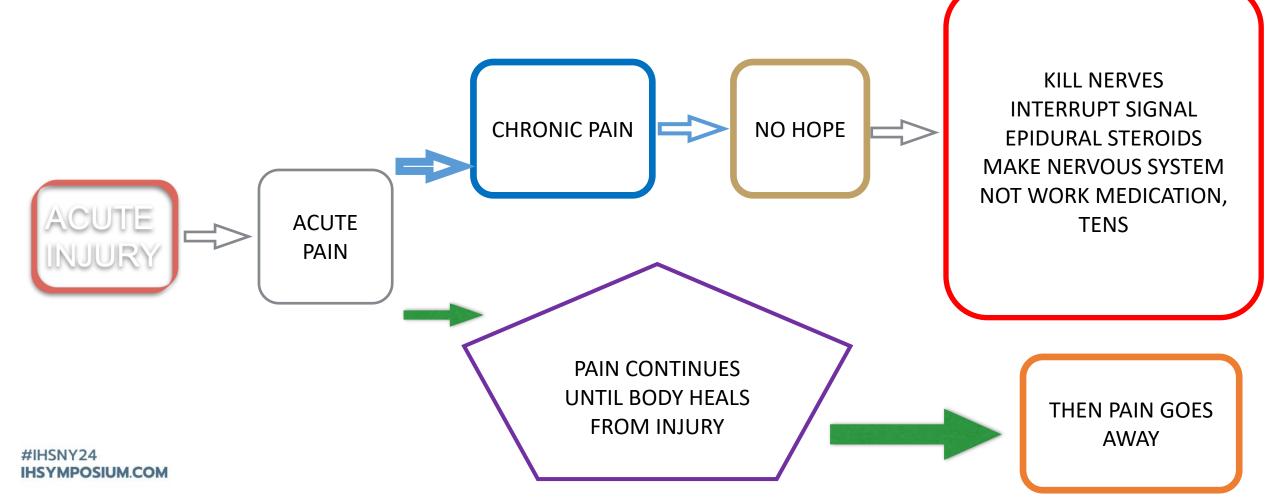
- Moan and groan, lie down and rest with ice or heat?
- Take some Ibuprofen and see how it is in the morning?
- Run to the ER for emergency treatment?
- Or .. What if you could put some pressure on ** and stop the pain? Almost as quickly as stopping the bleeding..





What is Chronic Pain?

Two schools of thought across the globe...









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Where Does Pain Come From?

- Not nerve
- Not disc
- Not the spine
- Not inflammation as we were taught
- Not the joint
- Not arthritis
- Not old age





Blatman Five Rules for Understanding and Treating Pain

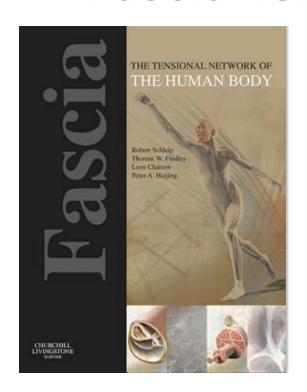
- 1. You can't believe pain comes from where you feel it .. your headache does not come from your head.. Left arm.. knee
- 2. You can't believe what you think the pain feels like.. sensation is not a diagnostic clue.. Brain cannot tell the difference between...
- 3. THE ONLY THING YOU CAN BELIEVE IS what you can touch and feel: that where you are specifically tender, mm x mm, is where fascia is kinked (TrP), or enthesis is injured (anchor)
- 4. The most tender areas in your body represent the fascia injuries and consequences of those injuries through your lifetime that generate most of the pain of which you are conscious
- 5. As soon as we unkink the fascia cords and strengthen (if needed) where fascia anchors and holds us together, the pain we thought we had will already be gone

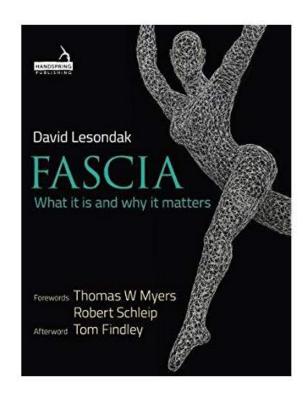
These riffs in the fascia continuum cannot be seen on x-ray, not always seen on ultrasound, best diagnosed by palpation

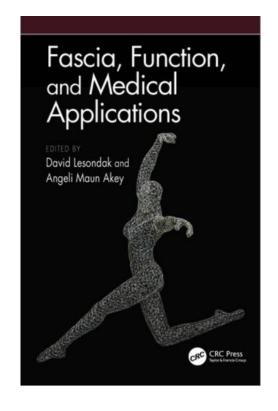




Fascia Text Books



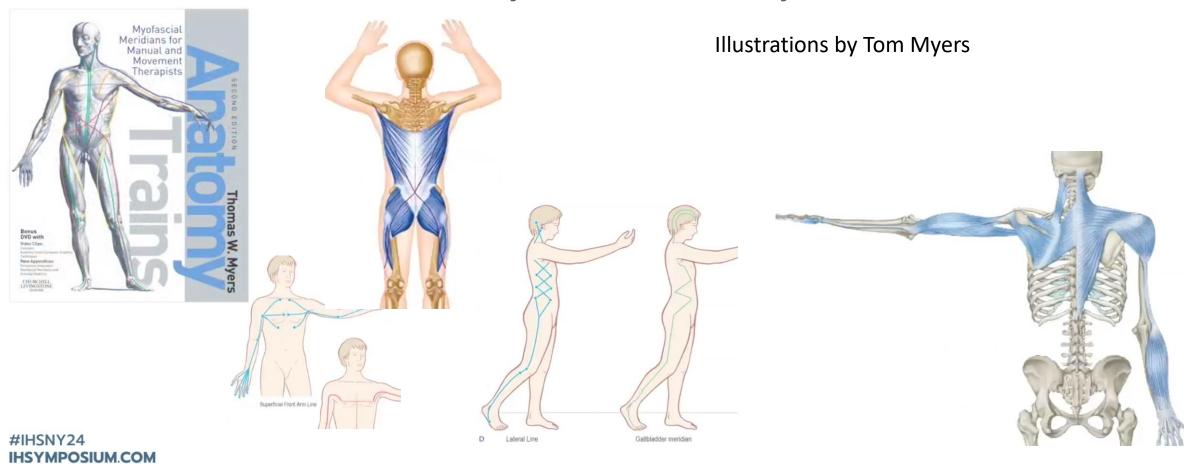




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Fascia Anatomy – Anatomy Trains





Forms of Fascia

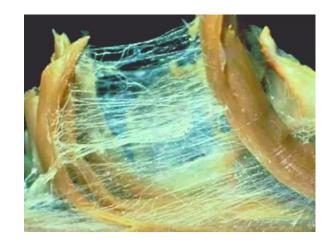
















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Fascia

- Ubiquitous throughout the body
- Likely to be discarded during surgery
- "Cleaned off" in anatomy dissection to "see something more important"
- Most under appreciated tissue in body
- More important in more ways than classically taught

Schleip Findley Chaitow Huijing, Fascia: The Tensional Network of the Human Body, 1st Edition, 2012. Van der Wal, International Journal of Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork, Vol 2, No 4, 9-23, 2009.



Also called: Connective Tissue

- With regard to personal injury:
 - Also termed: "soft" tissue
 - Historically difficult to assess damage
 - Historically difficult to prove damage
 - Historically not considered significant in contributing to disability
 - Many times this is most significant injury
 - Important for traumatically induced FMS (Fibromyalgia Syndrome)





Fascia

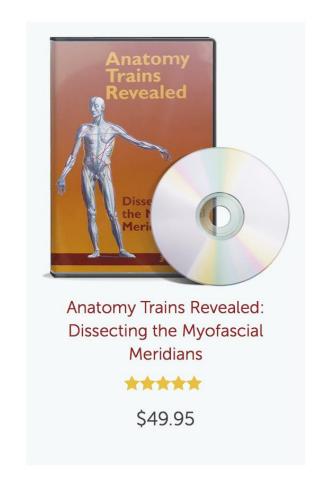
- Forms a biological container and connector for every organ and muscle
- Fascia ensheathes all bones (periosteum)
- Fascia is all one net, with no separation from head to toe
- Every cell responds and is hooked into the tensional environment of the fascia.

Ingbur, J Bodyw Mov Ther. Jul; 12(3): 198–200, 2008.
Ingbur, The architecture of life, Sci Am., Jan; 278(1):48-57, 1998.
Chaitow, L., Fascia 2007 Congress, Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies, 10, 249-50, 2006.



Tom Meyers Anatomy Trains

- www.anatomytrains.com
- Order and view videos of fascia anatomy







David Lesondak and Tom Meyers Anatomy Trains

Let's See the Superficial Back Line, Then Feel It

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcZNoKYxY4M









Spiral Line -- Scoliosis



https://www.anatomytrains.com/product/technique-series-spiral-line/





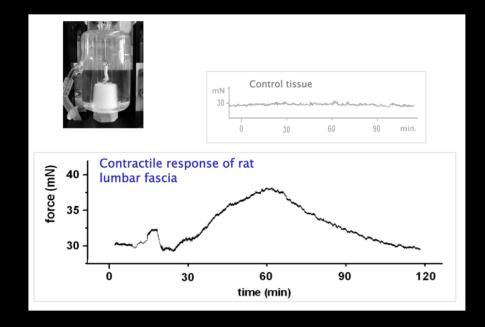
Active Fascial Contractility

- Suggested by Schleip¹
 - increase in fascial stiffness-improves proprioception and increases muscular activation and coordination
- Spector and others have shown connective tissue cells with muscle properties² (alpha smooth muscle actin)
 - fibroblasts, chondrocytes, osteoblasts
 - thought to help with wound repair
 - myofibroblast cells in fascia
 - 1. Schleip et al, Medical Hypotheses, 2005;65, 273-277.
 - 2. Spector M, Wound Repair Regen, 2002;9(1):11-8.





Fascia is able to contract in a smooth musclelike manner and thereby influence musculoskeletal mechanics R Schleip, W Klingler, F Lehmann-Horn



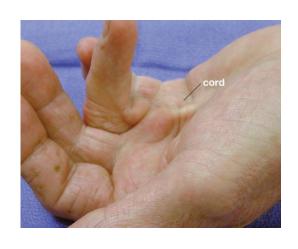
Liepsch D: Proceedings of the 5th World Congress of Biomechanics, Munich, Germany 2006, pp 51-54.

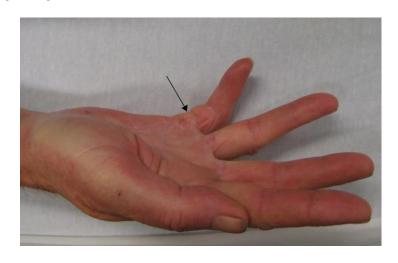
Myofibroblasts contain smooth muscle actin fibers --can actively contract-slow process



Fascia can Contract Pathologically

- Contains contractile cells¹
- Pathology in fascia contraction -Dupuytren's contracture²





- 1. Hinz, Gabbiani, Curr Opin Biotechnol, Oct 2003; 14(5); 538-46.
- 2. Schleip R, et al., Medical Hypotheses 2005, 65, 273-277.



Fascia Cord Released by Needle







What is Scoliosis?

- Curve with 3 dimensional deformity of the spine
- Scoliosis >25° reported in 1.5/1000 in US¹
- 70% of pediatric cases—idiopathic² (unknown cause)
- Muscle and fascia not often mentioned in literature
- Variety of treatment possibilities are described
 - Bracing, chiropractic, myofascial release, surgery



What is the Cause of Idiopathic Scoliosis?

