

# Osteopathic Approach to Headaches

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## Outline

- \* Migraine and Tension-Type Headaches
  - \* Neuroanatomy – CN V
  - \* Definitions
  - \* Clinical Assessment
- \* Osteopathic approach based on 5 Models of treatment

## Complementary and Conventional Medicine Use Among Youth With Recurrent Headaches

Christina Bethell, PhD, et al

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(represents 33 million youth ages 10-17 years)

### CAM used:

Biological Modalities:

Mind/body

Manipulative based

Alternative med sys

Healing energies

Products/practices/Svs:

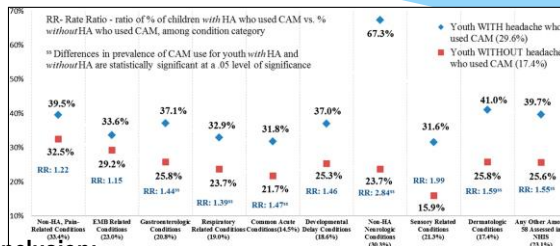
Herbs

Supplements

Yoga

Tai Chi

Acupuncture



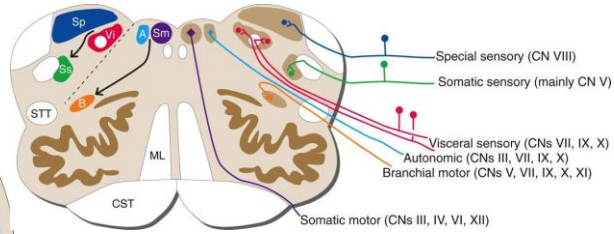
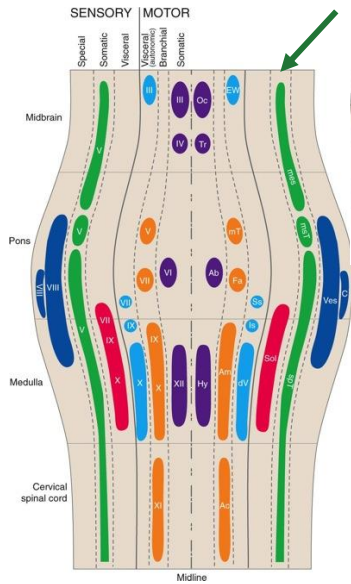
### Conclusion:

- CAM use is common among youth with HA with multiple chronic conditions and functional difficulties,
- support for proactive efforts among pediatricians and pediatric specialists to ask patient's about co-occurring health conditions, functioning, and CAM use and to integrate CAM into conventional care.
- Is a need to support clinicians with easy access to available information about effectiveness, availability, and indicators of quality CAM modalities/practitioners.

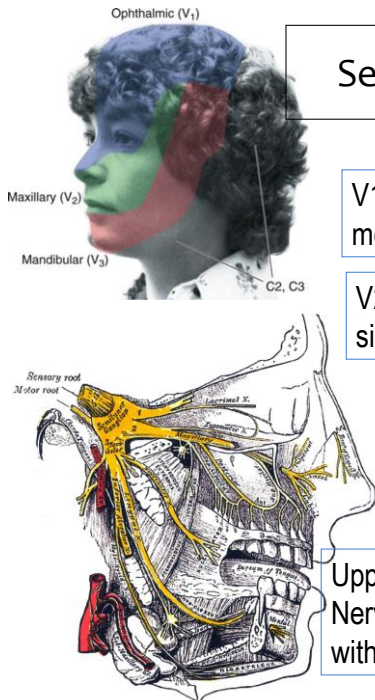
## International Headache Society: Classification of Headaches

- \* 1 – Migraine
- \* 2 – Tension-type
- \* 3 – Cluster headache and chronic paroxysmal hemicrania
- \* 4 – Miscellaneous headache
- \* 5 – HA associated with - head trauma
- \* 6 – - vascular disorder
- \* 7 – - non-vascular cranial disorder
- \* 8 – - substances and withdrawal
- \* 9 – - non-cephalic infection
- \* 10 – - metabolic disorder
- \* 11 – HA or facial pain associated with disorders of cranium, neck, eyes, ears, nose, sinuses, teeth, mouth, or other facial or cranial structures

**Nucleus CN V – in green EXTENDS AS FAR AS C3!!**



V (trigeminal)	Ss	Spinal and main sensory nuclei	Skin, deep tissues, and dura mater of the head
		Mesencephalic nucleus	Muscle spindles and other mechanoreceptors
	B	Trigeminal motor nucleus	Muscles of mastication, tensor tympani, and a few others



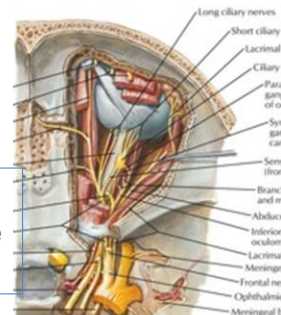
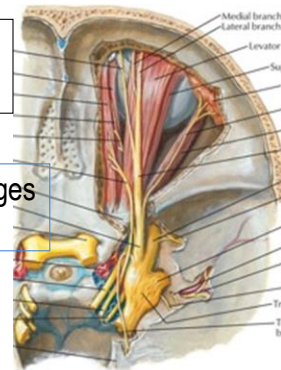
**Sensory Input**

