Objectives Summary

1. Overview – What is Integrative Medicine? What Integrative modalities are effective in treating pain syndromes?
2. Anatomical Considerations – LBP
3. Greenman’s Dirty Half Dozen
4. Muscle Imbalance
5. Cross Syndromes (esp. Lower for LBP)
6. Exercise Rx – “Conventional-FITT” vs Personalized (Greenman Model) 4 Steps
7. Don’t forget the key lesion
8. Myofascial Trigger Points in LBP
9. OMT Options and other models
10. Integrative Approaches/Medical Acupuncture
"Integrative Medicine" is defined as a healing-oriented medicine that take account of the whole person (body, mind, and spirit), including all aspects of lifestyle. It emphasizes the therapeutic relationship (between the patient and physician) and makes use of all appropriate therapies, both conventional and alternative. (Rakel, Integrative Medicine, 4th edition, 2017).
Integrative Medicine
Conventional + “Complementary/Alternative” Medicine (CAM)
“The best of both worlds”

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Case Hx 1:

- Patient presents with acute/chronic low back pain
- What do I need to know?
**DDx:**
- Sprain/strain
- Lumbar
- Sacral
- Disc
- Degenerative Changes
- Stenosis
- Foraminal
- Central
- Visceral (Kidney)
- Cancer/ Mets
- Prostate
- Multiple Myeloma
- Infection
- Fracture
- Emotional
- Other?*

**Rx:**
- Meds:
  - Muscle Relaxants
  - NSAIDS
  - Opiates*
- Radiology
  - X-rays
  - MRI
  - CT
- Referrals
  - PT ("Eval and Tx")
  - PMR
  - Orthopaedics
  - Pain Specialist
  - Neurologist
  - Neurosurgeon
  - Massage Therapist
  - Chiropractor
  - Other?*
Case Hx 2:

- Patient presents with chronic low back pain unresponsive to multiple interventions (PT, meds, facet blocks, epidurals, surgery); unable to work.

What else do I need to know?
What did I (they) miss??
Conventional Approach

1. Refer to Pain Management
2. Opiate Rx?

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Evidence...

Chronic Low Back Pain: Evaluation and Management
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Chronic low back pain is a common problem in primary care. A history and physical examination should place patients into one of several categories: (1) nonspecific low back pain; (2) back pain associated with radiculopathy or spinal stenosis; (3) back pain referred from a nonspinal source; or (4) back pain associated with another specific spinal cause. For patients who have back pain associated with radiculopathy, spinal stenosis, or another specific spinal cause, magnetic resonance imaging or computed tomography may establish the diagnosis and guide management. Because evidence of improved outcomes is lacking, lumbar spine radiography should be delayed for at least one to two months in patients with nonspecific pain. Acetaminophen and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are first-line medications for chronic low back pain. Tramadol, opioids, and other adjunctive medications may benefit some patients who do not respond to nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Acupuncture, exercise therapy, multidisciplinary rehabilitation programs, massage, behavior therapy, and spinal manipulation are effective in certain clinical situations. Patients with radicular symptoms may benefit from epidural steroid injections, but studies have produced mixed results. Most patients with chronic low back pain will not benefit from surgery. A surgical evaluation may be considered for select patients with functional disabilities or refractory pain despite multiple nonsurgical treatments. (Am Fam Physician. 2009;79(12):1067-1074. Copyright © 2009 American Academy of Family Physicians.)

Integrative Approach

1. Look at other options
2. Revisit your Osteopathic Principles/Anatomy
3. Do a good osteopathic NMS exam
   a. Diagnose Somatic Dysfunction and related conditions
4. If you can’t remember how, refer to your DO NMM Specialist/LECOM OPP Faculty
5. Consider other models of treatment (i.e. acupuncture, prolotherapy)
Anatomy - Back
Sciatica - Piriformis Syndrome

SOMATIC DYSFUNCTION

Impaired or altered function of the somatic (body framework) system, that includes skeletal, arthrodial and myofascial structures, and related vascular, lymphatic and neural elements. (ECOP Glossary)

