Osteopathic Approach to Common Office Complaints

Fast and Easy Treatments to Help Your Patients Get Better Faster

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Outline

- Introduction
- Headache/Neck Pain
- Chest Wall Pain and Respiratory Illness
- Low Back Pain
- Upper Extremity: Shoulder Pain and Carpal Tunnel
- Lower Extremity: Piriformis syndrome, Knee Pain and Sprained Ankle

Why do we care?

 Musculoskeletal complaints make up 30% of family doctor visits

 Of the other 70%, how many of those problems have a musculoskeletal component?

 60% of our body is bone, muscle, fascia, tendons and ligaments

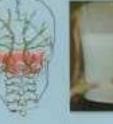
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The 15-Minute Office Encounter

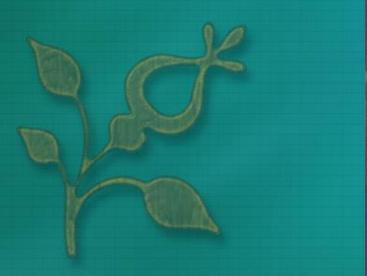








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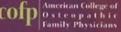
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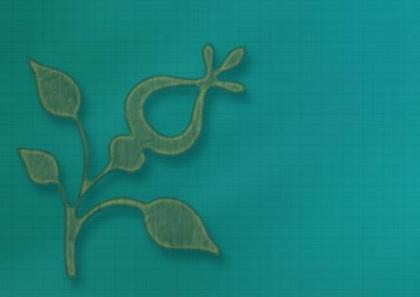
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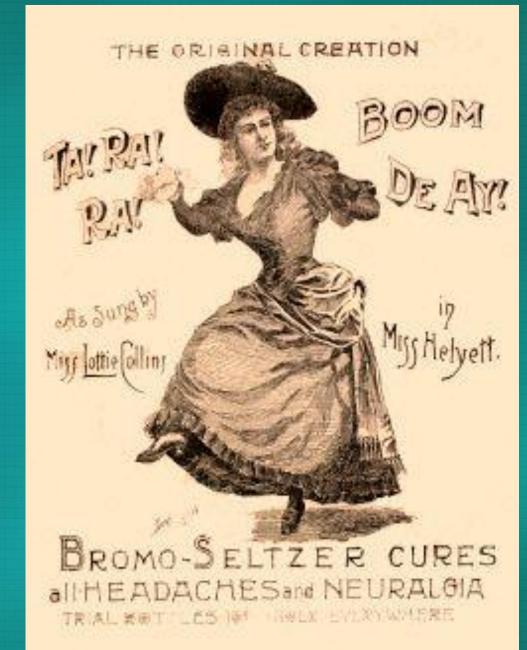
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Headache/ Neck Pain





Common Etiologies Cevicogenic Cluster Migraine Tension • Sinus Preparing lectures

Variable	Cervicogenic	Migraine	Cluster	Tension
Female/male ratio	F>M to F=M	F>M	M>F	F>M
Laterality	Unilateral without sideshift	Unilateral with sideshift	Unilateral without sideshift	Bilateral
Location	Occipital to frontoparietal and orbital	Frontal, orbital, hemicranial, temporal	Orbital, Temporal	Frontal, occipital, circumferential
Duration	Intermittent or constant with attacks	4 to 72 hours	15 to 180 minutes, several per day	Days to weeks
Triggers	Neck movement, valsalva, pressing over c1- 3	Multiple, but neck movement not typical	Alcohol, predictable times during the day	Multiple, but neck movement not typical
Associated Symptoms	Usually absent or similar to migraine, but milder	Nausea, vomiting, photophobia, phonophobia, scotomas	Autonomic symptoms ipsilateral to pain	Occasionally decreased appetite, photophobia or phonophobia

The Cervicogenic Headache International Study Group Diagnostic Criteria.

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Checklist

MAJOR CRITERIA

- Point I—Symptoms and Signs of Neck Involvement (listed in a surmised sequence of importance; obligatory that
- one or more of phenomena are present) Precipitation of head pain, similar to the usually occurring (suffices as the sole criterion for positivity)*:
- by neck movement and/or sustained awkward head positioning (suffices as the sole criterion for positivity within group, and/or:
- by external pressure over the upper cervical or occipital region on the symptomatic side

(Provisionally, the combination of the following two points has been set forth as a satisfactory combination within Point 1)

- Restriction of the range of motion (ROM) in the neck*
- Dispilateral neck, shoulder, or arm pain of a rather vague nonradicular nature or, occasionally, arm pain of a radicular nature*
- Point II—Confirmatory Evidence by Diagnostic Anesthetic Blockades

(This is an obligatory point in scientific works.)

Point III—Unilaterality of the Head Pain, Without Sideshift

(For scientific work, Point III should preferably be adhered to.)

HEAD PAIN CHARACTERISTICS

Point IV

(None of the following points is obligatory)

- Moderate to severe, nonthrobbing, and nonlancinating pain, usually starting in the neck
- Episodes of varying duration, or
- □ Fluctuating, continuous pain

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF SOME IMPORTANCE Point V

(None of the following points is obligatory)

- Only marginal effect or lack of effect of indomethacin
- Only marginal effect or lack of effect of ergotamine and sumatriptan succinate

 - (d) not infrequent occurrence of head or indirect neck trauma by history, usually of more than only medium severity

OTHER FEATURES OF LESSER IMPORTANCE

- Point VI
- □ Various attack-related phenomena, only occasionally present:
- nausea
- phonophobia and photophobia
- dizziness
- ipsilateral "blurred vision"
- difficulties on swallowing
- ipsilateral edema, mostly in the periocular area

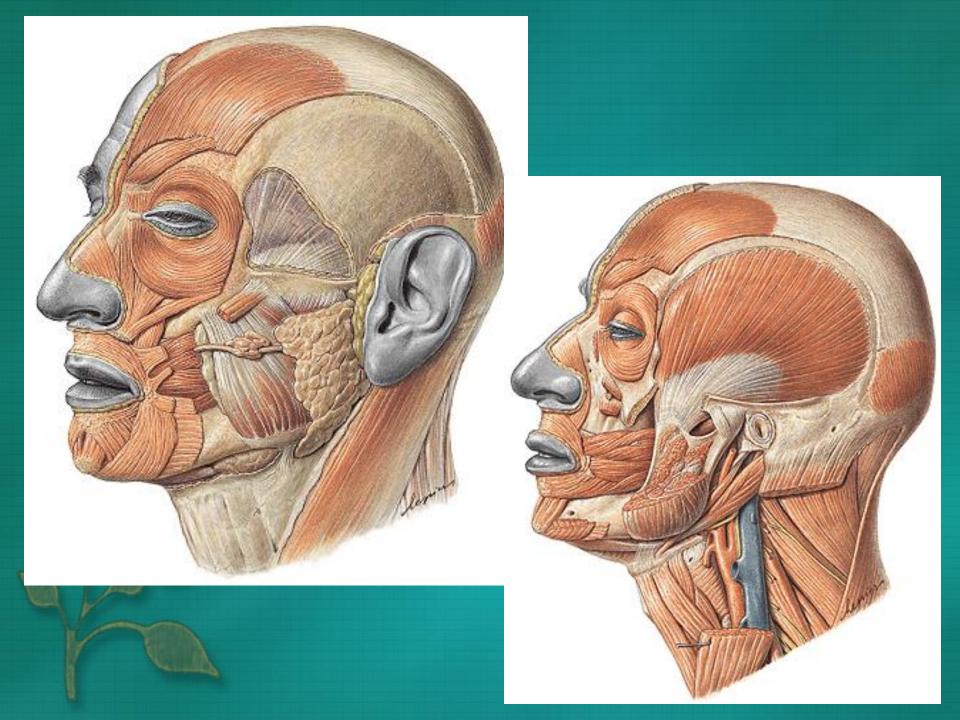
*The presence of all three points indicated with asterisk fortifies the diagnosis (but still Point II is an additional obligatory point for scientific work).