V1 – forehead, meninges  
meningeal blood vls

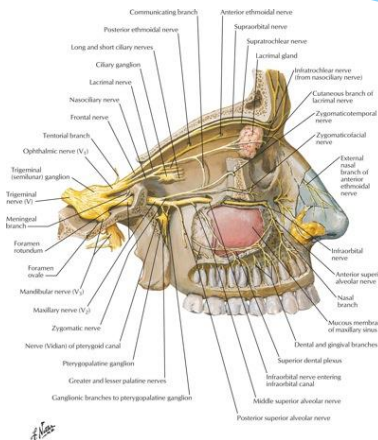
V2 – mid face and sinuses

V3 – teeth and lower jaw

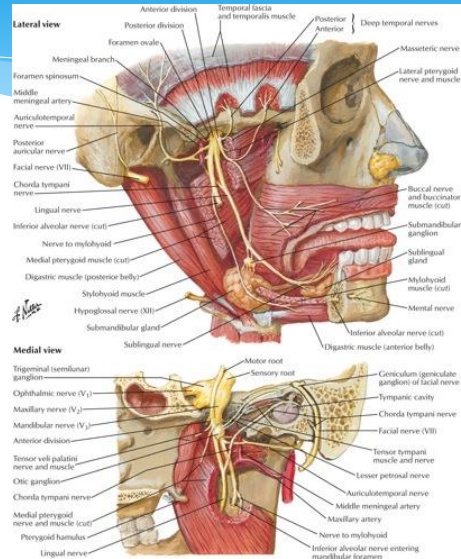
Upper Cerv. Sensory Nerves (C1-3) converge with CN V



## V1 &amp; V2



## V3



## Migraines

## Classic Migraine

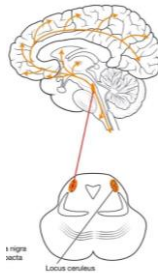
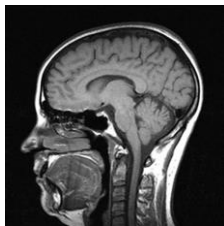
- \* Onset in childhood, adolescence, early adulthood
- \* Positive family history
- \* More common in women
- \* Classic triad
  - \* Visual scotomata/scintillations
  - \* Unilateral throbbing
  - \* Accompanied by nausea and vomiting
- \* Lasts 2-6 hours
- \* Relieved by sleep
- \* **Combined w/tension HA**

## Cluster Migraine

- \* Recurrent, nocturnal, unilateral, retro-orbital searing pain
- \* Young males (90%)
- \* Awakens 2-4hr after sleep onset
- \* Accompanied unilateral lacrimation, nasal and conjunctival congestion (V1, V2)
- \* Lasts 20-60 min
- \* May recur several times per night (cluster)
- \* Months/years of pain-free periods

## Mechanism in Migraine

- Migraine generator discovered in 1995
- \* Talairach space located in the **dorsal raphe nucleus and locus coeruleus area of the brainstem**
- \* Dysfunction in this area affects **anti-nociception** and **intracerebral vascular control**
- \* Wave of spreading electrical depression moves over cortex at a rate of 2-3 mm/minute
- \* This is similar to the spread of oligemia (total volume of blood reduced) in migraine with aura



Upper lateral part of the pons

## Tension Headache

- \* Onset in adolescence or young adult
- \* Non-familial
- \* Bilateral, generalized, bi-temporal, sub-occipital
- \* Felt as pressure or tight band
- \* Not throbbing
- \* Nausea/vomiting rare
- \* No nasal/conjunctival congestion
- \* Occurs late in day, related to stress
- \* Persist for hours or days



## Take a good history. Pain diaries can help...



- \* Onset: date, circumstances, suddenness, buildup
- \* Intensity and character
- \* Frequency and duration of attacks
- \* Location of pain
- \* Level of impairment
- \* Pro-drome and triggers
- \* Seasonal variations
- \* Progression of symptoms
- \* Aggravating and remitting factors
- \* Current and past treatments and response to it
- \* Family history
- \* Sleep patterns
- \* Occupation and Leisure activities

## McGill Pain Questionnaire

- \* 3 major classes of pain descriptors
  - \* Sensory qualities (temporal, spatial, pressure, thermal)
  - \* Affective qualities (tension, fear, autonomic properties)
  - \* Evaluative words (intensity and total pain experience)
- \* Provides quantitative information that has the sensitivity to detect differences among different methods to relieve pain
- \* Short-form is similar in sensitivity to the long form

**SHORT-FORM MCGILL PAIN QUESTIONNAIRE**  
RONALD MCGILL, 1984

PATIENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

	NONE	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE
THROBBING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
SHOOTING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
STABBING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
SHARP	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
CRAMPING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
GNAWING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
HOT-BURNING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
ACHING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
HEAVY	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
TENDER	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
SPLITTING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
TIRING-EXHAUSTING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
SICKENING	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
FEARFUL	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____
PUNISHING-CRUEL	0) _____	1) _____	2) _____	3) _____

NO PAIN |-----| WORST POSSIBLE PAIN

PP1

0 NO PAIN \_\_\_\_\_

1 MILD \_\_\_\_\_

2 DISCOMFORTING \_\_\_\_\_

3 DISTRESSING \_\_\_\_\_

4 HORRIBLE \_\_\_\_\_

5 EXCRUCIATING \_\_\_\_\_

© R. McGill, 1984

**Table 5.5 McGill Pain Questionnaire**

Some of the words below describe your present pain. Circle only one word in each of the 20 groups *if* the group contains a word that describes your pain. Leave out any group that is not suitable.