- Fascia of the spiral line or longitudinal lines prevents vertical growth
- Fascia fails to lengthen
- Fascia pathologically contracts
- Spine grows in the path of least resistance spiral
- Scoliosis is a SPIRAL
- And the fascia can be released similar to Duypetren's



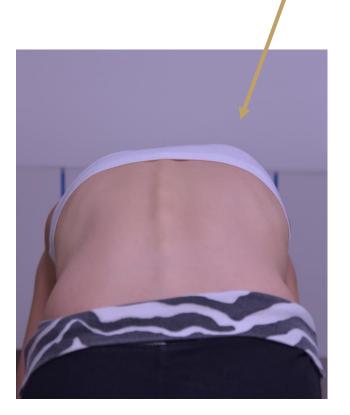


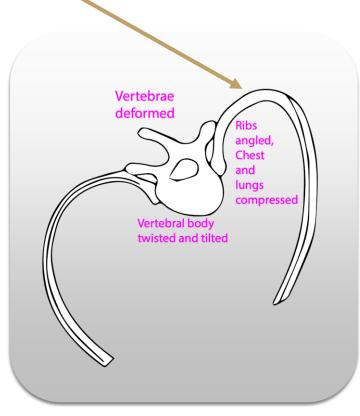


Leg length discrepancy, no scoliosis

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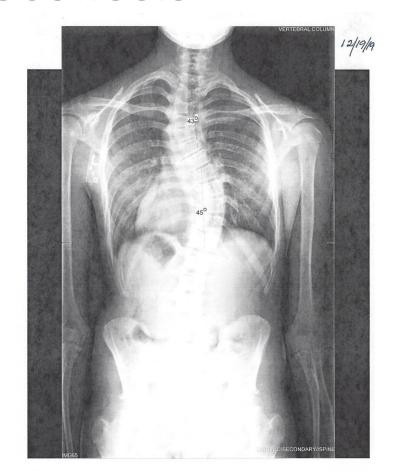


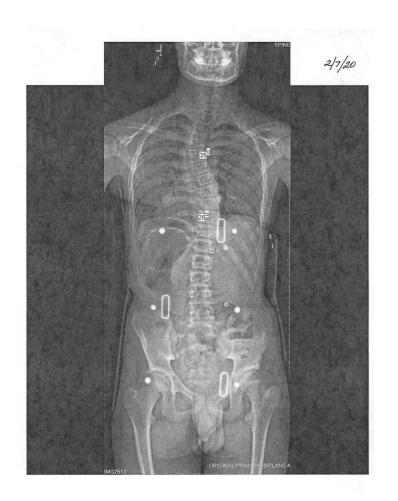


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Scoliosis

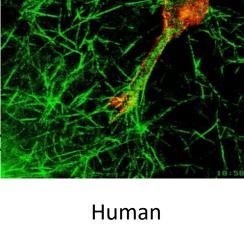






Bodywork changes Fibroblasts

- Fibroblasts make collagen
- When fibroblasts within muscle fascia are stressed, they secret soluble mediators as part of repair process (IL-6, IGFs, FGFs, NO)¹
 - IL-6 is up-regulated 24 h after repetitive strain
 - specific biophysical strain patterns (ie. myofascial release) modify the outcome of myoblast differentiation-necessary for muscle repair
- 90 seconds of Osteopathic stretch/compression will undo inflammatory changes caused by 8 hr of strain from repetitive motion²



Human Fibroblast Freidl, 2004

1. Hicks et al, J Appl Physiol, August 1; 113(3): 465-472, 2012.

2.Standley, Meltzer, J Bodyw Mov Ther, July; 12(3): 201-3, 2008.



Manual Therapy Variations May Affect Physiological Response to Treatment

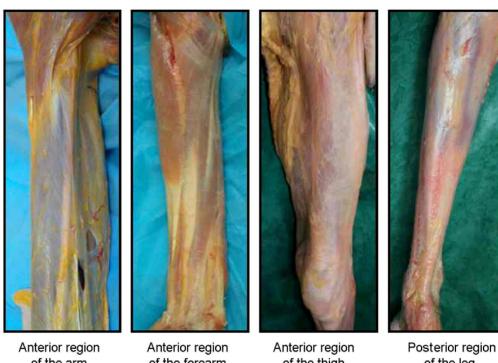
- Cao et al, dosed myofascial release (MFR) in bioengineered tendons (1)
- MFR
 - *increased tendon weight*, implying up-regulation of extracellular matrix protein
 - *longer duration increased* angiogenin, interleukin (IL)-3, IL-8, growth colony–stimulating factor, and thymus activation–regulated chemokine
 - *increasing strain magnitude increased* IL-1 β , monocyte chemoattractant cytokine, and regulated and normal T cell expressed and secreted chemotactic cytokine
- Suggests variations in manual therapies may differentially affect physiological responses in vivo
 - 1. Cao et al, J Manipulative Physiol Therapy, 36: 513-521, 2013.





Deep Fascia of the Limbs Different Structure, Different Function

- Upper limbs more elastic-facilitate movement
- Stronger layers transmit tension at distance, connecting the body for coordination



of the arm

of the forearm

of the thigh

of the leg



Continuity of Fascia

- Three deep layers of fascia in the trunk
 - superficial, intermediate, deep
- Layers merge at well-defined points, guaranteeing coordination among muscle groups¹
 - coupling between gluteus maximus and contralateral latissimus dorsi by posterior layer of thoracolumbar fascia
- Gluteus maximus inserts into iliotibial band, fascia lata, lateral intermuscular septum (divides quadriceps and hamstring), and femur²
 - Helps explain transmission of forces from thoracolumbar fascia to the knee
 - This is the injury that causes radiating sciatica pain not usually the sciatic nerve or a disc





- Can alter mechanics of the body by contracting, cells can change their function (Horwitz 1997)
- Myofibroblasts (density different between body sites)¹
- Telocytes (recently identified between blood vessels, capillaries and nerve endings in organs, lumbar and lower extremity fascia associated with intercellular signaling)²
- Type of collagen fibers present in deep fascia can change depending on hormonal, mechanical and chemical exposure.²
- Extracorporeal shockwave enhances fibroblast proliferation and differentiation by activating gene expression²
 - 1. Fede C, Pirri C, Fan C, Petrelli L, Guidolin D, De Caro R, Stecco C. A Closer Look at the Cellular and Molecular Components of the Deep/Muscular Fasciae. Int J Mol Sci. 2021 Jan 30;22(3):1411. doi: 10.3390/ijms22031411. PMID: 33573365; PMCID: PMC7866861.
 - 2. Giordani F, Bernini A, Müller-Ehrenberg H, Stecco C, Masiero S. A global approach for plantar fasciitis with extracorporeal shockwaves treatment. Eur J Transl Myol. 2019 Sep 9;29(3):8372. doi: 10.4081/ejtm.2019.8372. PMID: 31579484: PMCID: PMC6767838.





- Endoccannabinoid receptors 1 and 2 (CB1, CB2) in deep fascia¹
- Modulate fibrosis and inflammation
- Can suppress IL-1B, TNF-a
- Can increase anti-inflammatory cytokines

1. Expression of the endocannabinoidreceptors in human fascial tissue C. Fede,1G. Albertin,1L. Petrelli,1 M.M. Sfriso,1C. Biz,2R. De Caro,1 C. Stecco1 1Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Padua 2Department of Surgery, Oncology and Gastroenterology, Orthopedic Clinic, University of Padua, Italy





- Individual structures are just labels for areas within the singular fascial web:
 - Plantar fascia, Achilles tendon, iliotibial band, thoracolumbar aponeurosis, nuchal ligament, etc.
- No such thing as MCL, LCL



Fascia and Sensory Nervous System

- Mechanoreceptors in fascia
 - Golgi tendon organs-measure stretch
 - 90% are in myotendinous junctions, joint ligaments, joint capsules, fascia attachment to aponeuroses¹
 - Paciniform endings-measure pressure & vibration
 - myotendinous junctions, spinal ligaments
 - Ruffini endings-inform CNS about shear forces
 - ligaments of joints, dura mater
 - 1. Burke, Gandeve, 1990 Peripheral motor system, In: Paxines G (ed). The Human Nervous System Vol. 1: Academic Press, San Diego, p 133.



Sensory Nerves in Myofascial Tissue

- Tibial nerve
 - 3x more sensory fibers than motor fibers
 - 20% originate in mechanoreceptors—Golgi organs, Pacini corpuscles, Ruffini endings
 - 80% small diameter interstitial muscle/fascia receptors
 - 90% unmyelinated free nerve endings
 - some for pain, thermo/chemoception
 - majority for mechanical tension/pressure

Mitchell & Schmitt, In: Shepherd JT et al. (eds). Handbook of Physiology, Sect. 2, Vol. III, 1977.





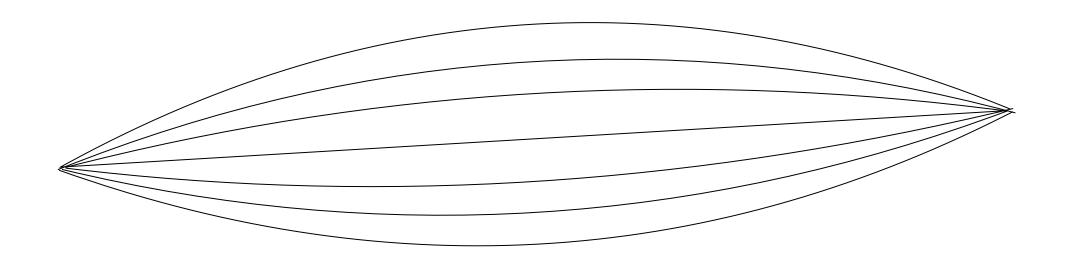
Contrary to what we have been taught: there is no symptomatic difference between:

- Nociceptive pain
- Neuropathic pain
- Sympathetically maintained or mediated pain
- Myofascial pain

They All Feel the SAME!

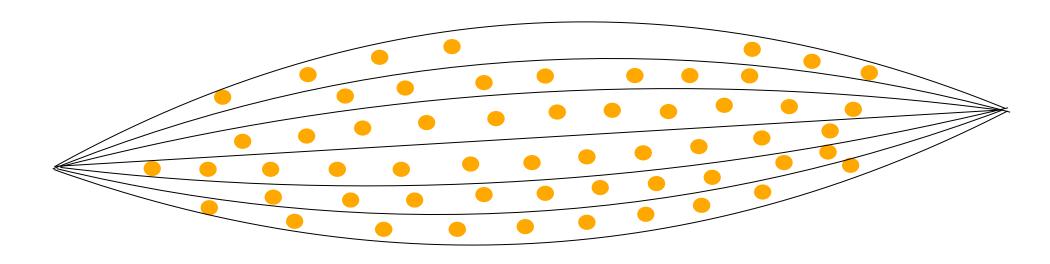






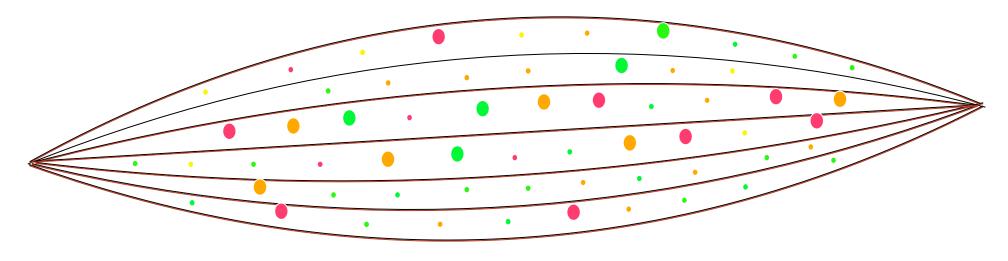
Schematic of Strings of Fascia Through a Muscle





Unmyelinated Free Nerve Endings Within the Fascia





Unmyelinated Free Nerve Endings Fire With

Pressure or Friction

That Increases with Inflammation from Food And Weather Changes



- More innervated than muscle
- Proprioception ad kinesthesia are primarily fascial, not muscular
- Fascia is the *antenna* for the brain



Proprioception







- Let's look at myofascial pain
- What is a trigger point?
- How do they form?
- How can we stop the pain?