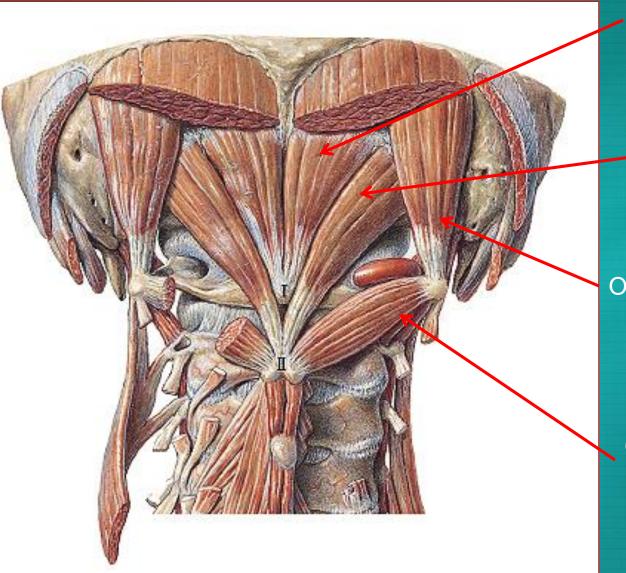


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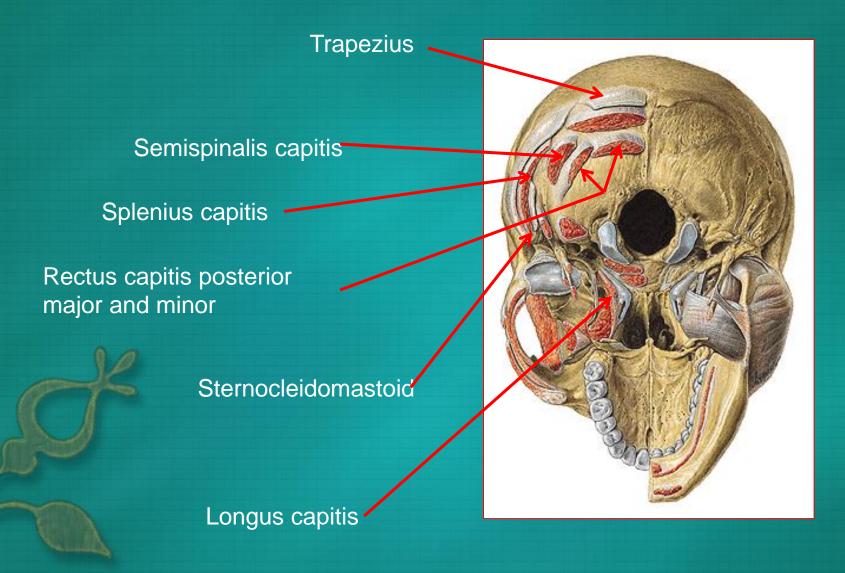
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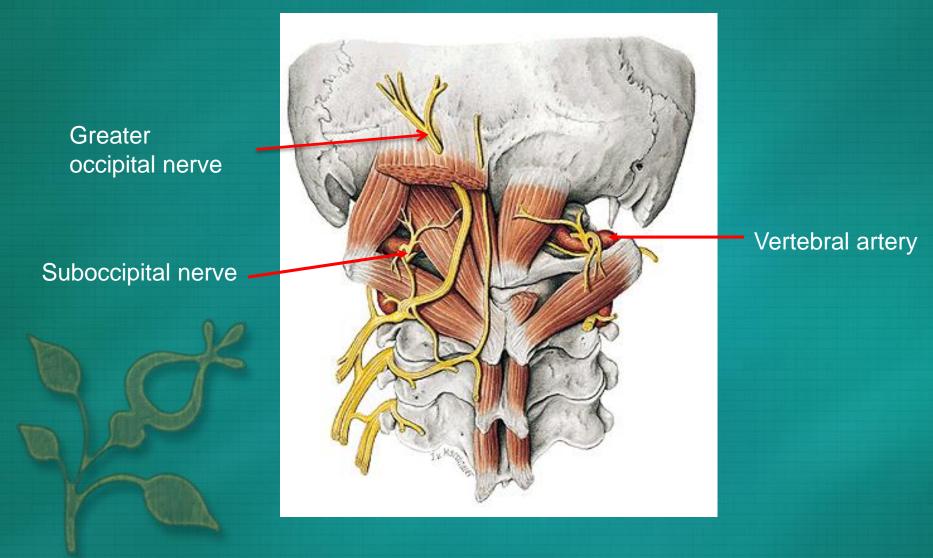
Obliquus capitis superior

Obliquus capitis inferior

Structural Contributors to Tension and Cervicogenic Headache



Suboccipital Triangle



Greater Occipital Nerve

- It is a spinal nerve
- It exits between first and second cervical vertebrae
- It passes THROUGH the trapezius
- It innervates the cutaneous aspect of the back of the head

Suboccipital Tension Release

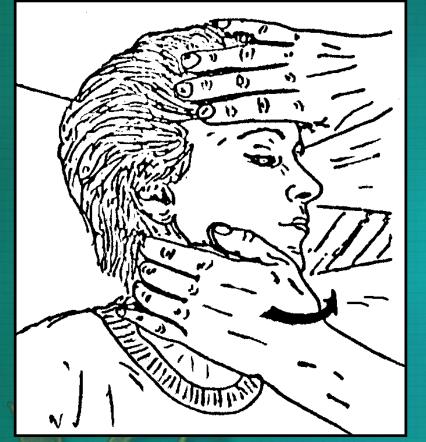


- 1. Patient is supine.
- 2. Physician is seated at the head of the table.
- 3. Place fingers under the suboccipital area.
- 4. Let the full weight of the patient's head rest your fingertips. This will supply sufficient force to release contracture of the suboccipital area.

5. This may be used to relax musculature on the occiput up to the superior nuchal line.

This excellent technique that can also be used prior to active articulation of the upper cervicals and occipitoatlantal area.

Posterior Cervical Soft Tissue Technique



Many physicians use this technique prior to, and as preparation for, active correction or following correction of the articular component of the lesion.