1	2	3	4
Flickering Quivering Pulsing Throbbing Beating Pounding	Jumping Flashing Shooting	Pricking Boring Drilling Stabbing Lancinating	Sharp Cutting Lacerating
5	6	7	8
Pinching Pressing Gnawing Cramping Crushing	Tugging Pulling Wrenching	Hot Burning Scalding Searing	Tingling Itchy Smarting Stinging
9	10	11	12
Dull Sore Hurting Aching Heavy	Tender Taut Rasping Splitting	Tiring Exhausting	Sickening Suffocating
13	14	15	16
Fearful Frightful Terrifying	Punishing Gruelling Cruel Vicious Killing	Wretched Blinding	Annoying Troublesome Miserable Intense Unbearable
17	18	19	20
Spreading Radiating Penetrating Piercing	Tight Numb Drawing Squeezing Tearing	Cool Cold Freezing	Nagging Nauseating Agonizing Dreadful Torturing

From Melzack R. The McGill pain questionnaire: major properties and scoring methods. Pain 1975;1:275.

## There is an app for that....

Name of App	Content
<b>My Migraine Triggers</b>	Chronical your migraines. Developed by Excedrin
<b>Headache Diary Lite</b>	Tracks your headache patterns; remitting factors
<b>iHeadache</b>	Log migraines symptoms and medication. Classify your headache
<b>Headache Diary</b>	Tracks headaches
<b>Migraine Radar</b>	Research app to monitor areas with high incidence of migraine sufferers and track weather, time of day and symptom occurrence

App Name	Content
<b>Food Diary</b>	Helps with symptoms after eating a food
<b>Sleep Bot</b>	Comprehensive sleep tracker. The hours you spend sleeping, your sleep habits and wakes you up at the least disruptive time in your sleep cycle
<b>Period Calendar/Tracker</b>	Menstrual cycle symptoms and mood
<b>Relax Melodies</b>	Customize audio track for soothing music when time to sleep
<b>Acupressure: Heal Yourself</b>	>90 acupressure points and self treatment
<b>Med Helper: Pill reminder</b>	Track all medications, reminders to take meds, doctors appointments, when need refills
<b>Manage My Pain Pro</b>	Tracks your pain symptoms
<b>Brainwave Tuner or Binaural Beats</b>	Generates tones that change brain frequency to treat headaches, promote relaxation and mood and enhance creativity

## Physical Exam

- \* Palpation and percussion
  - \* Cranium
  - \* Jaw
  - \* Neck
  - \* Oral cavity
  - \* Ears
  - \* Sinuses
- \* Vital signs
  - \* Mental status
  - \* Funduscopic exam
  - \* Visual acuity
  - \* Signs of trauma
  - \* Cardiac and pulmonary status

\*A standing and supine osteopathic screening is plenty to know just how badly the upper cervical and upper thoracic spine is restricted!



## Migraineurs

- \* Brains function differently even when not having migraine
- \* Visual information is processed more quickly
- \* There may be a relative deficiency of energy metabolism in some areas of their brains and muscles
  
- \* May have a history of:
  - \* Motion sickness as children
  - \* Ice cream headaches
  - \* Torticollis
  - \* Benign paroxysmal vomiting of childhood

## Typical Provoking Factors for Migraine

- \* Hormonal changes: oral contraceptives, menstruations, hormonal replacement, pregnancy
- \* Medications
- \* Weather changes
- \* Alcohol
- \* Sleep changes (too little, too much)
- \* Foods and common food ingredients
  - \* Caffeine (soft drinks, coffee, tea, chocolate, OTC drugs, prescription drugs)
- \* Missed meals
- \* Stress, exhilaration or “letdown”
- \* Fluorescent lights
- \* Smoke

## Mechanism of Migraine

- \* Rate of electrical depression, oligemia (dec blood volume as in dehydration) and scotomata are the same
- \* Oligemia is secondary to the primary neurological event
- \* Electrical depression is followed by the release of neuropeptides causing neurogenic inflammation and pain

## Red Flags

- \* New onset headache, especially if persistent
- \* Variation from typical pattern
- \* Presence of medical or neurological signs and symptoms
- \* Atypical headache
- \* Progressive headache
- \* Acute-onset headache (rapid buildup)
- \* Refractory to standard treatment

## FOM III, Table 37.5 Treatment algorithm for Tension-type HA

Treatment Plan	Objective	Technique
★ Treat upper thoracic and rib dysfunction	Eliminate upper thoracic dysfunction involved in perpetuating the pain; balance autonomic tone	Soft tissue, MFR, ME, FPR, Counterstrain, HVLA, rib raising
★ Treat cervical dysfunction, particularly involving the occiput, C1, and C2	Eliminate cervical mechanics and soft tissue tension involved in exacerbating the pain	Soft tissue, Occipitoatlantal MFR, FPR, ME, HVLA
★ Treat cranial dysfunction including TMJ dysfunction	Eliminate cranial strain patterns affecting the trigeminal neurovascular system	Direct and indirect cranial osteopathy; MFR and ME technique for TMJ dysfunction
Treat lumbar, sacrum, and pelvis	Eliminate compensatory or contributing strain patterns from below	Soft tissue, MFR, ME, HVLA, Counterstrain
Address postural mechanics	Reduce exacerbating factors	Core strengthening, scapular retractions, cervical isometric exercises, proprioceptive training
★ Stress reduction counseling	Reduce exacerbating factors while enhancing overall well-being	One-on-one counseling to identify specific stressors and individualize stress management strategies
Health promotion and disease prevention	Reduce risk of future illness; enhance overall well-being	Smoking cessation, exercise and nutrition counseling; health screening (e.g., fasting lipids,