Myofascial Trigger Points

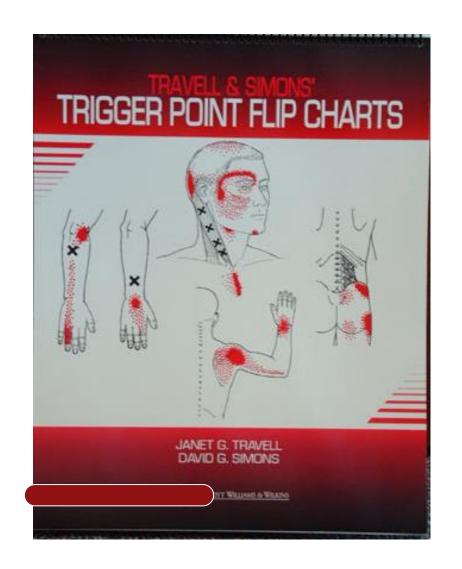
- Generate 2 pain patterns all the time
 - Localized and referred (not always conscious)
- Quality of pain
 - Any sensation
 - Numbness, tingling, aching, burning, cramping, itch, tickle, sharp, dull, achey
- No sensation of pain that cannot come from muscle and fascia





Treasure Map

- X's represent 'kinks' (trigger points) in myofascial
- Red speckles represent location of unpleasant symptoms







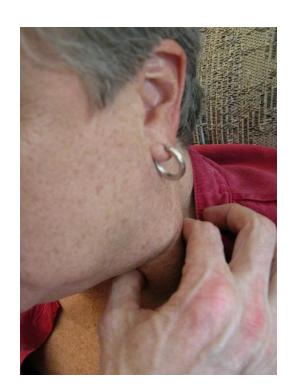




Palpating Sternocleidomastoid Muscle Trigger Points

• Examining someone else



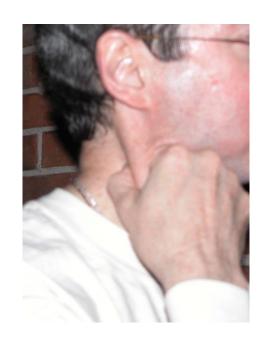


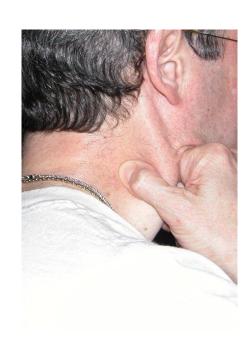


Palpating Sternocleidomastoid Muscle Trigger Points

- Examining yourself
 - Index finger in front
 - Right hand—right neck



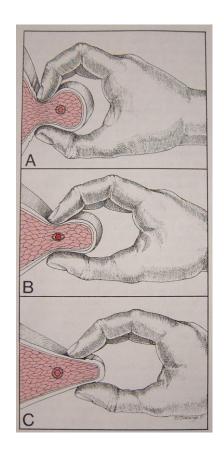






Pinch Grasp and Palpate

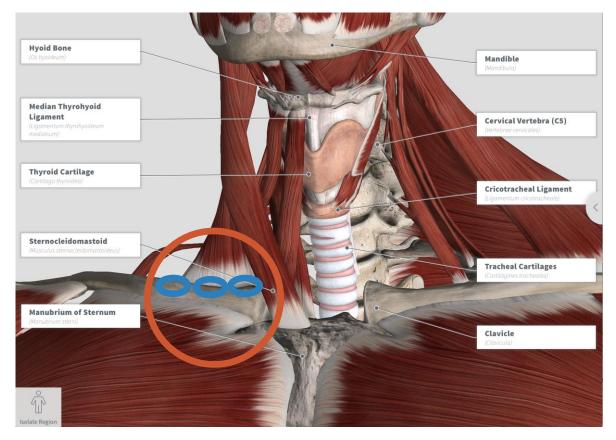
- As fingers come over the cross section of ropey band, TrP is tightest, tenderest part of band. Not necessarily more discrete
- May be surprisingly tender





Now Palpate the Anchor/Enthesis

- Run your finger over the top of clavicle
- Push IN and DOWN
- Appreciate surprising tenderness and discomfort—local and maybe radiating to your head or face









- Run your finger over the top of clavicle
- Push IN and DOWN
- Appreciate surprising tenderness and discomfort—local and maybe radiating to your head or face
- This is the injury that caused TrPs in the SCM





Where did that injury come from?

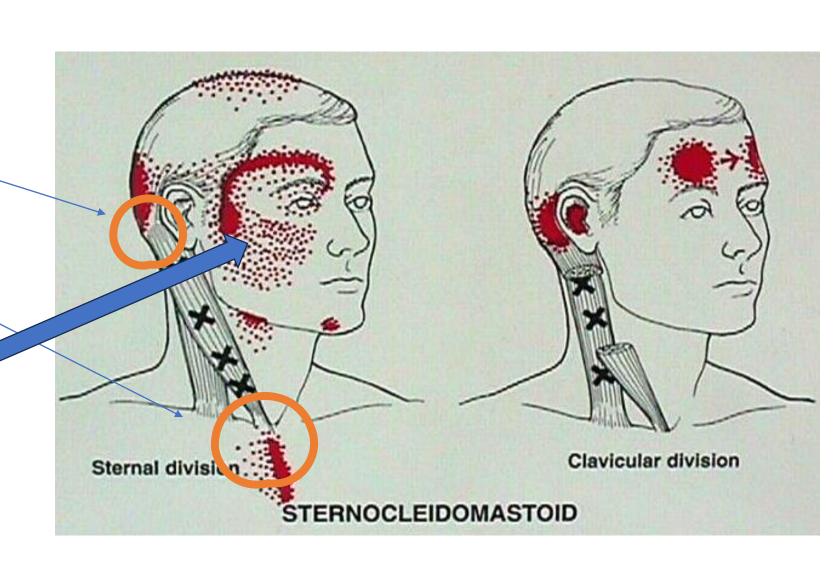
- First time as an infant, someone picked you up by your shoulders and forgot to bring your head
- Next—pushed down on playground, head snapped back
- Others? MVA, Falls?
- Some you do not remember...



One end of the injury Mistakenly called occipital neuralgia

Other end of the injury

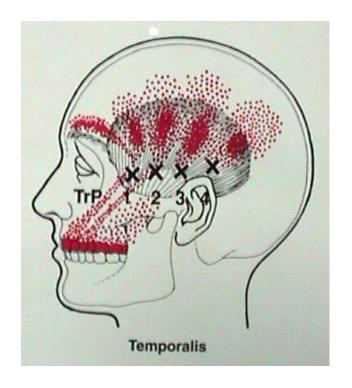
Migraine and Trigeminal Neuralgia pain that comes from these injuries and these kinks in the fascia





Temporalis – injury from chewing and jaw trauma including whiplash

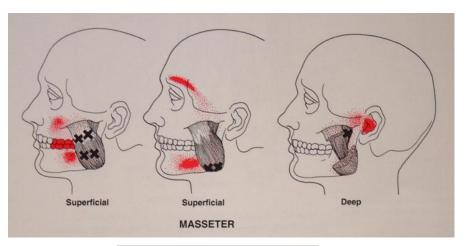
Patient had 4 root canals in that quadrant before dentist considered pain might not be coming from the teeth

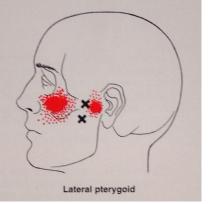




Masseter and Pterygoid muscles

- Make sinuses and teeth hurt
- Make inner ear hurt



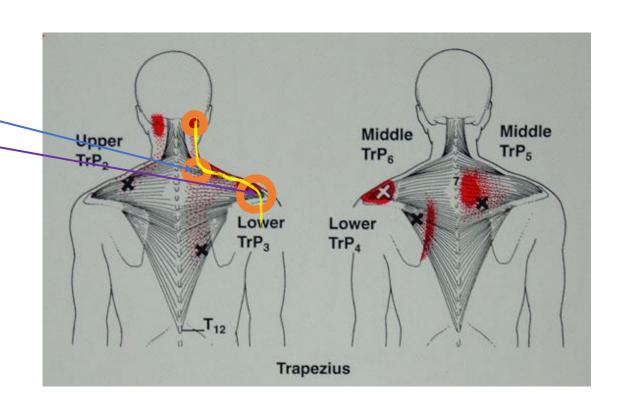






Upper Trapezius

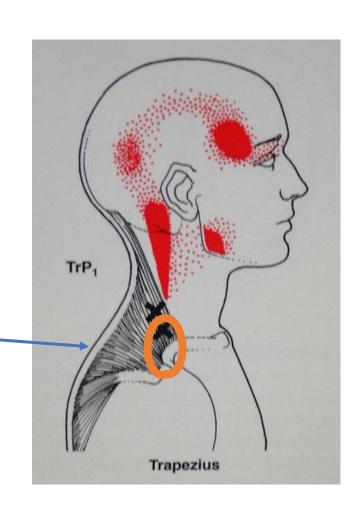
- Where did these injuries come from?
- Upper trapezius is strong enough to carry book bag, lift suitcase, hold up the world
- But where the muscle anchors peripherally and centrally
- Isn't strong enough to hold together when you pull that hard
- You tear from all 4 ends and twist into ropey bands and TrPs
- That's why upper traps are tight
- They are glued together and tender most likely due to what immune system does with fascia for 3-5 weeks when exposed to tiniest amount of dairy..most likely from cow





Upper Trapezius

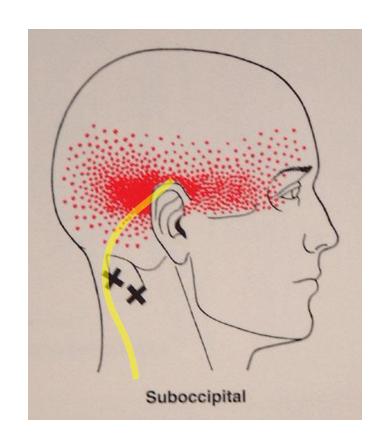
• Same tenderness as SCM on clavicle





Suboccipital muscles

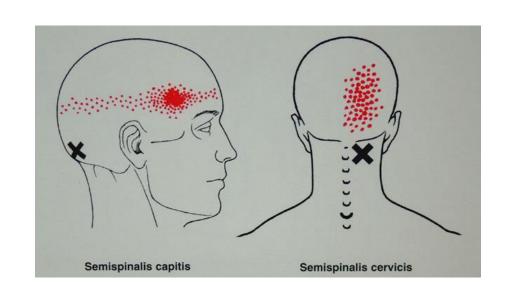
- IF you have these TrPs and don't get headaches
- Don't complain





Nowhere do you need to be perfect To Get out of Pain!

You just need to be 99% ignorable everywhere...





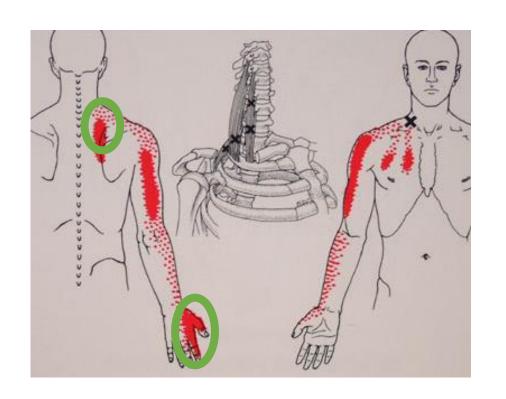






Scalenes

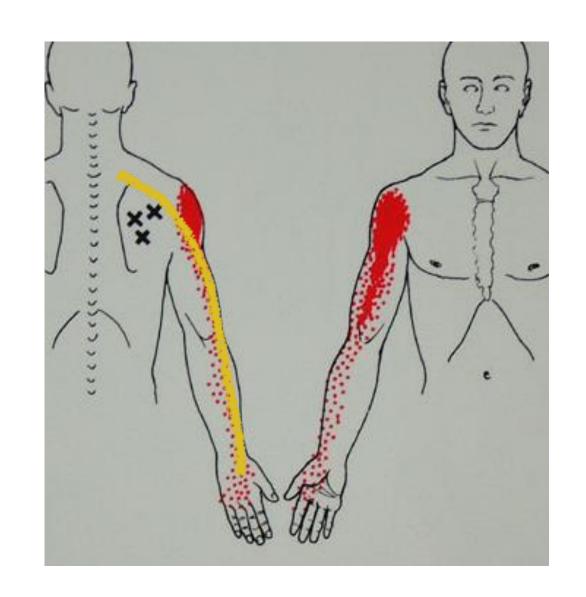
 Cervical adjustment might reduce hand numbness thought to be CTS