1. Patient supine.

- 2. Stand at the patient's side.
- 3. Place one hand lightly on the forehead.
- 4. Put the pads of the fingers of the other hand on the posterolateral part of the neck.
- 5. Apply enough force to stretch the soft tissues of the neck with this hand while sidebending and extending the cervical area. Avoid sliding across the skin. The hand on the forehead offers gentle resistance to these motions but allows enough movement to prevent excessive force to the cervical spine. Treat both sides.

Cervical Stretching Technique



This can also be done as a passive technique in acutely traumatized, frail or elderly patients

- 1. Patient supine with the physician standing at the head of the table.
- 2. Cross your arms and place them under the patient's flexed head.
- 3. Take the flexed neck and head to the first motion barrier.
- 4. Resist as the patient extends his neck toward the table.
- 5. Now vary the positioning by adding rotation and sidebending. Again resist as the patient presses his head toward the table. Do this for both sides.

Cervical Facilitated Positional Release Dx FRS_L

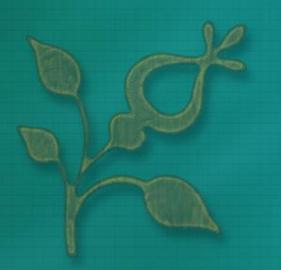


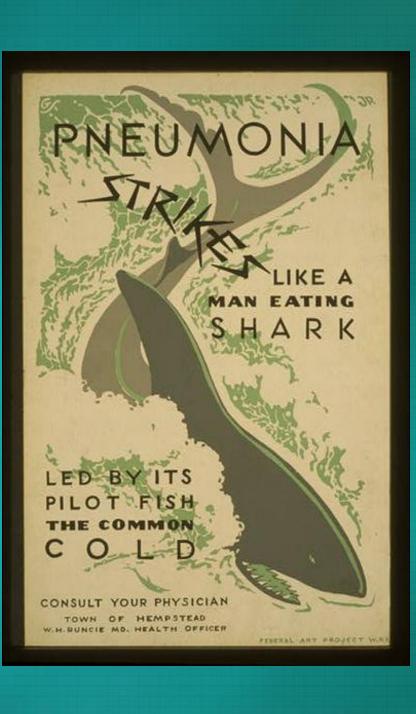


- 1. Patient supine
- 2. C-spine placed in neutral in the sagittal plane
- 3. Then placed in position of ease at the segment (FRS_L)
- 4. Compress from the head to the dysfunctional segment
- 5. Wait 3-5 seconds or until resolves and return to neutral

Can be converted into a still technique by reversing the position back through the barrier, using the fingers on the dysfunctional segment as a fulcrum

Chest Wall Pain/ Respiratory Illness



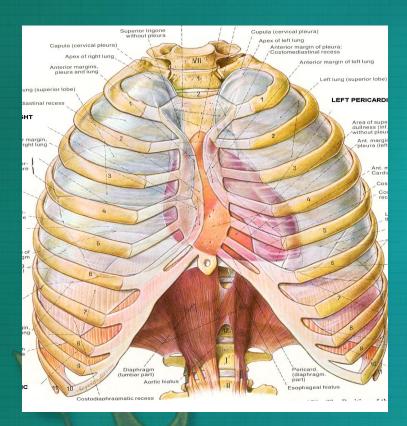


Differential Diagnosis by System

- Cardiac:
- Musculoskeletal:
- Pulmonary:
- Gastrointestinal:
- Neurologic:
- Rheumatologic:
- Somatic dysfunction

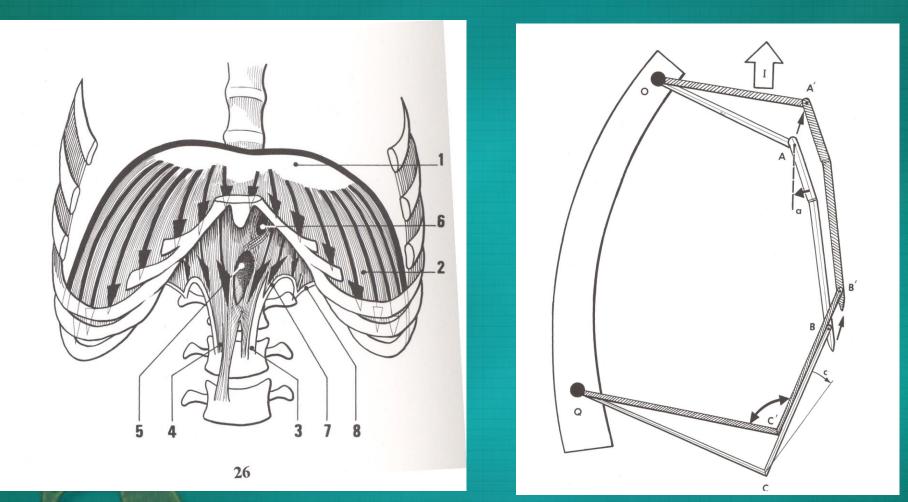
Angina, MI, PE Costochondritis/Tietze's syndrome Pneumonia, asthma GERD Anxiety, intercostal neuritis Pericarditis or pleurisy 2° SLE, RA

The Thoracic Cage



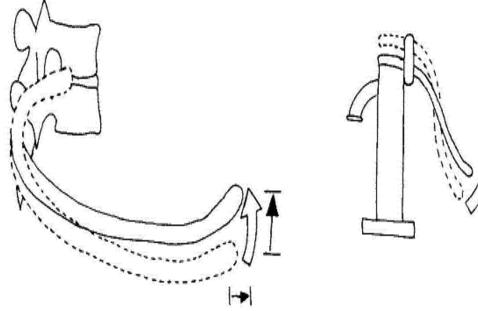
- The primary function of the thoracic cage is protection of the viscera within- a static process related to its structure
- Freedom of motion (unrestricted dynamic *function*) of the thoracic cage is essential for effective respiration and all of its physiologic benefits
- Understanding the anatomy and motion characteristics is necessary for appropriate manipulative treatment

Motion of Respiration



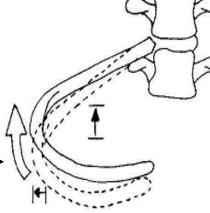
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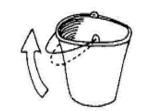
Characteristic Motions of the Ribs