Location	Innervation	Dysfunction
★ V. Trigeminal		
V1 ophthalmic branch	Passes through the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus Enters the orbit through the superior orbital fissure	Upper eyelid, scalp, forehead, eyeball, ethmoid sinus, nasal cavity, lacrimal gland and conjunctiva.
V2 maxillary branch	Courses through: Inferior portion of cavernous sinus Middle cranial fossa Foramen rotundum Pterygopalatine fossa Infratemporal fossa Inferior orbital fissure	Supplies sensory fibers to the dura, maxillary sinus, maxillary premolar and molar teeth, nasal septum, lower eyelid, nose, and upper lip.
V3 mandibular branch	Exits the middle cranial fossa via the foramen ovale	It contains both motor and sensory fibers. Supplies the teeth, gingiva, skin of the temporal region, the ear, lower face, muscles of mastication, floor of the oral cavity and tongue
		Dysfunction of temporal bone may affect the function of this nerve. Tic douloureux may be associated with dysfunction of this nerve Trigeminal neuralgia affecting this division. Sensory information from structures innervated by the trigeminal nerve (sinuses) may be

## Five Models of Osteopathic

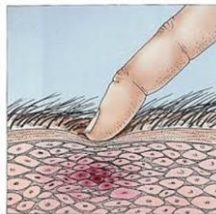
- \* Biomechanical Model
  - \* Altered mechanical stresses → Exceed the allostatic load
- \* Respiratory – Circulatory Model
  - \* Altered respiratory mechanics → Insufficient O<sub>2</sub>, nutrition, lymph and immune function
- \* Neurological Model
  - \* Facilitated segment & ↑ Sympathetics → VS, SV reflex changes
- \* Metabolic – Energetic Model
  - \* Nutritional toxins → Impair self-regulatory and self-healing
- \* Behavioral Model
  - \* Psychological, social, spiritual health → stress and ability to heal

## Goals of OMT for HA

- \* Biomechanical
  - \* Restore free and balanced motion within the MS system
- \* Respiratory – Circulatory
  - \* Improve motion of rib cage and all the diaphragms
- \* Neurological
  - \* Restore autonomic balance, alleviate segmental facilitation, relieve pain, eliminate abnormal afferent signaling
- \* Metabolic – Energetic
  - \* Promote energy conservation, enhance immune function
- \* Behavioral
  - \* Stress reduction, improve social interaction & spiritual outlook

## 1) Biomechanical Model

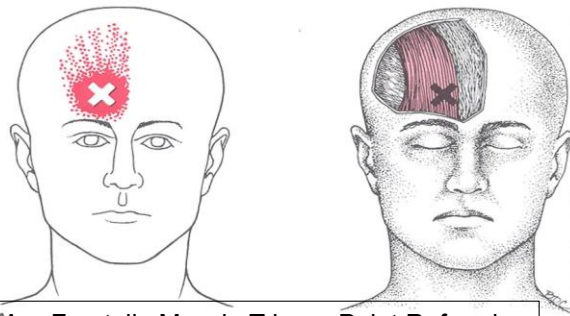
- \* Myofascial Trigger Point Treatment of the head and neck
  - \* A muscle that has a contraction nodule that may radiate pain and exhibit a twitch response when compressed



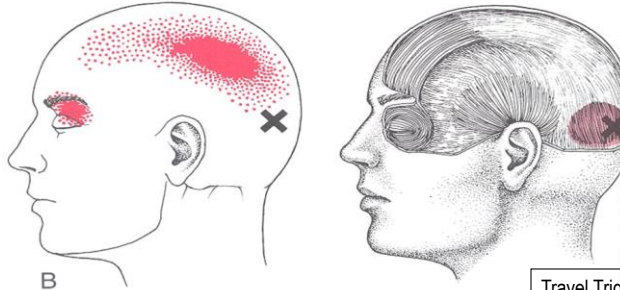
## Probability of having a MF TrPt

Travell (Table 5.1)

Disorder causing head pain	Probability of Myofascial Trigger Point Pain
Migraine ★	High
Tension-type HA ★	Very high
Cluster HA	Low to moderate
Head Trauma pain ★	Moderate to high
Vascular disorders	Low
Non-vascular intracranial disorder	Low
Substance Withdrawal	Low to High
Metabolic Disorder	Low
Noncephalic Infections	Low
Cervicogenic Headache	High

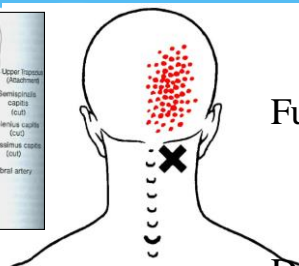
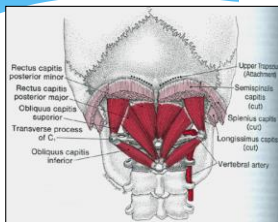


A. Frontalis Muscle Trigger Point Referral  
 B. Occipitalis Muscle Trigger Point Referral



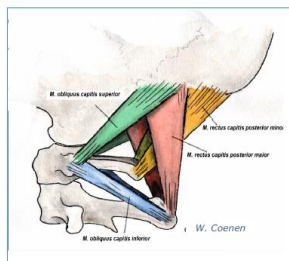
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## Suboccipital Muscles Trigger Points

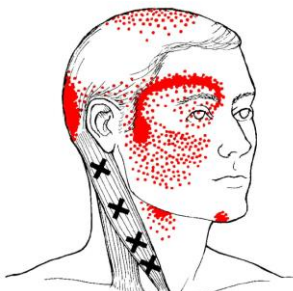
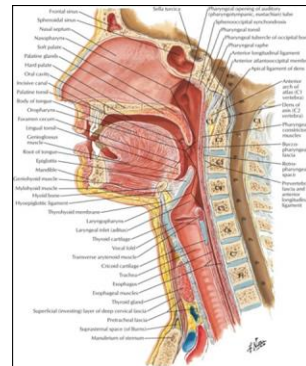
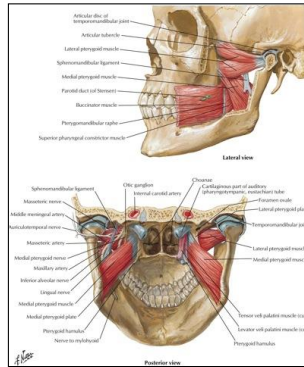
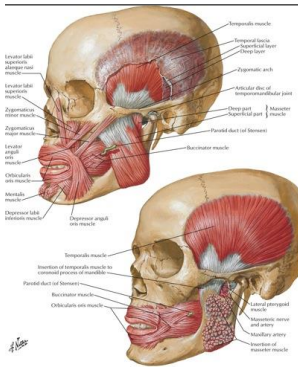