Infraspinatus

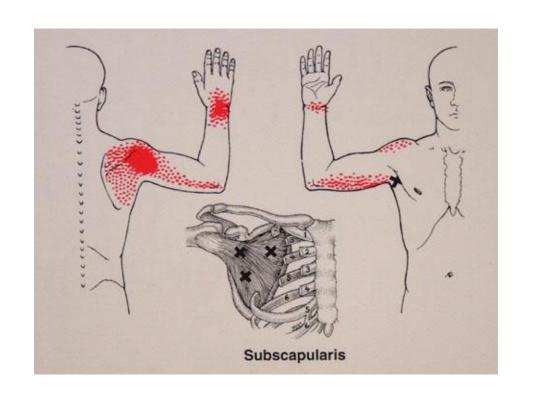
- Cornerstone muscle for all pain above level of bra strap – hand, upper extremity, neck, head
- Injuries to origin (surface of scapula) and insertion (infraspinatus tendon)





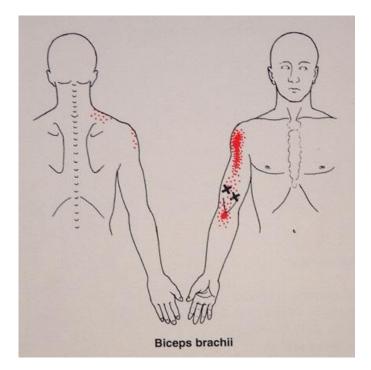
Subscapularis

 Most commonly injured throwing a football too far without warm up





Biceps



Feel your own



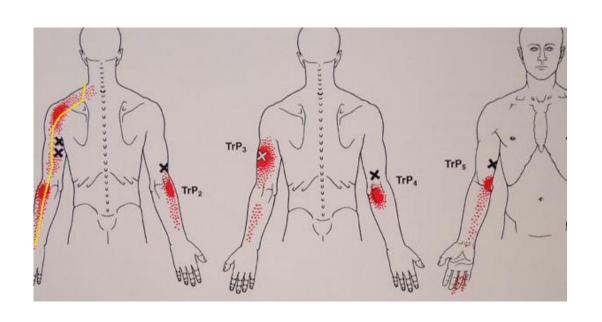






Triceps

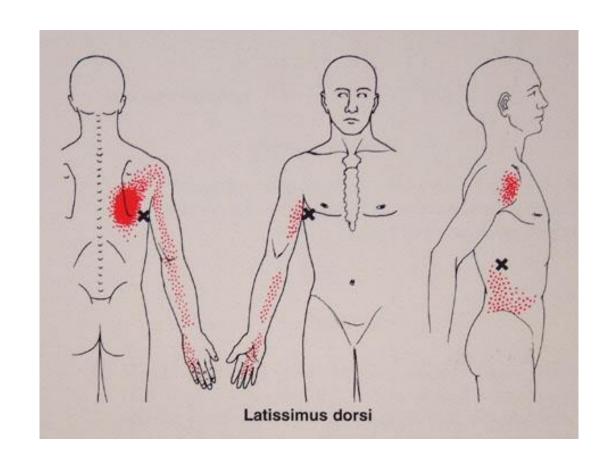
- Can make your whole arm ache
- Can be part of shoulder pain
- Treatment can help reduce shoulder pain





Latissimus

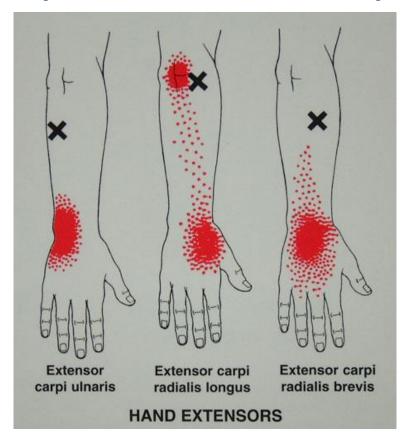
- Pleurisy pain
- Typical pleurisy IS NOT inflammation as we were taught





Wrist Dorsiflexors (extensor wad)

Talking finger demo





Talking finger — with a bandaid it speaks with an accent







It feels like pain is in your lower back

BUT

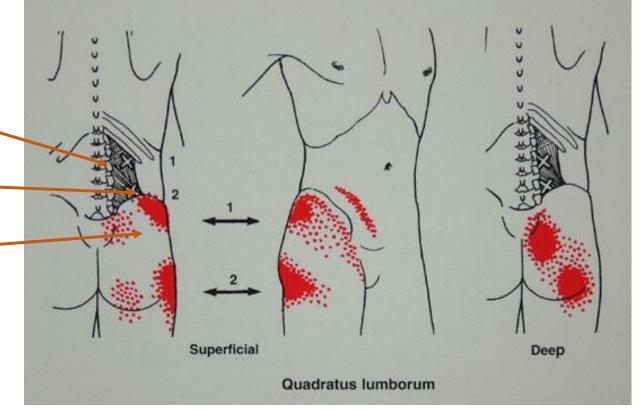
Where specifically are you tender?





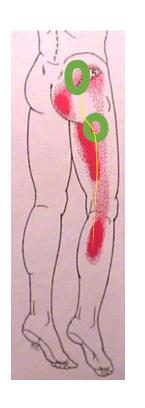
Lower back and quadratus lumborum

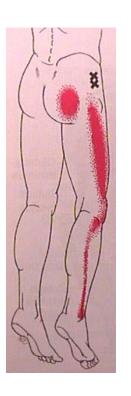
- Lumbar tenderness?
- Tender fascia insertions to top of iliac crest?
- Gluteal tenderness?



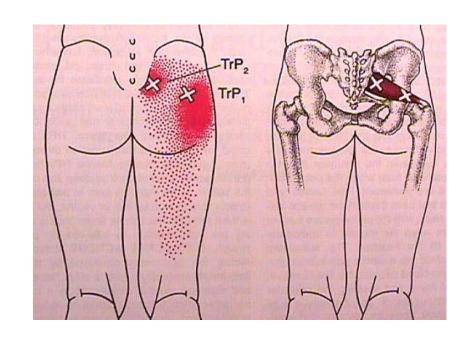


Radiating pain, numbness, etc.



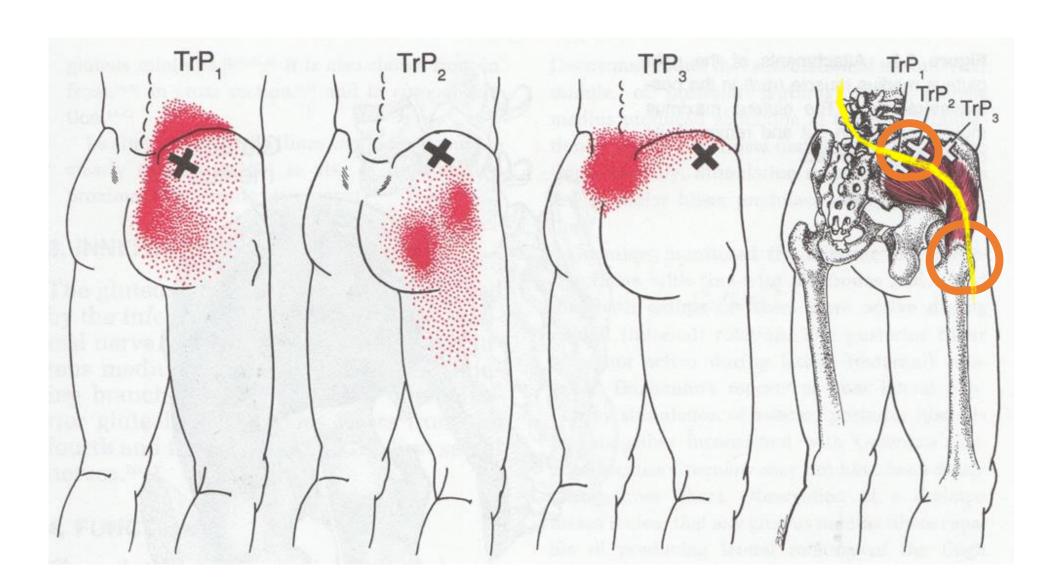


Piriformis syndrome is over rated





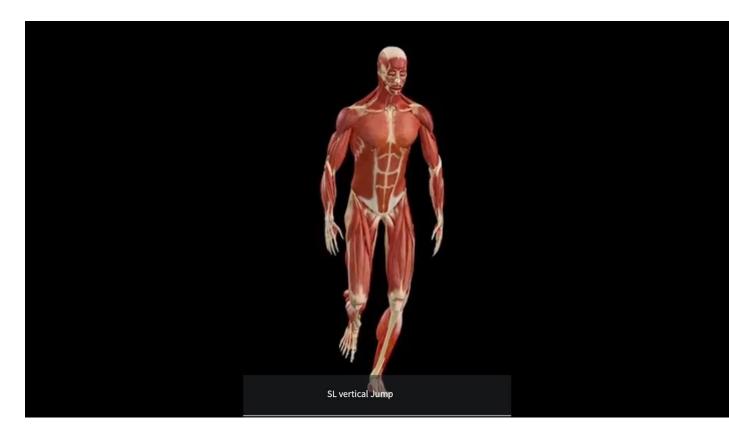
Gluteals





Injury to gluteals – impact from jumping and landing

- Most injuries that cause low back pain started in childhood
- Jumping down the steps
- Jumping out of the swingset
- Jumping off the monkey bars
- At least 30% jumped off the roof
- Some did the second story





Ever notice men lose their butt muscle as they get older?

 Your body will not let you be strong enough to tear yourself apart from the inside, so gluteals atrophy so the less resilient anchors do not get more injured.







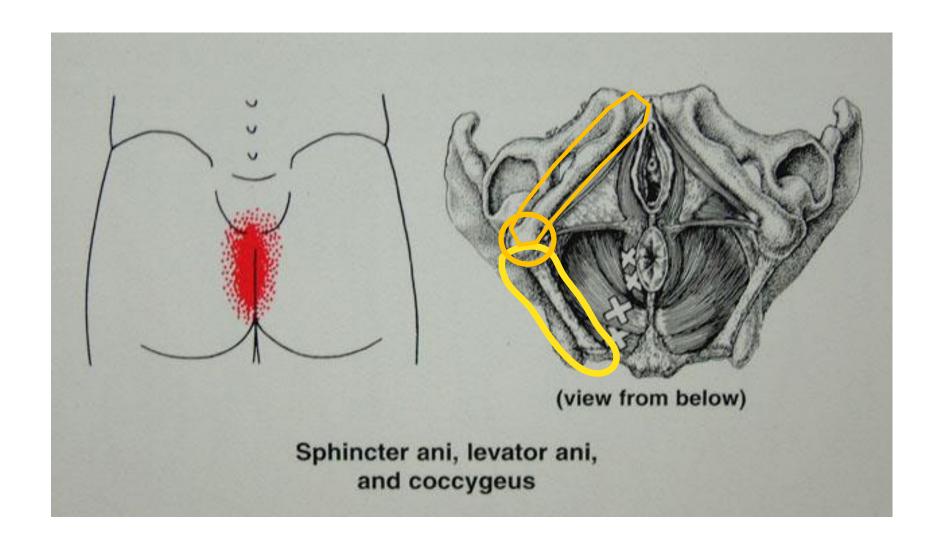


Much more than the pelvic floor...





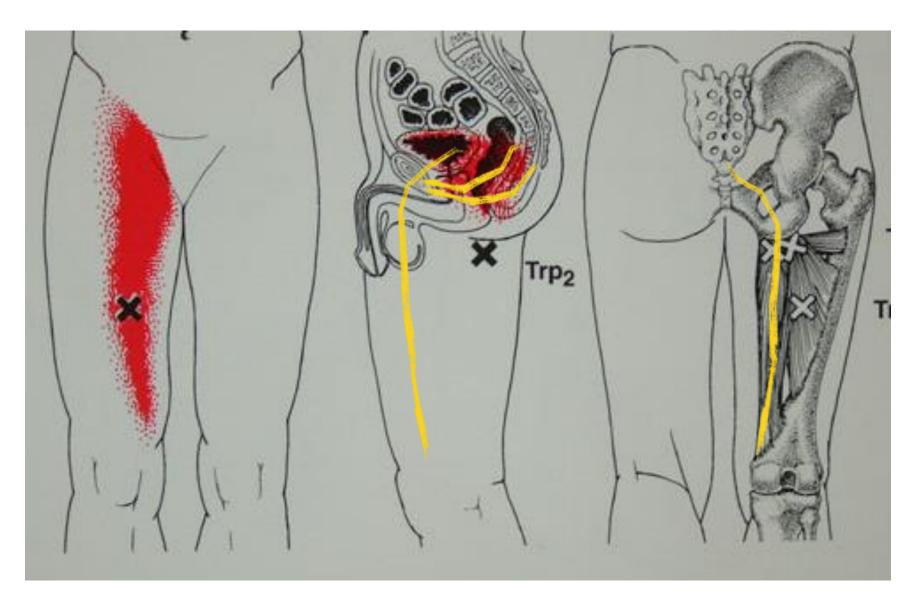






Pelvic Pain

- If this muscle is tender, can also cause pain thought to be:
- Prostate
- Vagina
- Bladder
- Dysuria









Why does the leg give out In Back Pain Patients?