If you Document and Dx Somatic Dysfunction (M990x), you treat with OMT and bill! (E/M + Procedure Code 9892x)
POSTERIOR EVALUATION

NORMAL

ABNORMAL

POSTERIOR EVALUATION

NORMAL

ABNORMAL
SOMATIC DYSFUNCTIONS IN LBP

- Thoracic
  - Vertebrae
  - Ribs (11,12)

- Lumbar Spine
  - Vertebrae (Type 1, 2)
  - Ligaments (ILL)
  - Muscles (Iliopsoas, QL, E. spinae, Multifidi, Counterstrain points, Myofascial TP)

- Pelvis
  - Sacrum (Uni/Bilateral Flex-Ext, Torsions, SI joint)
  - Innominates (Sup/Inf Shears*, Rotations, Inflares/Outflares, Pubic Symphysis)

- Lower Extremity
  - (Piriformis, Hip, Lower Cross Sn, Muscle Imbalance)

- Secondary to other conditions
  - (scoliosis, spondylo…)

- Viscerosomatic
  - (Urinary, GI, Reproductive)

Other Considerations
usually not Considered…

- Greenman’s “Dirty Half Dozen”
- DX/TX Areas of Greatest Restrictions (AGR)/Key Lesions
- Bioenergetic Abnormalities
- Bioenergetic Treatments
Greenman’s “Dirty Half Dozen”

1. Muscle imbalance (>95%)
   a. Cross Syndromes*
2. Type 2 SD (FRS/ERS 2:1) L-Spine
3. Pelvic SD Pubes (75% failed backs)
4. Short leg syndrome (65%)
5. Innominate Shear (25%)
6. Extended Sacrums

What is Muscle Imbalance?
Cross Syndromes

1. Upper Cross Syndrome

2. Lower Cross Syndrome* (LBP)

Response to Dysfunction in Two Groups of Muscles

- **Tonic (Postural)**
  - Facilitated
  - Hypertonic
  - Shortened

- **Phasic (Fast)**
  - Inhibited
  - Hypotonic
  - Weak

“Pseudoparesis”
Muscle Imbalance*

**Lower Cross Syndrome** (Janda)
- Glute max *weak*
- Hip flexors (iliopsoas) *tight*
- Abs *weak*
- E. spinae *tight*
- Glute med *weak*
- TFL/QL *tight*
- **Anterior pelvic tilt/increased L lordosis**
- Hypermobility lower T/L spine
Why is muscle balance important?

1. Chronic pain challenge
2. Proper rehabilitation (individualized)
3. PT Rx “evaluate and treat”
4. Maximize human performance (athlete, dancers, anyone)
5. Prevention
Rx

Exercise Prescription

Disp: Thoughtfully
Sig: Two reps BID

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Substitution Permitted – Even Encouraged. Use the anatomy and skills you’ve acquired to be a Doctor.

FITT Principles - Exercise Rx

F – Frequency (# days/week)
I – Intensity (Scale of exertion, RPE)
T – Type (jogging, yoga, weight lifting, etc.)
T – Time (duration) (sec, min, hr)

CLASSICALLY* 4 variables to be considered when developing an exercise program. Apply these to each category of exercise.

* Osteopathically, Exercise Rx Individualized based upon patterns of muscle imbalance
Approach to Patient with Muscle Imbalance?

- **Diagnosis of SPECIFIC problems**
  - NMS Osteopathic Exam
    - Observation
    - Palpation (SD, muscles)
    - Muscle Firing Sequencing*
    - Special tests (i.e. Thomas Test)
  - **Patterns?** Hypertonic/Hypotonic Muscles (i.e. Lower Cross Sn)
  - Proprioceptive Balance Testing

Normal Muscle Firing Pattern Hip Extensors

- **Hip Extension**
  1. Hamstrings
  2. Gluteus maximus
  3. Contra QL
  4. Ipsi QL
  5. Contra E. spinae
  6. Ipsi E. spinae