**Functional Anatomy**  
 -contain high density of proprioceptors

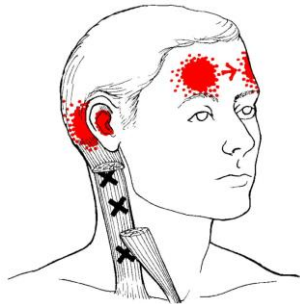
**Dysfunction**  
 -atrophic changes lead to loss in proprioceptive control at the dorsal horn  
 -gives rise to chronic pain syndromes



# Layers of Myofascial Trigger Points



## Neck Trigger Pts



Travel Trigger Point Manual

Overlapping pain referral patterns causing typical migraine and tension-type headache pictures

Unilateral  
Bilateral

Muscles to assess:  
SCM  
Upper trap  
Sub-occipital triangle  
Temporalis

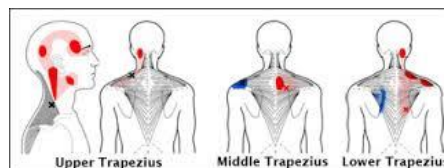
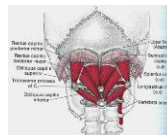
# Trigger Point Treatment Demonstration

- A. Trigger Point Pressure Release
  - B. Spray and stretch
  - C. Dry Needling
  - D. Injection
- \* Correct Perpetuating Factors
  - \* Correct Postural Derangements
  - \* Exercise
    - \* Stretching
    - \* Aerobic Conditioning
  - \* DON'T FORGET TO TREAT THE OTHER SOMATIC DYSFUNCTIONS!



# Trigger Point Assessment and Treatment Practice

- \* Frontalis
- \* Temporalis
- \* Occipitalis
- \* Suboccipital mm group:
  - \* Obliquus Capitis Superior
  - \* Obliquus Capitis Inferior
  - \* Rectus Capitis Posterior Major and Minor
- \* SCM
- \* Upper and middle traps





## SCM Stretch (right side TrPt)

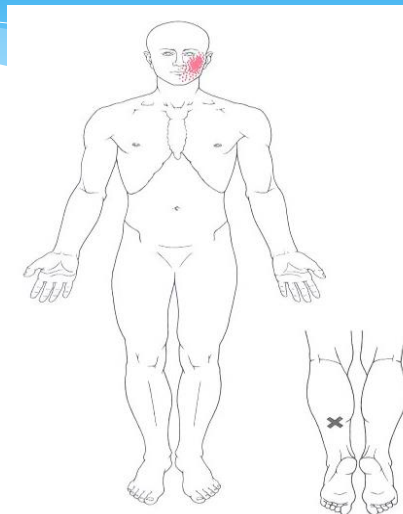


Anchor the distal attachment on the clavicle/sternum – right arm holds table edge

Side-bend the head away (lean left) and rotate it towards (look up toward the ceiling) the ipsilateral SCM

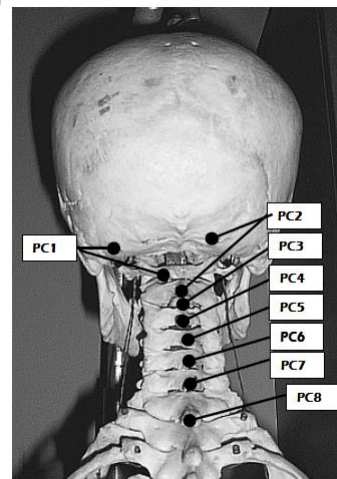
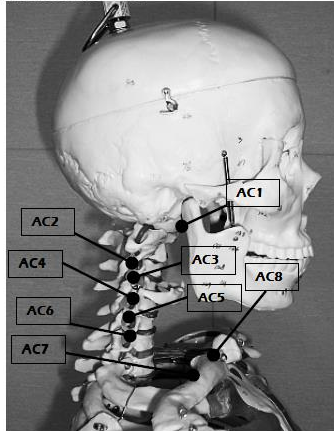
## Rare Trigger Point

- \* Rare trigger point referral patterns
- \* Soleus muscle trigger point refers pain to the ipsilateral face and jaw
- \* Travell & Simons Trigger Point Manual, Vol 1- Figure 22.2



## Anterior and Posterior Cervical Tenderpoints

ANTERIOR POINTS



## Practice: AC1 Tenderpoint Treatment

### Anterior First Cervical AC1:

- \* May present with frontal HA or migraine HA, blurred vision, dysphagia, hyoid dysfunction, or vagus neuritis
- \* TP: Posterior aspect of ascending ramus of the mandible, half-way b/w the mastoid process and the inferior angle of the jaw
- \* TX: Patient supine. Physician supports occiput. Rotate away, markedly. SB slightly away. May apply slight caudal force on the contralateral parietal to further reduce sensitivity.