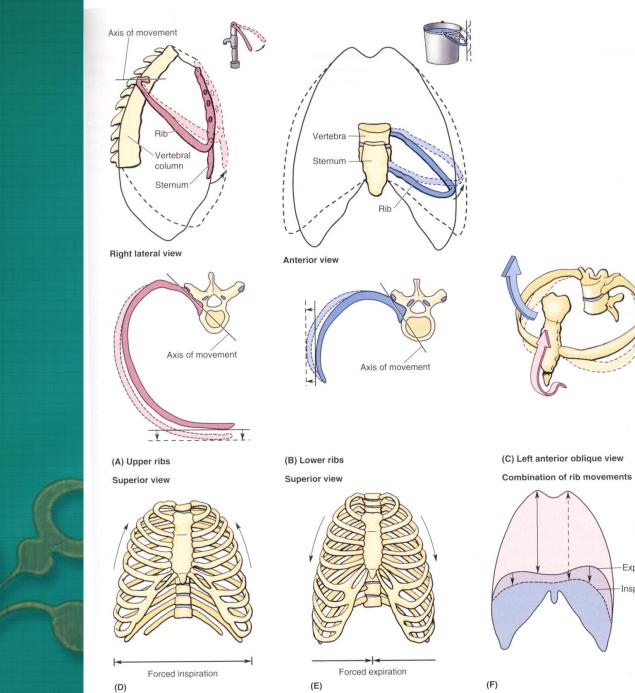


Pump handle motion In upper ribs, increases A/P diameter

Bucket handle motion in lower ribs, increases transverse diameter





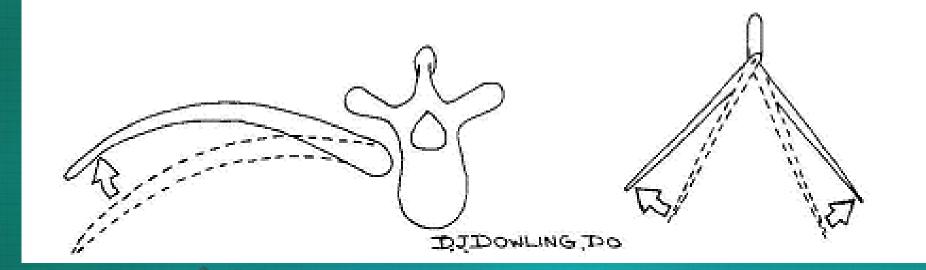


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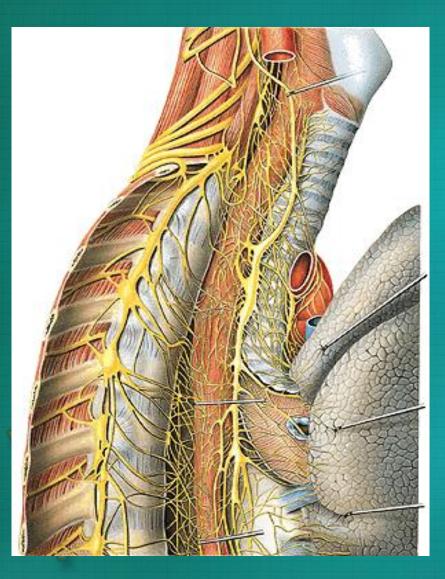
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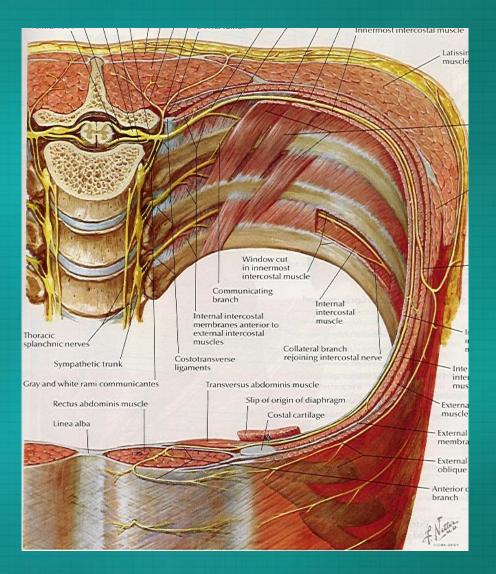


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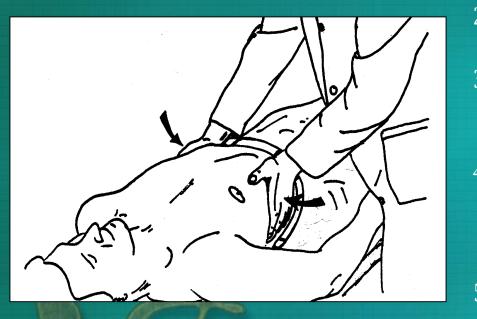
Rib 12 is influenced from above by diaphragm and below by quadratus lumborum, moves posteriorly and inferiorly in inhalation

Sympathetic Chain





Lower Thoracic Lymphatic Pump: Diaphragm Doming

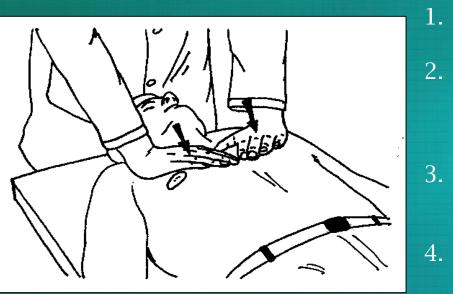


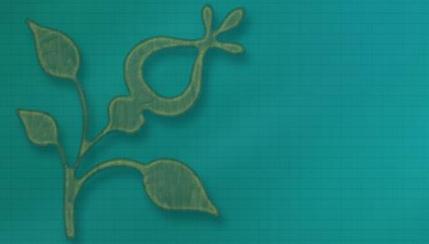
There are some situations which may preclude the use of vigorous thoracic pump techniques, e.g., advanced osteoporosis, presence of external ventilatory devices, recent chest surgery or trauma, etc.

- 1. The physician stands at the side of the supine patient, facing the patient.
- 2. The physician's hands contact the patient's lower lateral rib cage.
- 3. As the patient exhales, the physician's hands augment the medial motion of the lower ribs.
- 4. The patient is instructed to inhale. As the patient inhales, the physician resists the lateral movement of the lower rib cage.
- 5. As the patient reaches the height of inhalation, the physician's hands are suddenly removed from the rib cage, causing an in rush of air.
- 6. The technique may be repeated 2-3 times.

Upper Thoracic Lymphatic Pump (with respiratory cooperation)

6.





- The physician stands at the head of the table or bed. The patient is supine.
- The physician's hands contact the patient's anterior chest wall with the heels of the hands beneath the inferior border of the clavicle.
- As the patient exhales, the physician follows the inferior movement of the upper rib cage.
- The patient is instructed to inhale. As the patient inhales, the physician resists the cephalad movement of the upper ribs.
- 5. As the patient nears the height of inhalation, the physician suddenly removes the hands from the patient's chest, allowing a sudden in rush of air.
 - The procedure may be repeated 2-3 times.

Seated forward leaning T-Spine Articulator



These slides courtesy of Kendi Hensel, D.O., Ph.D.