Abnormal Firing Patterns = Muscle Imbalance!
Greenman Treatment Sequencing w/OMT

1. Proprioceptive Balance Training (PBT)*
2. Stretching tight muscles*
   a. Muscle energy, articulatory, HVLA, FPR; teach home exercises
3. Strengthening (Retraining) weak muscles
4. Aerobic Exercise

*By giving patient exercise, puts the responsibility on them to get better

Practice PBT*

1. Standing on one leg (shortened foot)
2. Tandem walking
3. Rocker board/trampoline
4. Orthotics/lifts
KEY LESION

- **Definition (Primary):** the *somatic dysfunction(s)* that maintains a total pattern of dysfunction, including other secondary dysfunctions.

- **Secondary:** somatic dysfunction arising either from mechanical or neurophysiologic response subsequent to or as a consequence of other etiologies.

  ECOP Glossary 2011, p. 53.
BROADER CONTEXT

The DYSFUNCTION(S) that maintains a total pattern of dysfunction, including other secondary dysfunctions.
- Somatic
- Visceral
- Mental
- Emotional
- Spiritual
- Energetic
- Environmental
- Cultural
- Combinations
- All of the above

Benefits of Diagnosing and Treating AGR (Key Lesion)
Osteopathic Treatment to AGR
Myofascial Trigger Point Therapies

Injection
Trigger Point Myotherapy
Dry Needling

Acupuncture
Acupuncture

- Extremely effective for treatment of acute or chronic pain
- Currently 3,000 physician-acupuncturists
- State CME requirements 200-300 hours
- Most physicians trained through AAMA

Acute and Chronic Pain Syndromes Effectively Treated with Acupuncture

- Myofascial Pain Syndrome
- Fibromyalgia
- Cervical, thoracic, rib, low back pain
- Sciatica
- Joint pain, TMJ, Arthritis (OA, RA)
- Facet syndrome
- Tendonitis, Repetitive Motion, Carpal Tunnel
- Sprains/Strains/Sports Injuries
- Migraines, Muscle-tension, Cluster HA
- Post-operative pain
...Continued

- RSD
- Polyneuropathy
- Raynaud’s
- Radicular pain
- Post-stroke spasticity/weakness/pain
- Parkinson Ds
- Trigeminal neuralgia
- Odontalgia
- Sinusitis
- Menstrual Pain
- GERD/GI complaints of unknown etiology

Other Pain-Related Issues Effectively Treated with Acupuncture

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Constipation
- Fatigue
- Insomnia
- Narcotic addiction
- Smoking addiction
Systems of Acupuncture

Macro-Body

Micro - Ear

Ear Homunculus

Acupuncture Microsystems

Ear

Korean Hand

Scalp - YNSA
Meridian Subcircuits

Tendinomuscular Meridians for Acute Sprains & Strains

GB BL PC HT
Neuroanatomical Model

Dermatomes – Myotomes - Sclerotomes

Body Acupuncture
Body Acupuncture

Meridian Zones of Influence

Curious Meridians

Du Mai
SI 3
BL 62

Dai Mai
TH 5
GB 41
Figure 10-2: The needle insertion points and electro-stimulation patterns used for the two different PNT montages. Montage I (A) was the standard montage used in all of the earlier PNT studies involving patients with low back pain. Montage II (B, C, and D) was developed to be more effective in providing pain relief.
OMT Options

- Conventional OMT
  - Muscle Energy
  - HVLA/Articulatory
  - Myofascial Release/Soft Tissue
  - Counterstrain
  - Facilitated Positional Release (FPR)
  - Still Technique
  - Balanced Ligamentous Tension (BLT)
  - Ligamentous Articular Strain (LAS)
  - Visceral Manipulation

OMT Models

1. Direct
2. Indirect
3. Bioenergetic
OMT Options

- Bioenergetic Model
  - Dynamic Strain-Vector Release
  - Neurofascial Release
  - Fulford Percussion Hammer
  - Biodynamics
  - OCF
  - Dynamical Medicine
  - Bioelectric Fascial Activation
  - Facilitated Oscillatory Release
  - Others

Questions?
References