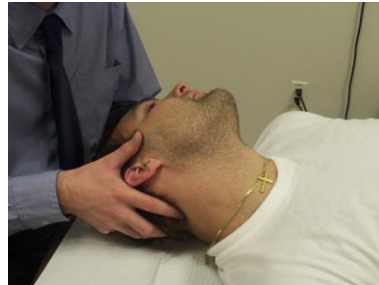


# Anterior and Posterior Cervical TP Treatment

Anterior: Flex, SB and Rotate AWAY



Posterior: Extend (off the table), SB and Rot AWAY



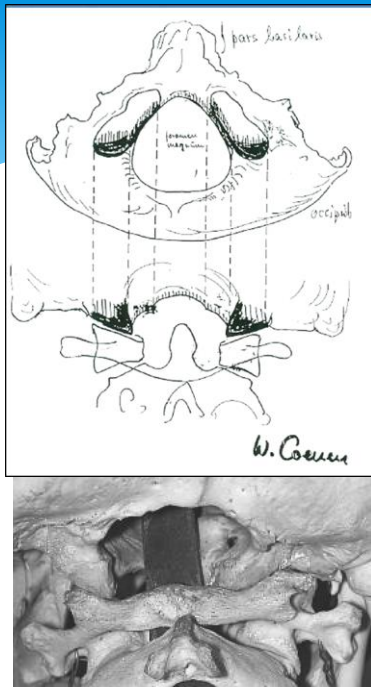
## OA Anatomy

Principal part of tectorial membrane removed to expose deeper ligaments; posterior view

Median atlantal joint: superior view

Anterior (C1): superior view

Occipital Condyles=  
Anterior convergence  
Posterior divergence



## OA - 3 position Diagnosis

- \* The condyles of the occiput sit like a “cup in saucer” into the lateral masses of the atlas.
- \* OA ONLY TYPE I (SB and ROT opposite) Somatic Dysfunctions due to configuration of the condyles
  - \* Anterior convergence
  - \* Posterior divergence
  - \* Lateral cupping of the atlas

## Occipito-atlantal (OA) Diagnosis

(SB and ROT always opposite direction)

- \* Patient supine
- \* Physician seated at head or side of table
- \* Grasp the occiput
- \* Glide or slide left and right = side-slip
- \* If glides left to right = SB left, ROT right
- \* If glides right to left = SB right, ROT left



- \* Repeat side gliding in OA flexion and extension
- \* If restriction is worse during flexion then the joint is better in extension so the diagnosis is Extension SB ? ROT ?
- \* OA – always SB and ROT opposite directions

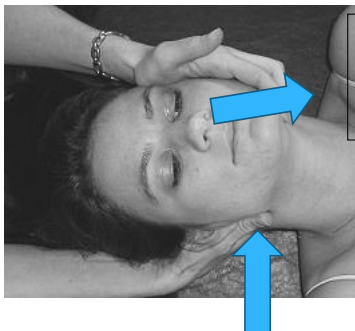
## Supine – OA FPR Seated – OA FPR

- \* Steps in FPR:
  - \* Physician seated at head of table or to the side
  - \* Reduce sagittal curve (flattened C-spine)
  - \* Induce flexion or extension (indirect position of segment)
  - \* Facilitating force (compression in neck) to segment only (for OA very mild compression)
  - \* Induce indirect SB and Rot of segment –INDIRECT POSITION
  - \* Hold 3-5 seconds
  - \* Relax
  - \* Repeat as much as necessary



Carreiro, J. *Pediatric Manual Medicine. An Osteopathic Approach*. Churchill, Livingstone, Elsevier 2009.

## MET of OA F SB left R right with oculo-vestibule-cephalic (OVC) reflex



Eyes look  
Down and  
Left

DX = SS right  
TX = SS left

- \* Extend the OA segment to the restrictive barrier
- \* Monitor the OA closely
- \* Induces SS (left or right) to the restrictive barrier
- \* Have the patient look down and left OR right towards their toes with their eyes only
- \* Rest
- \* Take up slack
- \* Repeat 3 – 5 times
- \* Retest

## MET of OA E SB left R right with oculo-vestibule-cephalic (OVC) reflex



- \* Flex the OA segment to the restrictive barrier with a NOD motion
- \* Monitor the OA closely
- \* Induces SS (left or right) to the restrictive barrier
- \* Have the patient look up and left OR right towards you with their eyes only
- \* Rest
- \* Take up slack
- \* Repeat 3 – 5 times
- \* Retest

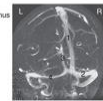
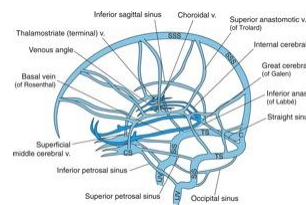
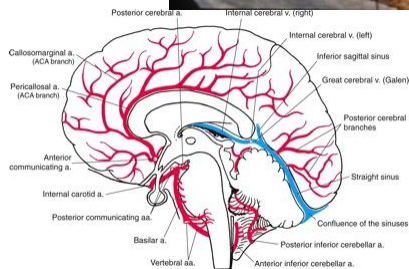
## HVLA of OA Flexed SS left = SB right Rot left



- Hold the patient's head with the right hand, cupping the right ear.
- \* Place the left index finger on the patient's left posterolateral occiput and sideslip toward the right to the restrictive barrier.
  - \* Flex the OA and rotate the patient's head to the right.
  - \* Fine tune by localizing your forces to the OA joint by
    - \* lifting (untucking) the chin.
  - \* Apply a HVLA thrust to the right with the left index finger on the occiput while assisting with the right hand to slide the occipital condyles toward the right on the atlas.