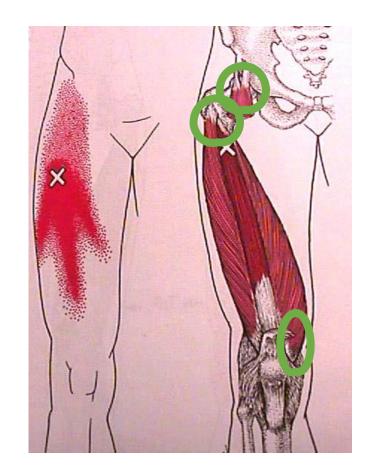
- NOT generally lumbar disc pushing on nerve
- NOT generally from lower back
- Where is the injured enthesis?
- How do you find it?
- How do you 'fix' it?

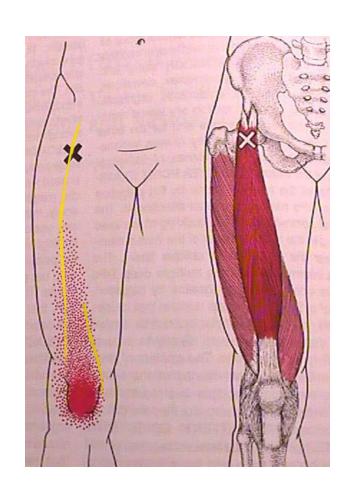




It's the Quads that Give Out

Because the enthesis can't hold
one end or the other or both



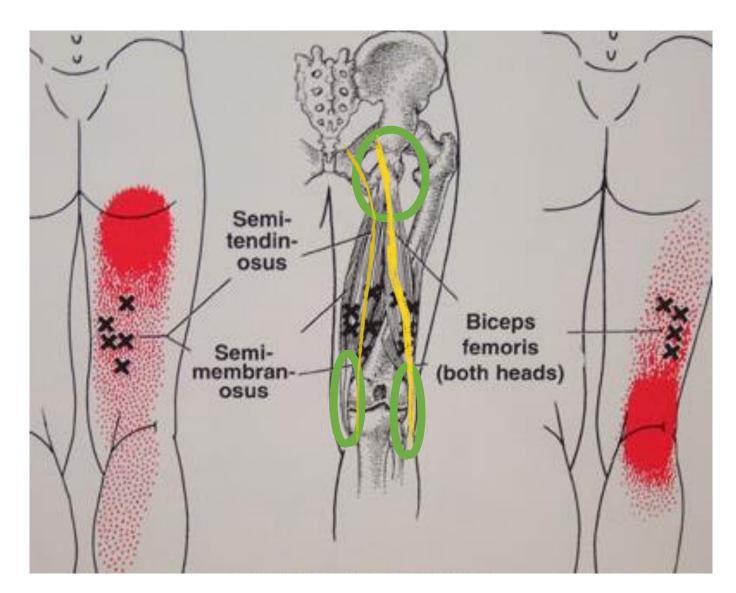








Hamstrings







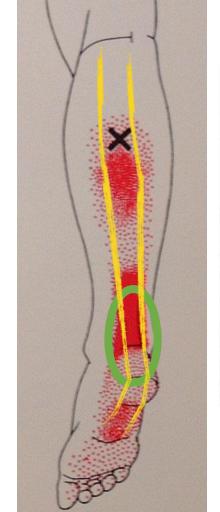
- It is not phantom at all
- It is not central
- It is not a mystery
- It is peripheral
- How do we know?
- Because we can make it change and go away

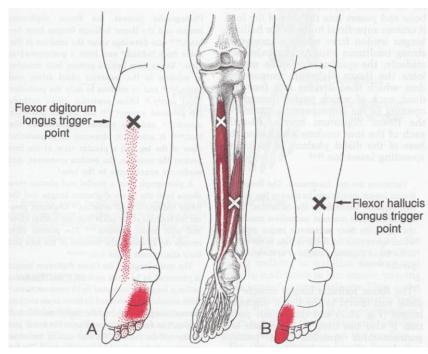




Tibialis Posterior Other Flexors Gastrocs

- All refer pain to the foot
- The foot does not have to be present



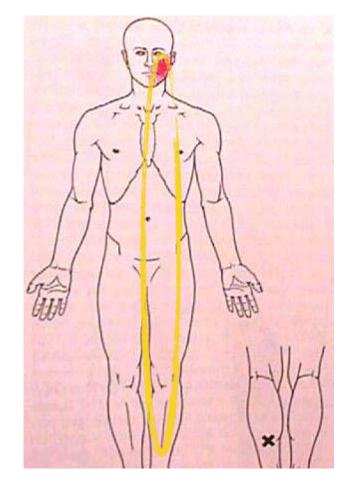




The Nervous System that Transmits

Myofascial Pain

- Does not know left from right (crosses sides)
- Does not know up from down (calf to low back and face)
- Does not know front to back (abdomen to back)





How do TrPs Cause a Pain Pattern?

- The pain comes from an orchestra of injuries and TrPs all through the body
- How you feel depends on
 - How loudly this orchestra plays
 - Which solo artist stands up to play



Why does pain level vary?

- What you have done in past 3 days to stress fascia
- What the weather is going to do tomorrow (inflammatory food in past 6 weeks and environmental toxicity)
- How well you slept last night
- How much stress you are enduring
- What you have eaten in the past 4 weeks to 4 months¹
 - Wheat, sugar, potato, dairy from cow at the head of the list
 - Artificial sweeteners
 - Hydrogenated fat
 - Fruit juice, banana, water melon

1. Galland L. Diet and inflammation. Nutr Clin Pract, Dec 2010; 25(6); 634-40.





Treatment

Make the knots smaller

Strengthen and Repair the Enthesis as needed

GET THE KINKS OUT!









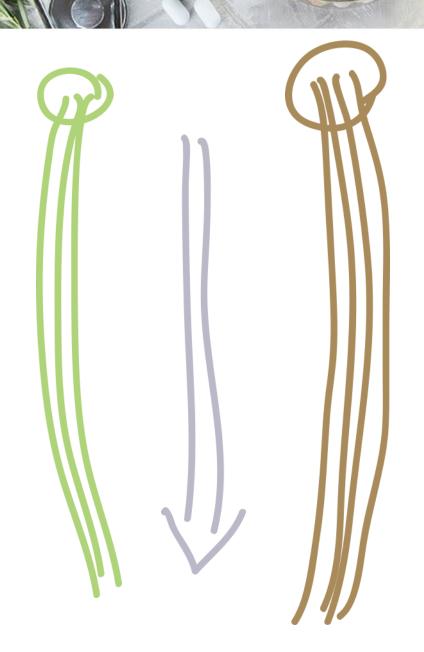


Fascia Shear Theory .. Blatman

- Trigger point form as kinks in muscle, fascia, ligament, tendon, enthesis
- Trigger points are always part of a ropey band
- Every ropey band has tender attachments which are the primary injury

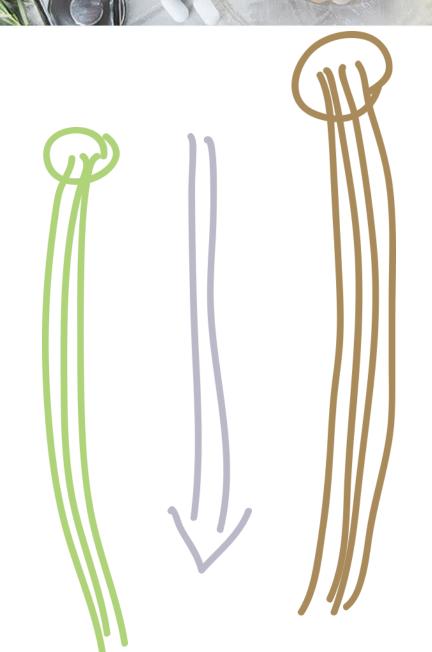






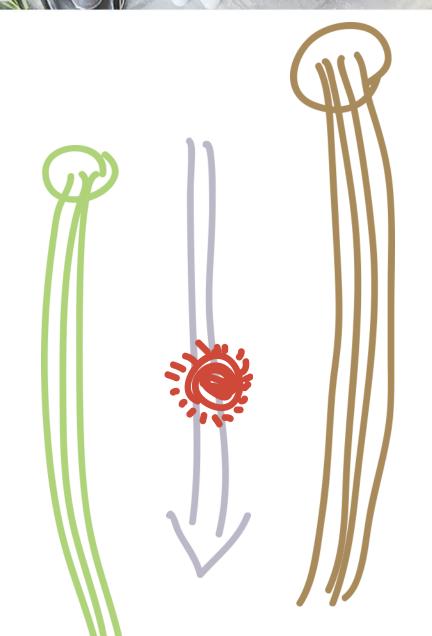


Fascia shear Theory



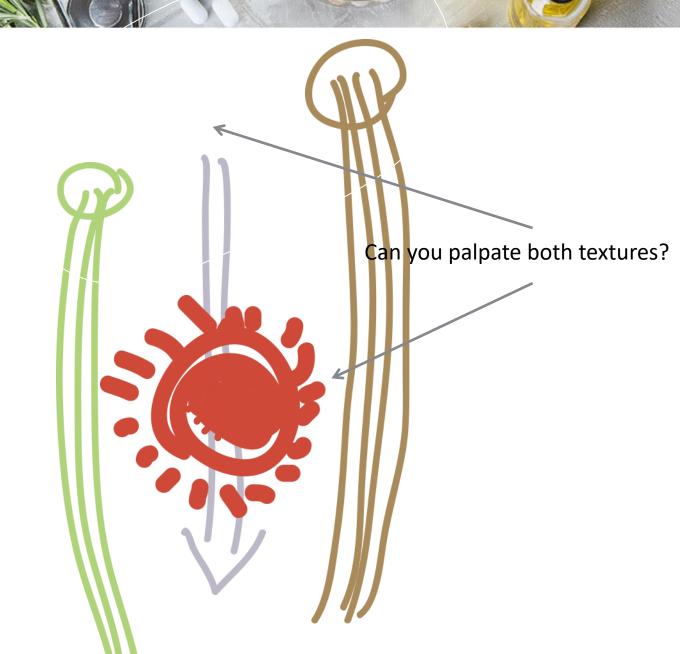


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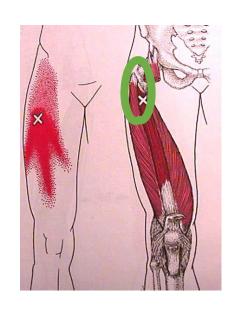
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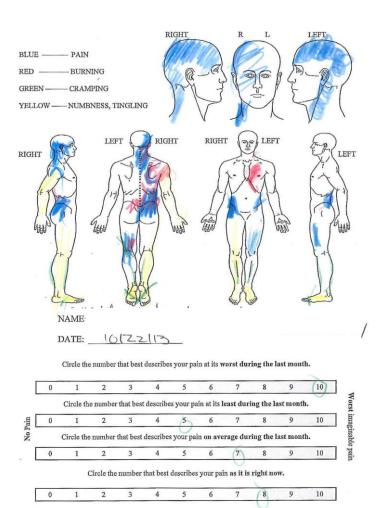


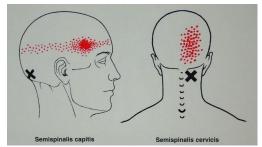


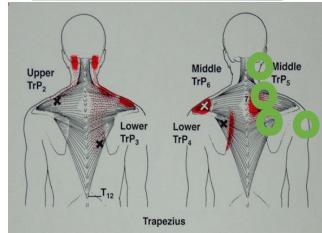
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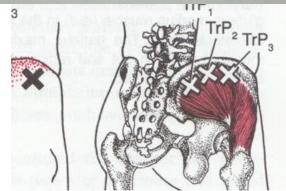