Seated forward leaning T-Spine Articulator







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Seated forward leaning T-Spine Articulator

- Physician controlling UE and thorax
 - Choose best position based on body habitus and location of restriction
- Contact on transverse process or rib angles
- Patient is drawn forward to restrictive barrier
 - LVMA (low velocity, medium amplitude) springing is applied until release is felt
- Recheck

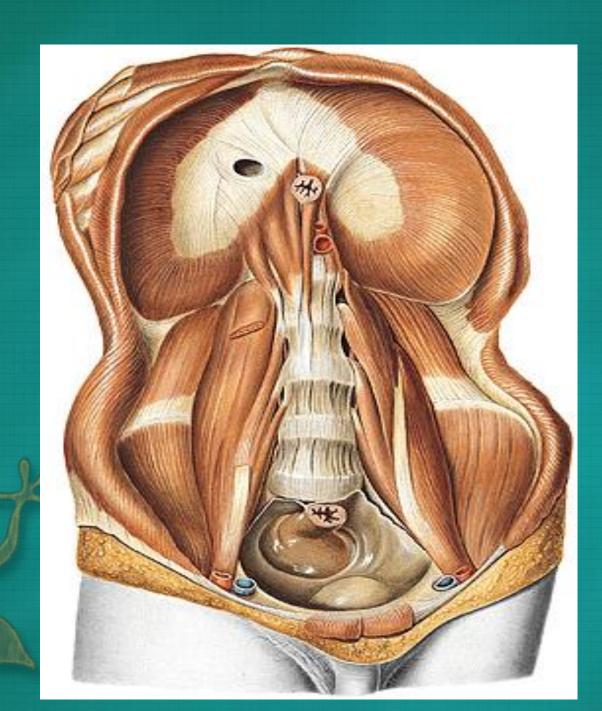
Low Back Pain



Why is this so important?

- One of the most common reasons patients see their primary care physician
- 60-80% of adults will have a disabling episode of low back pain in their lives

~25% of industrial injuries are due to LBP, but it accounts for nearly 90% of workman's compensation costs



Making the Diagnosis

- History and physical exam provide a diagnosis 90% of the time
- Ancillary testing: x-rays, CT, MRI, EMG/NCT, discography, myelograms, labs are not indicated without red flags and a trial of conservative care

 60-70% of cases of low back pain are diagnosed as idiopathic

 35-45% of <u>a</u>symptomatic people will have positive imaging studies, including herniations

Red Flags to Consider

- Age < 18 yrs or > 50
- Weight loss
- History of cancer (personal or familial)
- History of severe trauma
- Fever, night sweats
- Progressive motor weakness or numbness
 - Bone Pain worse at night.

Lumbar Spine Soft Tissue

Source: Outline of Osteopathic Manipulative Procedures

Diagnosis: paraspinal muscle dysfunction

- Patient is lateral recumbent and the physician stands at the side of 1. the table.
- Physician hooks the fingers of both hands over the medial aspect of 2. the erector spinae muscles. His/her cephalad forearm is in the patient's axilla and the other forearm is braced against the anterior superior margin of the iliac crest.
- Physician's fingers are drawn anteriorly and laterally to scoop the 3. muscle laterally creating kneading. At the same time, he/she carries the shoulder and innominate posteriorly and widens the distance between them, creating stretching.
- Sufficient force is applied to feel the muscles relax but not enough 4. to cause discomfort or to cause the muscles to tighten further. 5.
 - The force is slowly relaxed.

6.

Kneading and stretching are repeated rhythmically until maximal response is obtained. This technique can be applied to the muscles on the other side.

Lumbar Spine Soft Tissue



You can rotate the shoulder back further and use muscle energy to get further stretch of the lumbar and lower thoracic paraspinals.

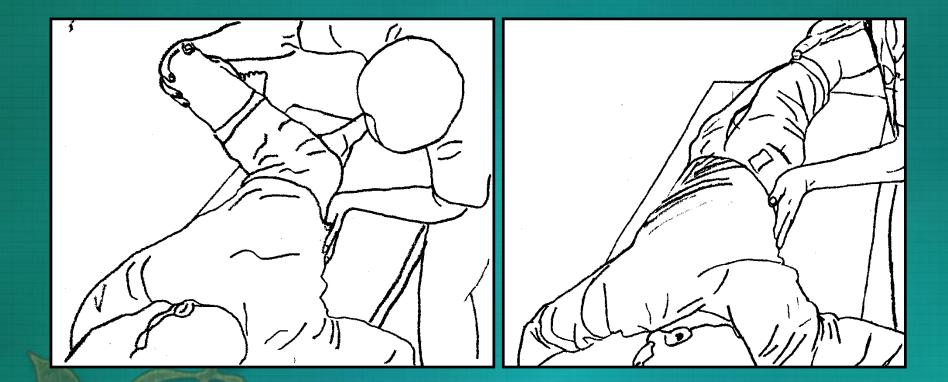
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Sacroiliac Articulation Technique Also Useful for Lumbar Type 2 Dysfunctions

Treating right sided dysfunction

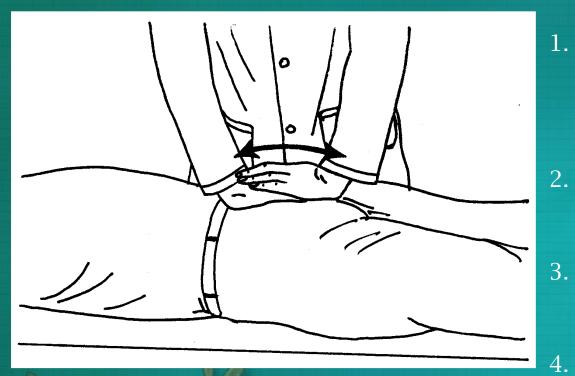
- 1. Stand behind the patient and place one hand on the sacrum at S2.
- 2. With the patient's lower leg slightly flexed, grasp the upper leg just below the knee and flex the knee and hip.
- 3. Flex the hip up to the level of S2 while palpating for motion at S2. Abduct the thigh until you feel a slight resistance.
- 4. Ask the patient to take in a deep breath and hold it. While maintaining abduction, extend the leg allowing it to fall off the table at the end of extension. Take up slack throughout the entire maneuver. Remember to tell the patient to breathe again.
- 5. This technique may produce an audible or palpable articulation.
- 6. The same procedure is repeated with the patient lying on the other side to treat the opposite sacroiliac articulation.

Sacroiliac Articulation Technique Also Useful for Lumbar Type 2 Dysfunctions



The photos illustrate treatment of a right sacroiliac motion restriction. This technique is used as both a diagnostic test and a treatment for subtle motion restrictions between the sacrum and the ilium. It is a general mobilization technique which also helps to free up the respiratory axis of the sacrum.

Sacral Rocking Technique



Classically, sacral inhibition has been used for treatment of diarrhea and dysmenorrhea by applying 1-2 minutes of steady pressure to the lumbosacral junction.

- The patient is placed in a prone position and the physician's hands are cupped over the sacrum. The base of the palm should be over the sacral base.
- The patient is asked to breathe deeply several times as the physician augments sacral respiratory motion
- The apex of the sacrum is rocked anteriorly on inhalation while the base is rocked posteriorly.
- With exhalation, the reverse motion is augmented.
- 5. This may be done several times to reestablish sacral respiratory motion and to affect fascias and related structures.

Shoulder

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Adhesive Capsulitis "Frozen Shoulder Syndrome"

- A common condition characterized by pain and restriction of shoulder motion that increasingly gets worse over the course of a year.
- S/S: Decreased ROM (active and passive). Abduction, Internal and external ROM is often affected. Extension is typically preserved. Pain is often present at the end of the range of motion.