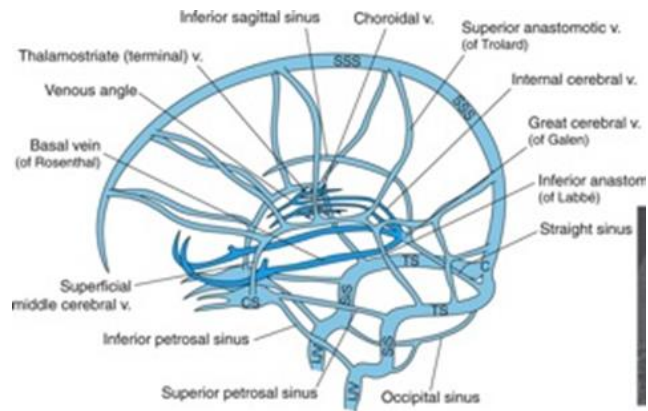
## 2) Respiratory – Circulatory Model

- \* Venous Sinus Release
  - \* Addresses venous fluid in the head
- \* Treatment of the OA
  - \* Utilizing multiple modalities



# Venous Sinus Release

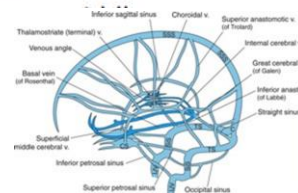
- \* Confluence of Sinuses
- \* Occipital Sinus
- \* Straight Sinus
- \* Transverse Sinus
- \* Sagittal Sinus



## Step 1 – Confluence of Sinuses



- Place the two middle fingers on the external Occipital protuberance and wait for a release.

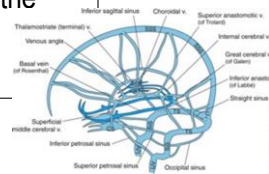




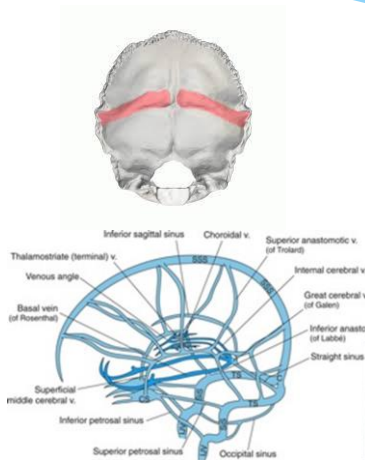
## Step 2 – Occipital Sinus



- Finger pads #2-5 placed along the midline of the occiput below the external occipital protuberance and above the foramen magnum
- Wait for a release

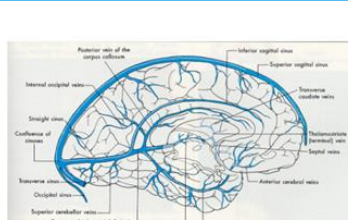
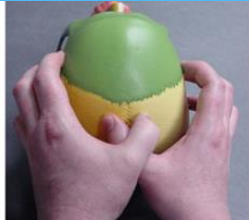


## Step 3 – Transverse Sinus Release



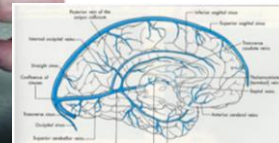
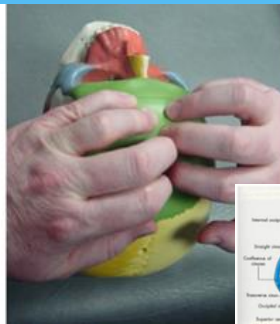
- \* Pivot your index finger from a vertical position to a horizontal position around the external occipital protuberance
- \* Finger pads remain along the transverse sinus until you feel a release

## Step 4 – Sagittal Sinus



- With the patient's head lifted up slightly, place your thumb pads on opposite sides of the sagittal sinus
- Move the thumbs away from each other placing a traction or spreading along the sagittal suture
- Move a thumb's breadth upwards
- Await a release at each position
- Stop at the coronal suture

## Finish Sagittal on Frontal Bone



- Place the finger pads along the midline of the frontal bone
- Spread the tissues by pulling the fingers away from each other
- Hold until you feel a release of the deep tissues

## Seated Sinus Release - Toddler

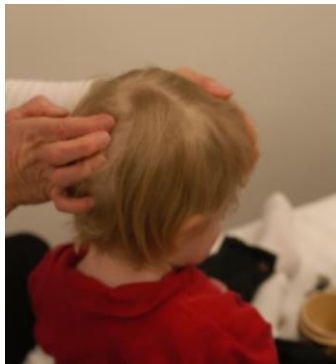
Straight

Transverse



## Seated Sinus Release - Toddler

- Sagittal Sinus



## Seated Venous Sinus Release in an Infant



Occipital Sinus



Transverse Sinus



Sagittal Suture

## Efficacy of OMT of Female Patients with Migraine

- \* OMT as an alternative to traditional therapies for
- \* 42 female migraineurs ages 18-65 years recruited in a local newspaper
- \* 3 migraines per month diagnosed by a physician
- \* 21 intervention group
  - \* Standard therapy plus OMT, **5 treatments of 50 minutes over 10 weeks**
- \* 21 control group
  - \* Standard therapy alone
- \* Exclusion:
  - \* CAM w/i 8 weeks prior
  - \* Pregnant or Lactating
  - \* Underlying neurologic dx
- \* Before and after questionnaires:
  - \* MIDAS-Migraine Disability Assessment
  - \* Short Form – 36
  - \* German “pain questionnaire

# Results

**\* Intervention Group:**

**\* SF-36:**

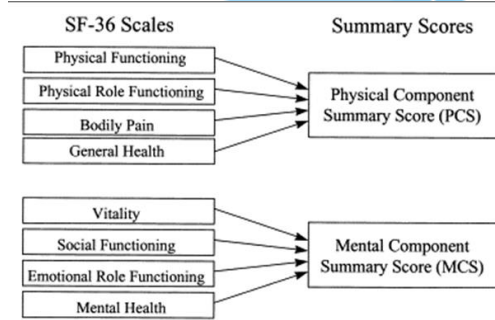
- \* 3 of 8 HRQoL domains significant improvement AND general betterment in all other domains