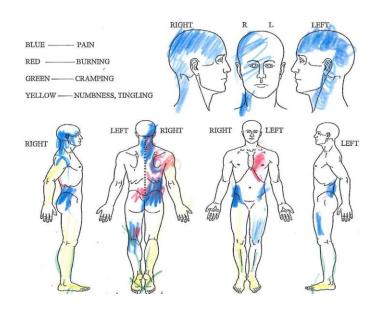




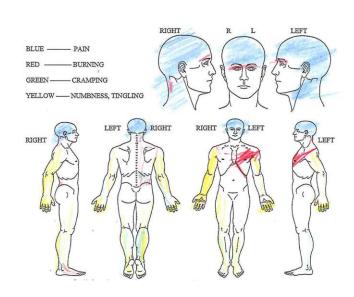


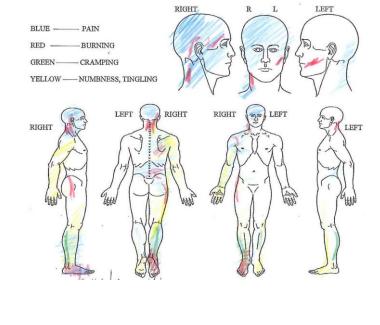


Trigger Point Injections and PRP



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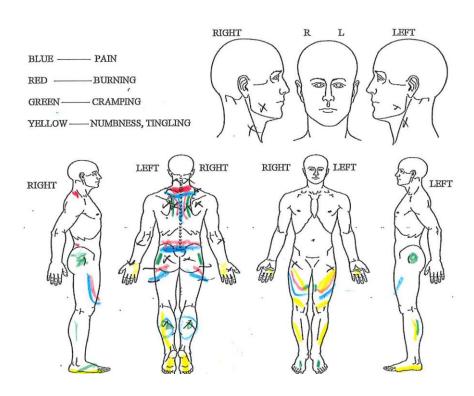


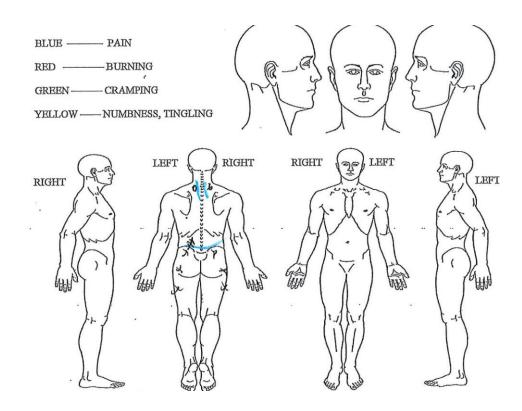
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Trigger Point Injections and PRP







Our Brain Can Grow/Restore Cartilage in Worn Joints

- IF you can straighten your knee and bend 100 degrees, you cannot possibly be 'Bone-on-Bone"
- We grow intestinal lining every 3 days
- We grow new skin
- We grow brain cells
- We grow bone
- Does it make any sense that we don't grow cartilage to repair from daily wear and tear?

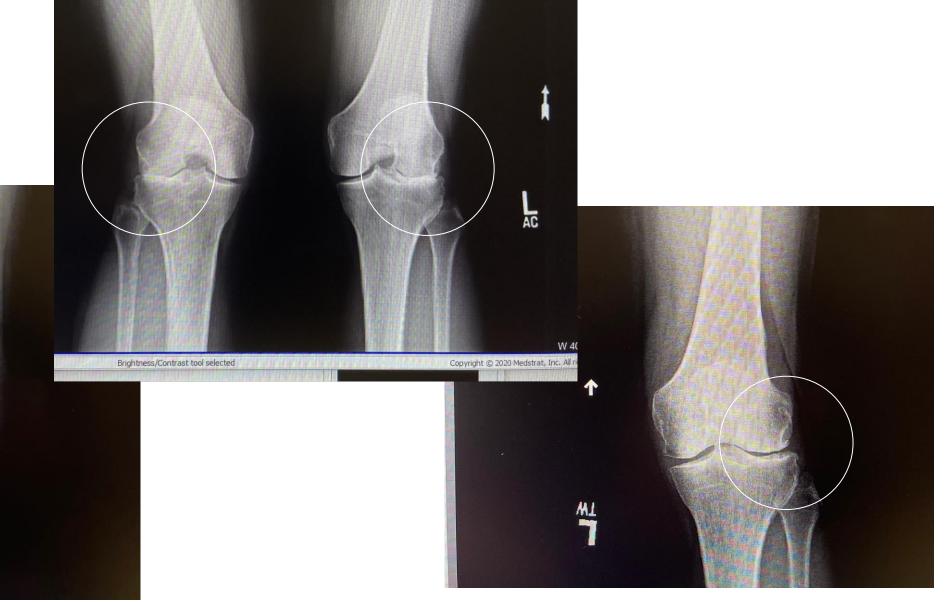




Restore Joint Cartilage

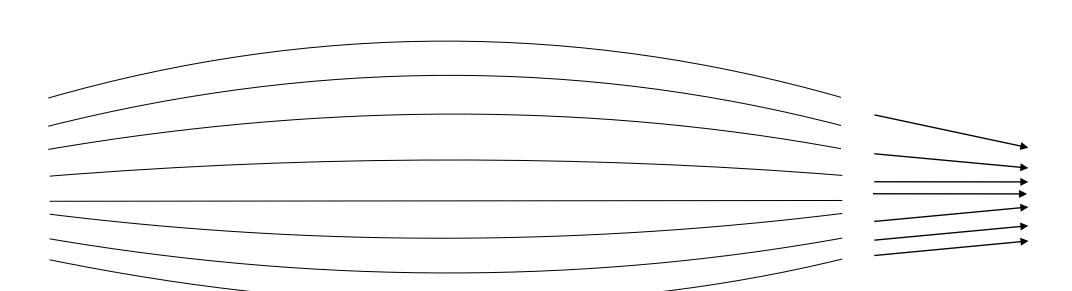
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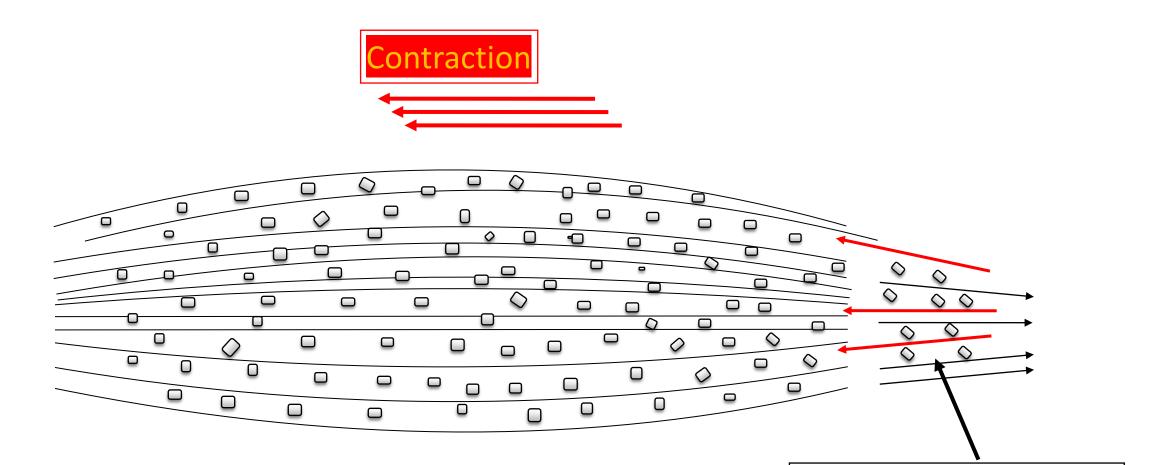


Fascia Weave of Enthesis

Muscle Fibers



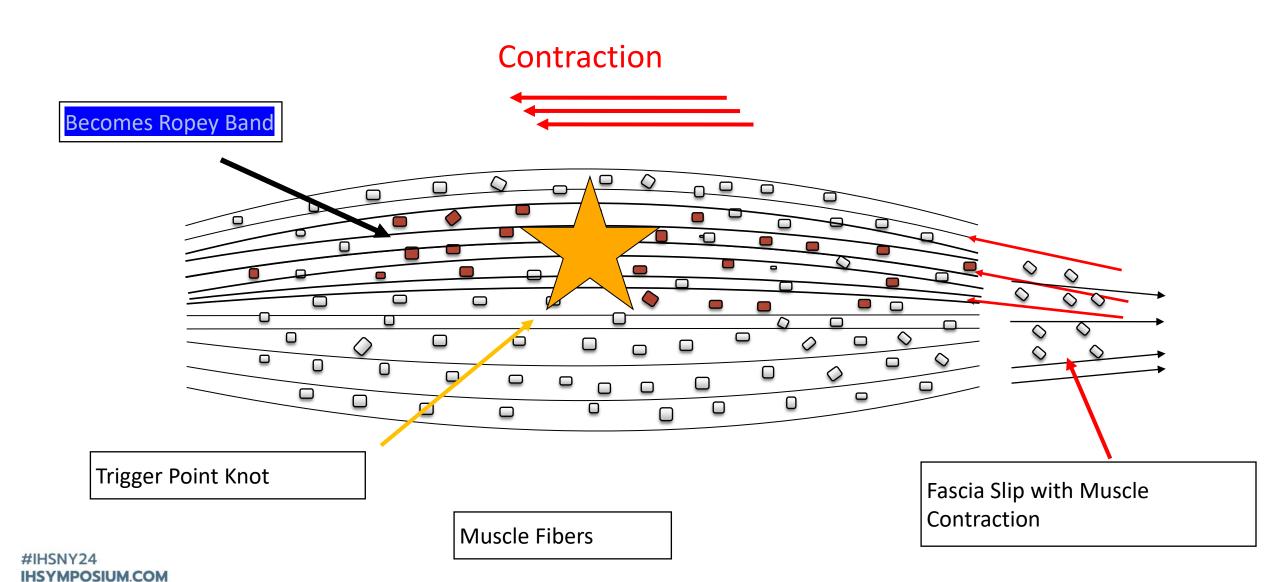




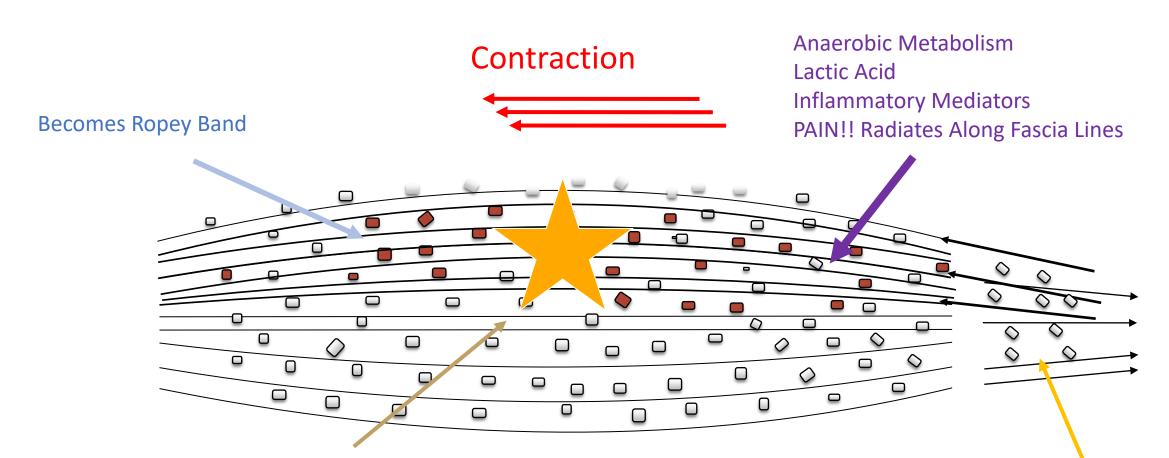
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Fascia Slip with Muscle Contraction