Most commonly seen in patients >40

Adhesive Capsulitis "Frozen Shoulder Syndrome"

- Typically caused by prolonged shoulder immobility
- Tenderness is usually at the anterior portion of the shoulder.
- Main treatment goal is <u>prevention</u>!
 - Early mobilization following shoulder injury is essential.
 - OMT, especially Spencer Techniques, should be directed at improving motion and lysing adhesions.
 - Treatment of the glenohumeral joint and upper thoracic often provide relief.

Spencer Technique



• Patient is positioned in lateral recumbent position lying with the side of the dysfunctional shoulder up. Physician stands on the side of the table facing the patient, then carefully and slowly moves the upper extremity through the 7 stages.

Spencer Technique

- The purpose of this technique is to improve motion in the glenohumeral joint.
- It is important that the physician limits motion at the scapula by placing his hand on the top of the patient's shoulder.



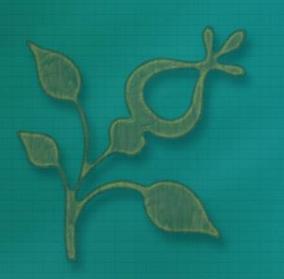
Spencer Technique

- During each stage, the physician may encounter restriction, and may treat that restriction with either muscle energy treatment or articulatory techniques.
 Order doesn't matter, as
 - long as "Pump" is last to move any fluid in the joint that may have been released during treatment.

- 1. Extension
- 2. Flexion
- 3. Circumduction (with Compression)
- 4. Circumduction with Traction (holding at either elbow or wrist)
- 5. Abduction
- 6. Adduction/external rotation
- 7. Internal Rotation
- 8. Pump (always the last step)

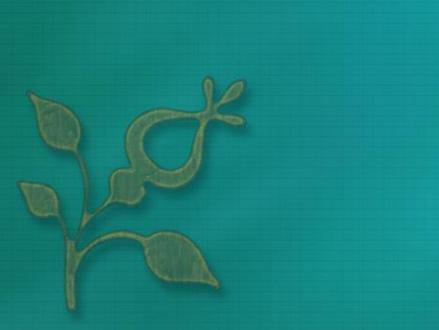
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

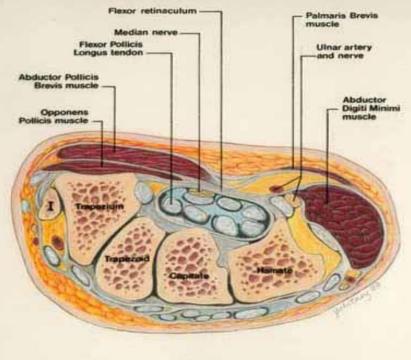




<u>Carpal Tunnel</u>

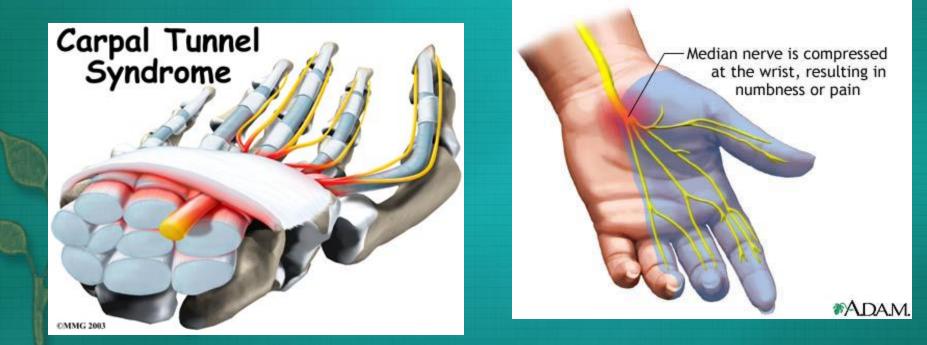
 Traveling through the carpal tunnel is the median nerve, the flexor digitorum profundus tendon, the tendon of the flexor pollicis longus and the tendon of the flexor digitorum superficialis.





Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Impingement, compression or irritation to the median nerve will result in paresthesias of the lateral aspect of the palm, middle and index fingers, and thumb. There may be associated weakness of the thumb abductors.



Posterior Radial Head Treatment

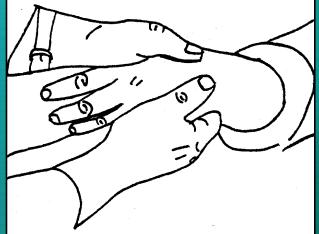


1. Flex and bring towards supination

- 2. Put pressure over radial head from the posterior aspect
- Have patient try to pronate for 3-5 seconds. Relax.
 Reposition to the new barrier and repeat.

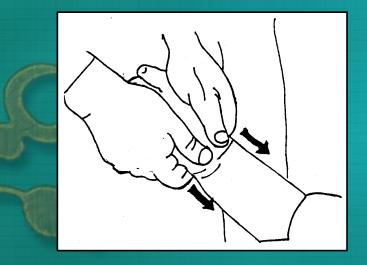
Carpal Separation Technique

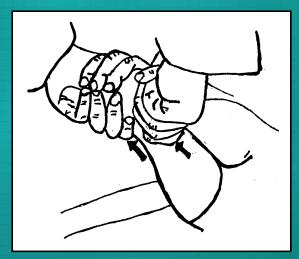
The physician grasps the patient's pronated hand using both hands. The physician's fingertips are in contact with the thenar and hypothenar eminences while his thumbs are placed against the distal radius and ulna for the traction separation counterforces. The physician then holds the wrist in passive flexion and may add lateral gliding to one side or the other, facilitating mobilization. The wrist is brought into extension with distraction to articulate the carpals.



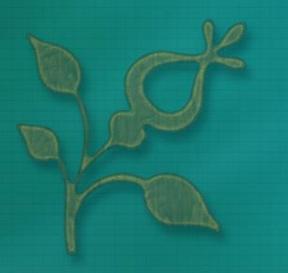
Carpal Separation Technique (cont.)

If a specific carpal bone fails to mobilize, the physician may place on thumb on that bone with the other thumb placed on top of the first as reinforcement and take the wrist from passive flexion into extension. This should mobilize carpal bone restriction.