**\* MIDAS score**

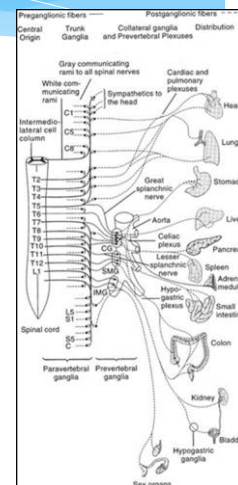
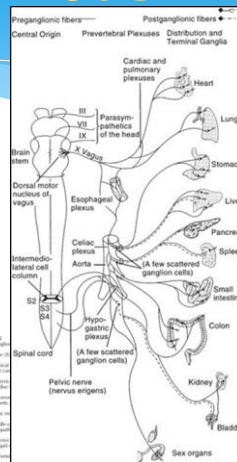
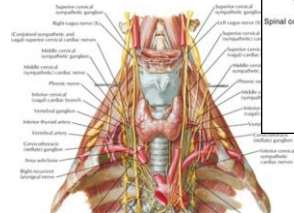
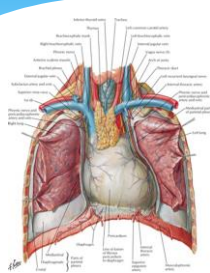
- \* Pain intensity, occupation disturbance and # days of disablements ALL significantly reduced

**\* Control Group:**

- \* Insignificant differences



## 3) Neurological Model Treatment



## Thoracic Inlet – Anatomy Review

### \* Review of the Thoracic Inlet Anatomy:

- \* First Rib attaches to T1 TPs only with a single facet on the head of the rib
- \* First rib attaches anteriorly to the manubrium
- \* Clavicle sits above the medial aspect of the 1<sup>st</sup> rib



## T1 & 1<sup>st</sup> Rib Complex Diagnosis



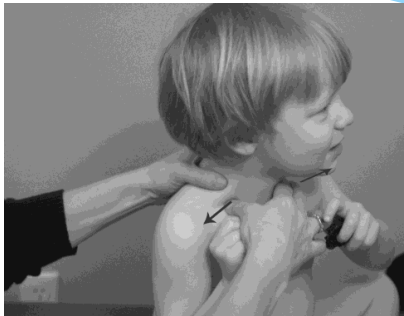
- \* From the head of the bed, move the T1 TPs inferiorly testing SB motion
- \* Move your thumbs more laterally to test for rib restrictions, first with the breath then with inferior motion testing
- \* From the anterior aspect and just under the SC junction, find the 1<sup>st</sup> Rib and push posteriorly test for T1/Rib rotation

## MFR of the Thoracic Inlet

- \* Hand positions:
  - \* Anterior Hand with first and third fingers just below the SC joint on the anterior rib 1
  - \* Index finger on the sternal notch
  - \* Posterior Hand with first and third digits on top of the first rib and index on spinous process of rib one.
- \* Treatment:
  - \* Like the steering wheel of a car, move the thoracic inlet CW then CCW
  - \* Which direction is more restricted
  - \* Treat in either direct or indirect fashion



## Direct or Indirect Thoracic Inlet MFR in the toddler and infant



## HVLA of Thoracic Inlet (T1) -SB and Rot in SAME direction

- \* Standing at the head of the supine patient
- \* Lift the head with your hands and place the PIP of each index finger along the posterior aspect of T1 TPs
- \* For SB and Rot in **SAME** directions use a **2-step** process:
  - \* Thrust the SB component with a force towards the opposite ASIS
  - \* Then switch to the opposite side and thrust the ROT component in a direction towards the opposite shoulder
  - \* Use the patient's breath
  - \* Take up the slack
  - \* **FIND THE RESTRICTIVE BARRIER IN ALL DIRECTIONS**

## T1 N SB & Rot Opposite direction

- \* For T1 SB and Rot in **opposite** directions, use a **one-step process**:
  - \* For T1 E RI Sr, place your PIP on the top of the right TP in such a manner as to meet the SB barrier, and at the same time slide the PIP slightly posterior in order to move the segment to the left rotation barrier
  - \* Direction of Thrust is towards the left lower rib cage.
  - \* Have the patient breath to relax.
  - \* Thrust on the exhale.
  - \* **MEET THE TISSUE BARRIERS IN ALL DIRECTIONS!!**



## Prone Chin-Pivot Thrust

### T2 – T4

- \* T2 or T3 F Rr Sr
- \* Patient in prone with chin on table
- \* Physician places palm of left hand on pt's occiput and pisiform of right hand on pt's right posterior transverse process.
- \* With a swift rotary motion on the occiput and an anterior thrusting motion on the TP, separate your hands in a crossed-wise fashion



## 4) Metabolic Model Treatment

- \* Blood work to identify uncommon causes
  - \* Heavy metal toxicity
  - \* Vitamin Deficiencies
  - \* Altered thyroid hormone
- \* Nutrition
  - \* Nutrition changes that address inflammation
  - \* Remove dietary stressors (sugars, trans fats, etc)
  - \* Add fresh fruits and vegetable
- \* Exercise
  - \* Yoga
  - \* Tai Chi

## 5) Behavioral Model Treatment

- \* Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction
  - \* Jon Kabat-Zinn – developed at Univ. Mass. Med. Ctr
  - \* As early as late 1970's
  - \* Research arm of the institute
- \* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMgzHCamwNM&list=PLDf\\_edljRHgYHll7lTomC\\_P5w9STh2hgU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMgzHCamwNM&list=PLDf_edljRHgYHll7lTomC_P5w9STh2hgU)

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