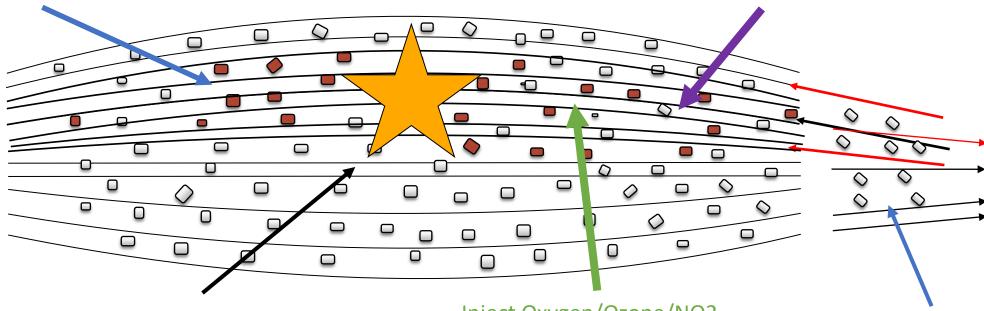
Trigger Point Knot

Fascia Slip with Muscle Contraction

Muscle Fibers







Trigger Point Knot

Muscle Fibers

Inject Oxygen/Ozone/NO2
Separate Stuck Muscle Fibers
Allow Blood Flow
Detoxification
Muscle Restoration
Pain Relief

Fascia Slip with Muscle Contraction

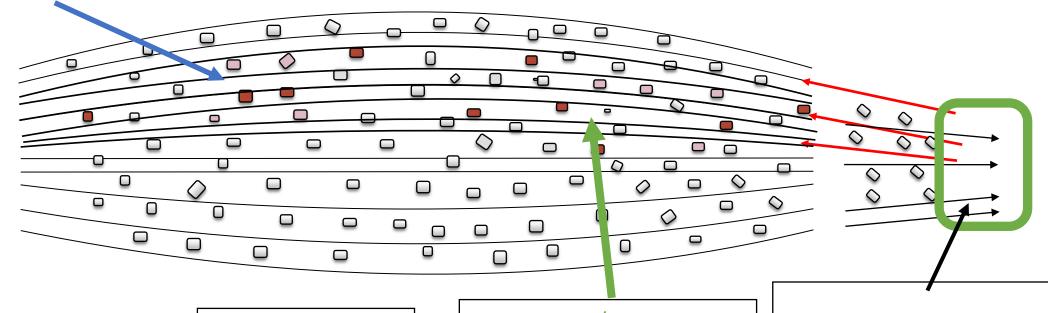
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Contraction

Becomes Ropey Band



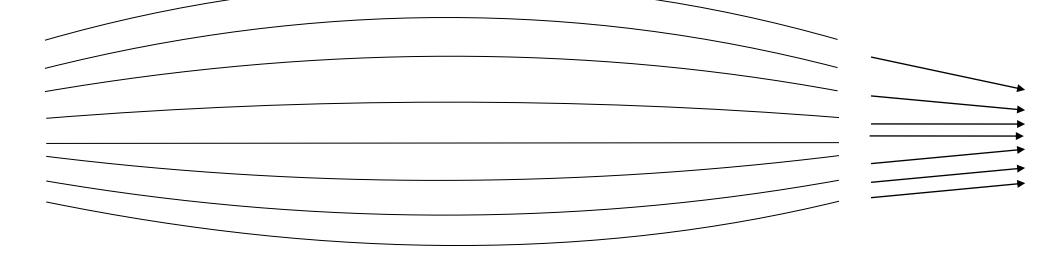


Muscle Fibers

Inject Oxygen/Ozone
Separate Stuck Muscle Fibers
Allow Blood Flow
Detoxification
Muscle Restoration
Pain Relief

Fascia Slip Stopped Platelet-rich Plasma Injection





Fascia Weave of Enthesis Repairs

Muscle Fibers

Muscle Fibers and Fascia Recover Pain Stops





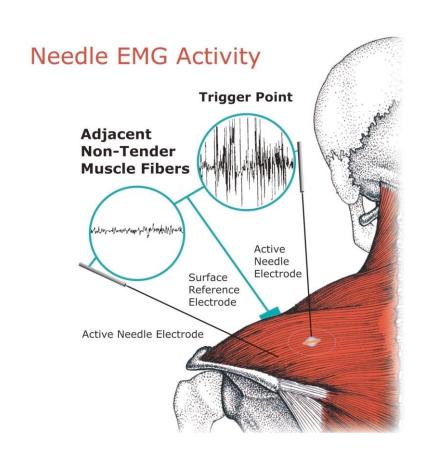
Relationship of: Fascia – Pain and Stress

- Mental
- Emotional
- Physical
- Trauma

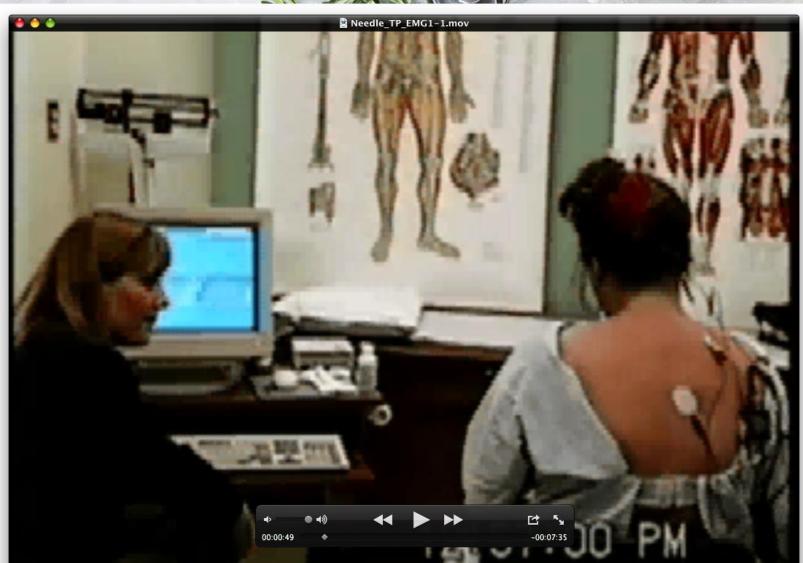


Sympathetic Nervous System And Myofascial Pain

- Work done by Hubbard/Gevirtz
- Needle transducers in shoulder trapezius muscle
 - One in trigger point, one not
- Relationship with **Stress**





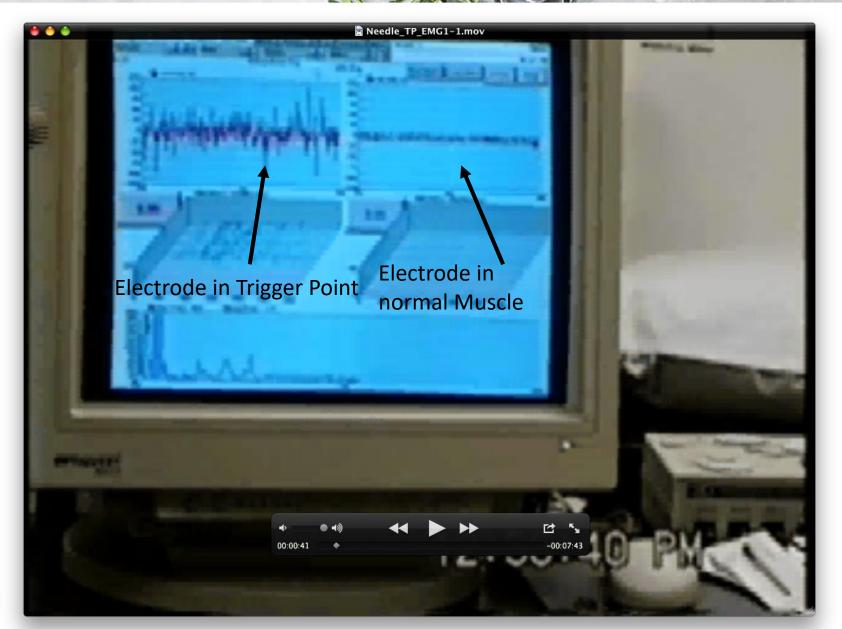


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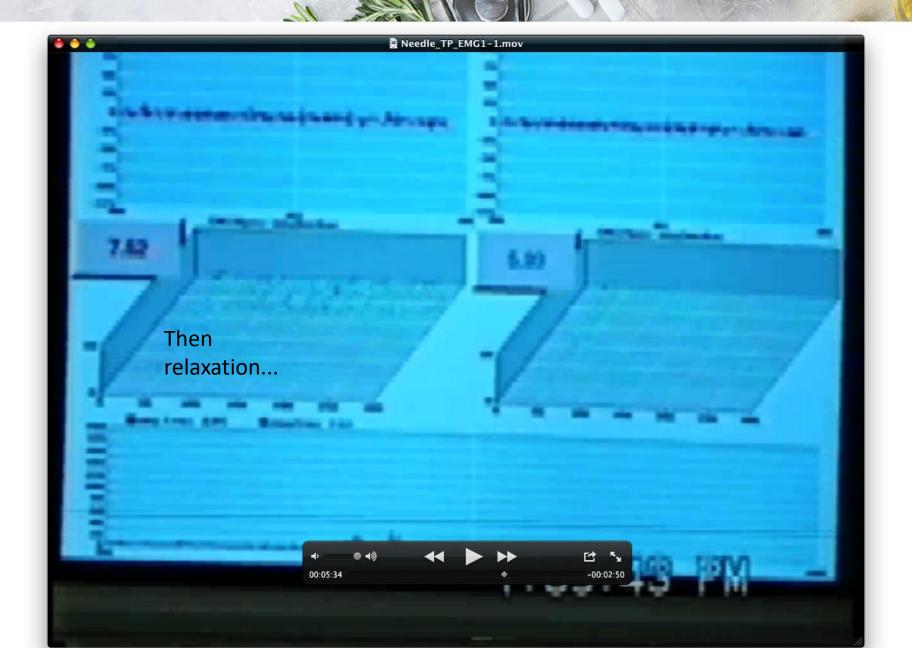
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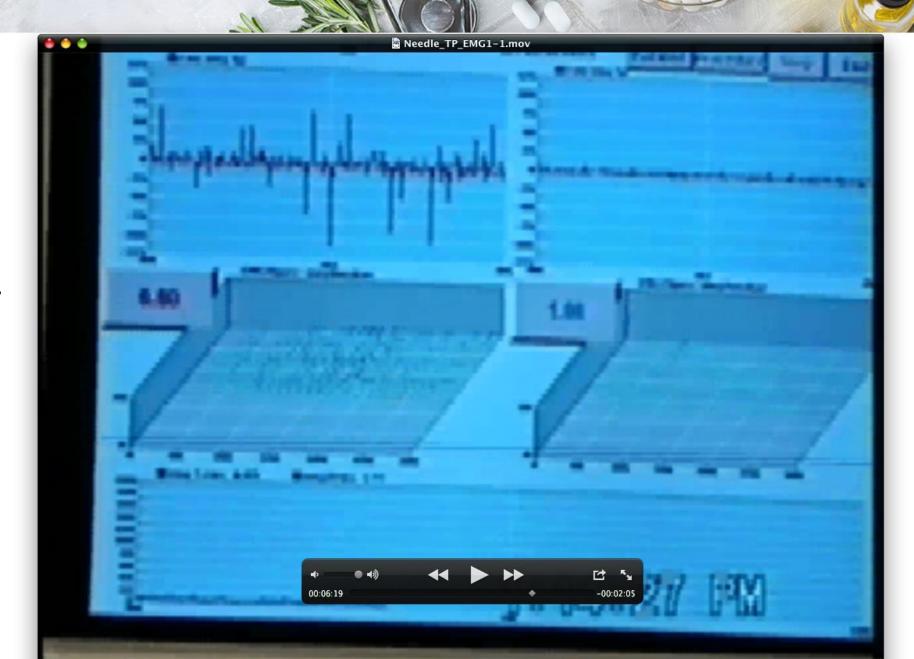