"Opponens roll" ligament stretch Home stretches



Piriformis Syndrome

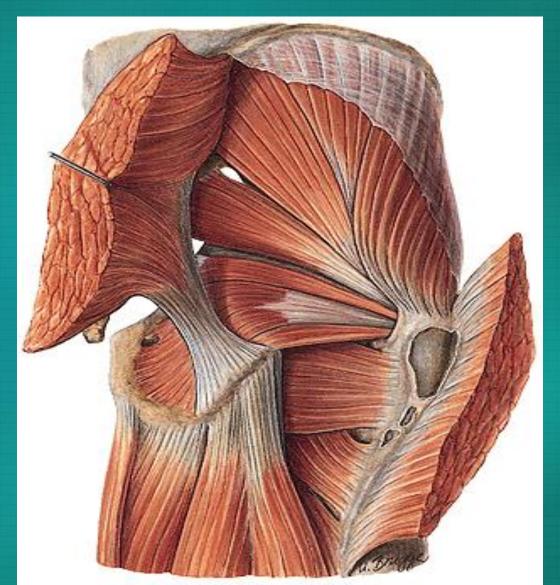


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Piriformis

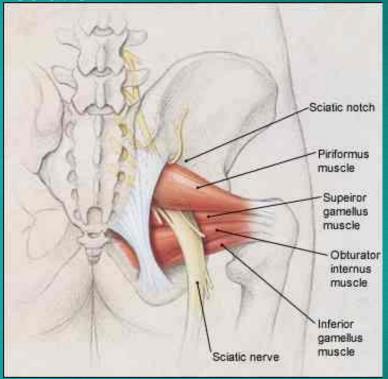
• Anterior surface of sacrum to greater trochanter



Piriformis Syndrome

- Entrapment of the sciatic nerve by an abnormal piriformis muscle, leading to neuropathy
 - Characterized by pain and paresthesias in a sciatic radicular distribution
- Responsible for 6% of LBP and sciatica seen in general practice

Remember the relationship of the piriformis muscle to the sciatic n.



Causes of Piriformis Syndrome:

- Traumatic injury to the piriformis muscle, leading to spasm, edema, and contractures of the muscle. Results in compression and entrapment of the sciatic nerve .
- Reflex spasm of the piriformis muscle
- Abnormal course of the sciatic nerve through the piriformis muscle or its tendon

 Chronic postural concerns, like driving for work, etc

Symptoms/Signs to Make Diagnosis of Piriformis Syndrome

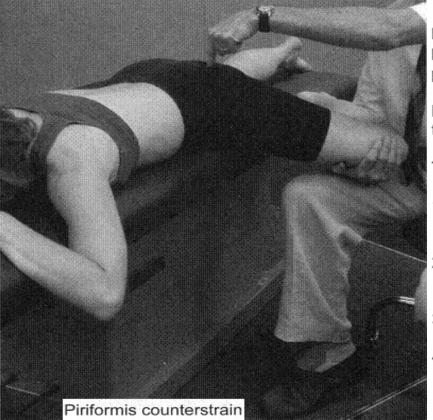
Symptoms

- Pain with sitting, standing, or lying longer than 15 to 20 minutes
- Pain and/or paresthesia radiating from sacrum through gluteal area and down posterior aspect of thigh, usually stopping above knee
- Pain improves with ambulation and worsens with no movement
- Pain when rising from seated or squatting position
- Change of position does not relieve pain completely
- Contralateral sacroiliac pain
- Difficulty walking (eg, antalgic gait, foot drop)
- Numbness in foot
- Weakness in ipsilateral lower extremity
- Headache
- Neck pain
- Abdominal, pelvic, and inguinal pain
- Dyspareunia in women
- Pain with bowel movements

Signs

- Tenderness in region of sacroiliac joint, greater sciatic notch, and piriformis muscle
- Tenderness over piriformis muscle
- Palpable mass in ipsilateral buttock
- Traction of affected limb provides moderate relief of pain
- Asymmetrical weakness in affected limb
- Piriformis sign positive
- Lasègue sign positive
- Freiberg sign positive
- Pace sign (flexion, adduction, and internal rotation test result) positive
- Beatty test result positive
- Limited medial rotation of ipsilateral lower extremity
- Ipsilateral short leg
- Gluteal atrophy (chronic cases only)
- Persistent sacral rotation toward contralateral side with compensatory lumbar rotation

Treatment of Piriformis Muscle Tenderpoint Using Counterstrain



PIRIFORMIS COUNTERSTRAIN

Indication: Piriformis tender point associated with back pain, pelvic pain, hip pain, sciatic neuritis, and other problems.

Relative contraindications: Severe hip arthritis, deep venous thrombosis in involved leg.

Technique (prone):

- Locate the tender point in the mid-buttock halfway between the top of the greater trochanter and the mid-line of the sacrum, labeling it 10/10;
- Bend the knee on the tender point side, flex the hip 90°, and abduct and externally rotate the hip until tenderness is 2/10 or less;
- 3. Hold this position for 90 seconds while keeping a finger on the tender point;
- 4. Slowly return the leg to the table and retest for tenderness.

Piriformis Muscle Energy Technique

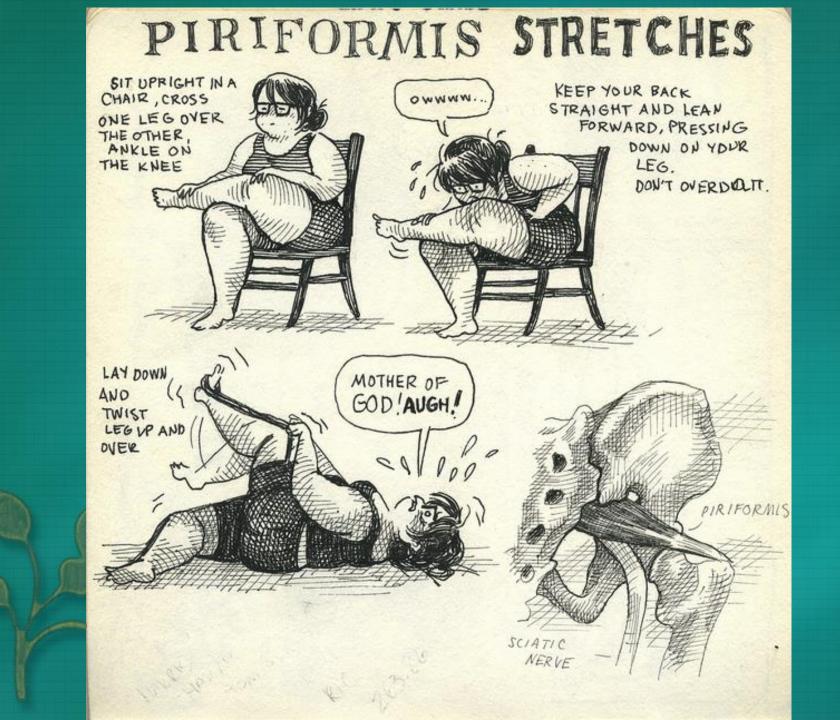
- Physician induces internal rotation and ADduction of ipsilateral hip until barrier is met
- Physician provides resisting force, while patient externally rotates and ABducts hip for ~3 seconds
- Physician takes hip further into internal rotation and adduction. Repeat (For patients that are too acute, keep leg straight on table and use internal rotation only



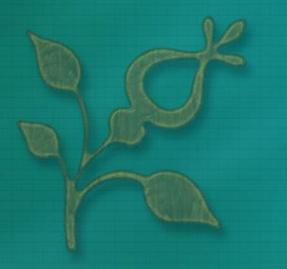
Piriformis Stretch for Home

- Lower leg parallel to ground
- Sit up straight (extend lumbar spine)
- Flex at hips









External Rotated Tibia

Landmark Diagnosis of Tibial Rotation

- With the patient supine, place your thumb and index finger of one hand on the lateral margins of the patella;
- Place the tip of your other index finger on the midline of the tibial tuberosity which should normally be below the middle of the patella;
- Tibial tuberosity lateral = tibia external rotation; Tibial tuberosity medial = tibia internal rotation.