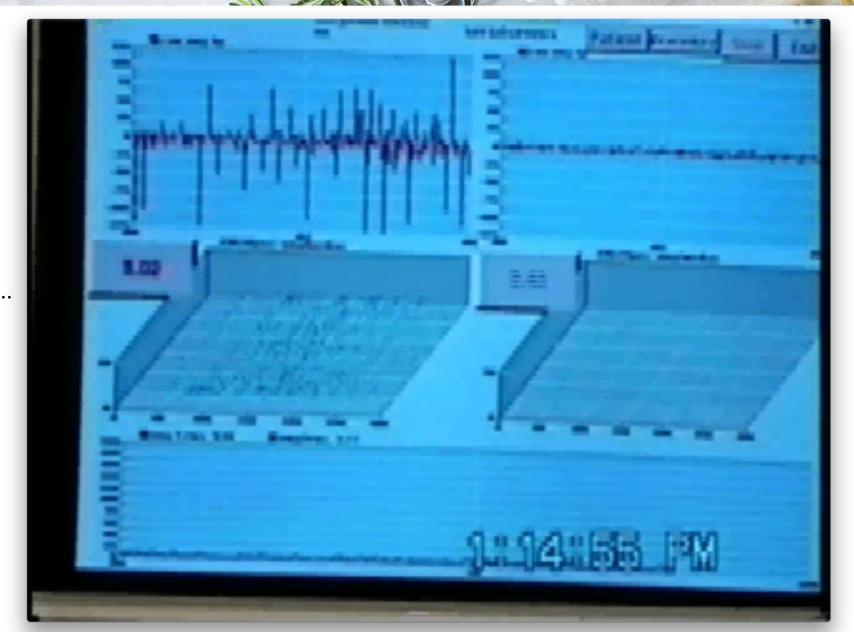




Then STRESS...
Counting backwards by 7
From 900

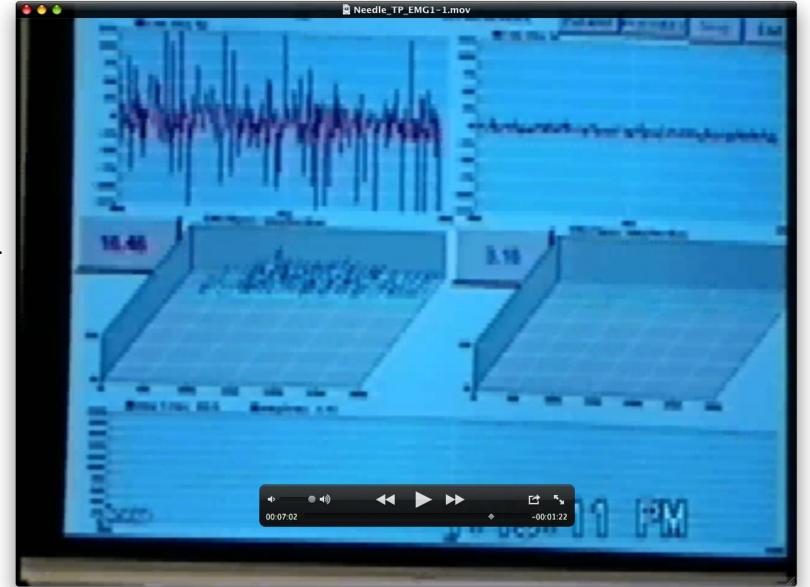






Progressive STRESS....





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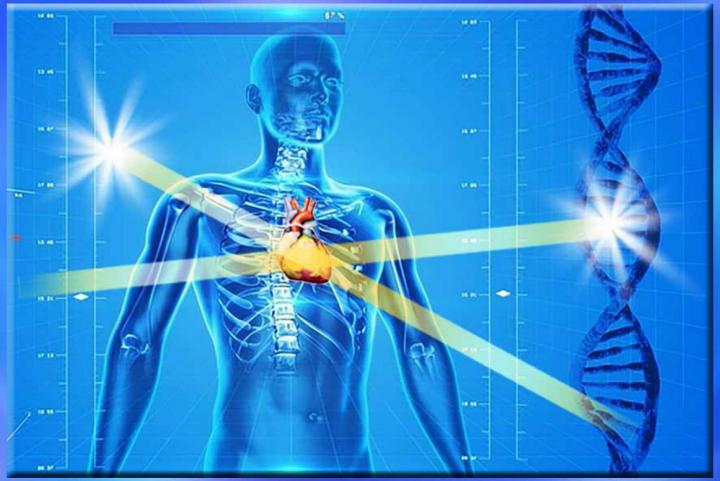


With more Stress

- Sympathetic nervous system effects increase
- Trigger point activity increases
- Orchestra of pain generators plays louder .. All over the body
 - Muscle tension, headache, back pain, etc



Laser Guided Stem Cells for Regeneration of Heart Tissue



Pre-activated cells were infused IV. Then the laser guidance beam was directed to the anterior followed by the lateral heart projection for 5 minutes each





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Clinical Study

- End stage candidates for heart transplant or ventricular assisted device (n=10)
- 50% ave increase in heart function
- 50% of patients improved off the transplant list
- 20% improved to near normal with a single treatment

Intravenous SONG-modulated laser-activated allogeneic cord blood mesenchymal stem cells for the treatment of end-stage heart failure: a preliminary clinical study

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Abstract

Objective: This preliminary clinical study assessed the potential use of Strachan-Ovokaitys Node Generator (SONG)-modulated laser-treated expanded (3-5 passages) cord blood Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) in the treatment of end-stage heart failure.

Patients and Methods: Ten patients were enrolled into the study, each with a Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF) of ≥20% and ≤25%. Allogeneic expanded cord blood MSCs were treated with a SONG-modulated laser prior to intravenous infusion at a total dose of 100 x106 MSCs per patient. All patients also received 5 minutes of SONG-modulated laser light to the anterior precordial region and 5 minutes to the left lateral chest. The LVEF of each patient was assessed using echocardiography on Days 3, 7, 31, 62 and 93 post-treatment.

Results: All patients showed an increase in LVEF following SONG-modulated laser-treated expanded MSC treatment and remained with increased LVEF for at least 3 months. Two patients in the study subsequently died of heart failure.

Conclusions: This is the first description of the use of SONG-modulated laser-treated cord blood MSCs in the treatment of end-stage heart failure and it sets the groundwork for future double-blind randomised controlled clinical trials.

Introduction

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), end-stage heart failure (HF) results in approximately 17.9 million deaths per year¹. In the UK alone in 2004 coronary heart disease cost the health service £29.1 billion². The only currently known curative treatment option for these patients is Orthotopic Heart Transplant (OHT) and many of these patients often have to resort to relying on a Left Ventricular Assistance Device (LVAD) whilst awaiting transplant. Many patients with HF die before a suitable heart donor becomes available³ with the expected 1-year survival rate of patients with severe HF agreed to be 30%⁴.

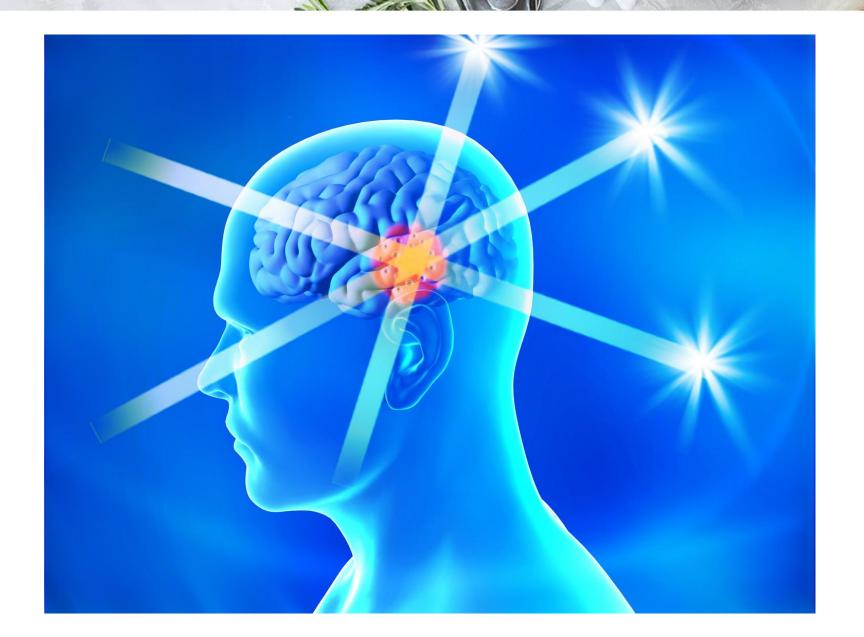
The effect of SONG-modulated laser light on stem cells has been studied previously with confirmation that the SONG-modulated laser light interacts with human Very Small Embryonic Like (hVSEL) stem cells in Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) to induce proliferation⁵. A theoretical model for the mode of action of SONG-modulated hVSEL stem cells has been proposed utilising theory from quantum physics6. The hVSEL stem cells are pluripotent and therefore have considerable potential in the regeneration of damaged organs even before any intervention using SONG-modulated laser light⁷. The small size (1-4 μm in diameter) of hVSEL stem cells gives them the added advantage that they can cross the blood-brain barrier and do not become trapped in the various capillary beds when administered intravenously.

MSCs are known to be multipotent stem cells and therefore are thought to have considerable potential in regenerative medicine⁸. The use of MSCs in the treat-

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30 min after 1st treatment

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Before and After Video Case Example

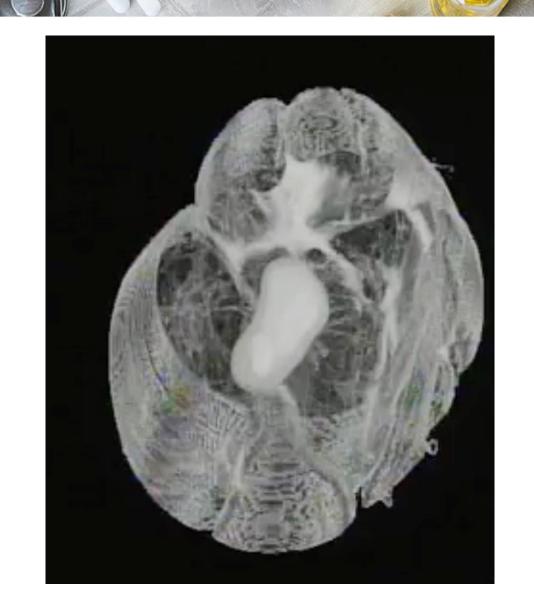


VSELs

- Very Small Embryonic Like Stem Cells
- Can use for fascia repair, more powerful than PRP and MSCs
- Small enough to go through lung and blood-brain barrier
- And can be laser-guided for MS, Parkinson's, CTE, heart failure, and more.

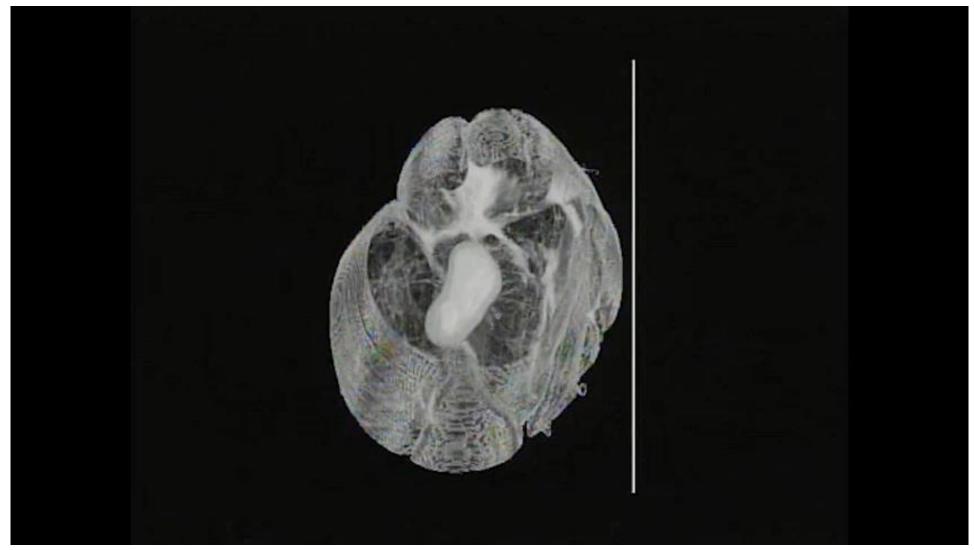


- 3-D schematic of fascia of human thigh
- Breathe, relax, imagine....
- The reality of how we all work together is starting to have sharper focus....











Thank You





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