TIBIAL TORSION PALPATION



Normal tibial alignment

Should be done seated to remove any influences of the femur/hip

External (lateral) Tibial Rotation

The patient is su	upine
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- The physician stands on the side of involvement and grasps the patient's extended leg below the knee and above the ankle.
- The leg is internally rotated to the motion barrier and the patient is **Treatment** instructed to externally rotate the leg while the physician resists this motion.
- d. After a few seconds, the physician "takes up slack" in internal rotation.

Repeat 3 times and recheck.

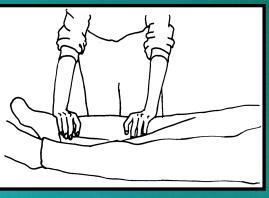
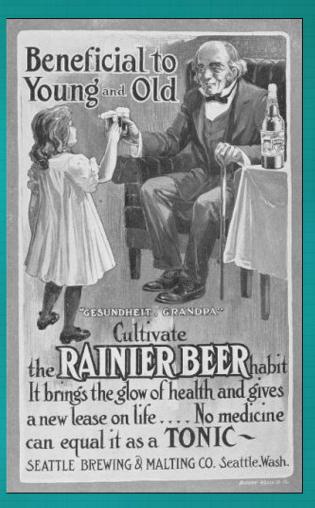


Figure 20: Muscle Energy

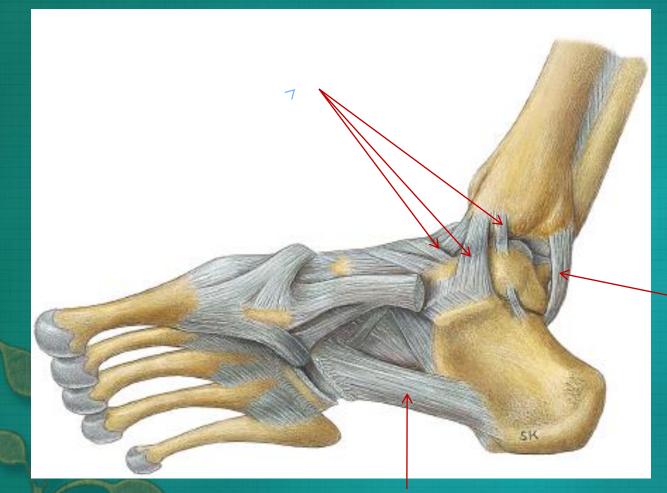
External tibial rotation may be caused by hypertonicity of iliotibial tract or biceps femoris.

This technique stretches those areas by internally rotating tibia.

Ankle Sprain



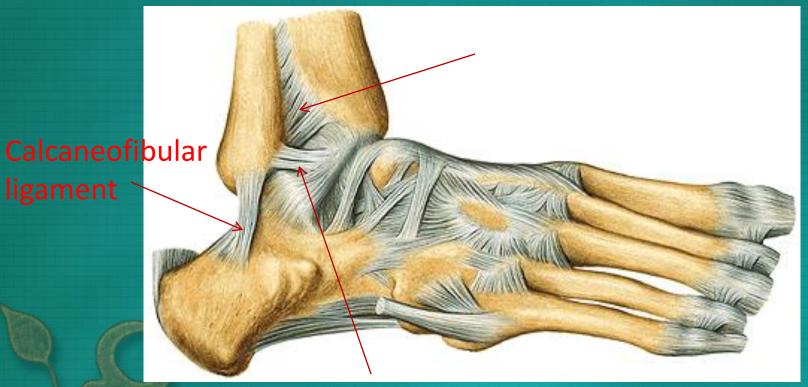
Clinically Important Ligaments



Posterior tibiofibular ligament

Long plantar ligament

Clinically Important Ligaments

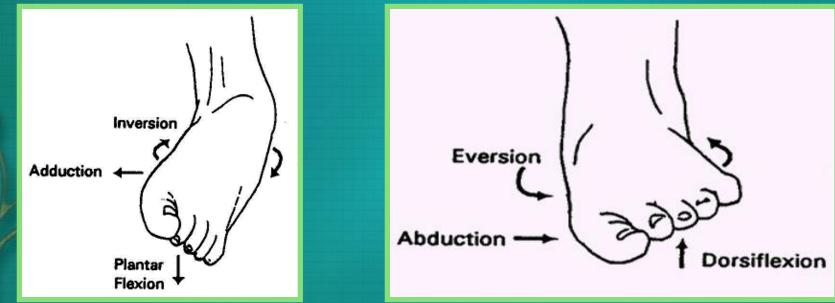


Anterior talofibular ligament- most commonly injured ligament in ankle sprains

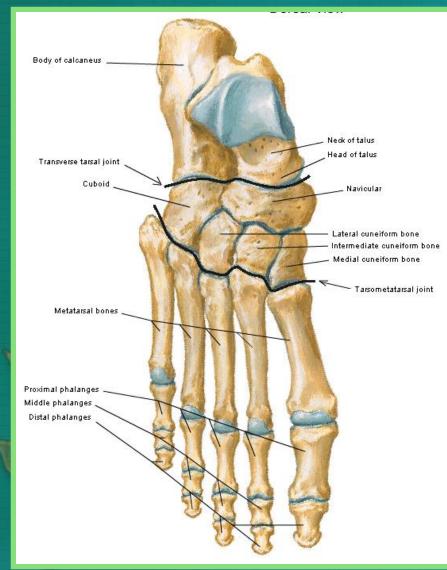
Motions of the Ankle

- Supination
 - Adduction
 - Inversion
 - Plantar flexion

Pronation Abduction Eversion Dorsiflexion



Ankle Sprain



 More ankle sprains occur in plantar flexion due to the less stable narrow dimension of the posterior talus

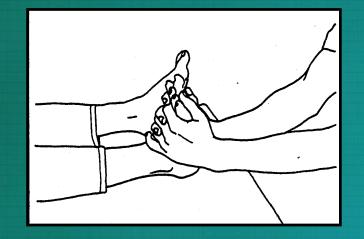
Anterior Drawer Test for Sprained Ankle



To assess the integrity of the anterior talofibular ligament, have the patient sit with the knee flexed at 90°, and stabilize the distal leg by placing one hand just above the ankle.

Put the other hand around the heel end with the foot in about 20° of plantar flexion, move the foot forward. An increase in anterior motion, and a soft end point to the movement is a positive sign for sprain.

Traction Tug for resetting Talus



The traction tug frees the talus from its articulation with the calcaneus and the tibia and fibula. Once these articulations are gapped, the talus can regain its neutral position.

-The patient is placed in the supine position with the physician's hands clasped together over the dorsum of the foot and the thumbs on the plantar aspect. -Traction with dorsi flexion and eversion is applied to the ankle and a short tug is applied to reset the talus in the mortise of the ankle