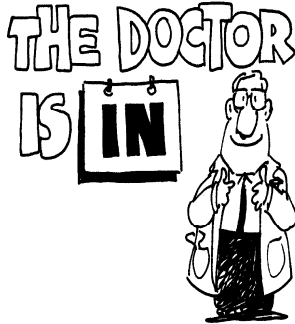


# SMITH & PRISSEL CHIROPRACTIC

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### MUSCLE SPASM, TRIGGER POINTS, & CHIROPRACTIC

Since over 60% of your body is nerve, muscle and bone, it should come as no surprise that chronic pain, strain, spasm, irritation, inflammation, trigger points and other neuromusculoskeletal (nerve-muscle-bone) conditions are so common. In fact, many of the millions of people who visit their doctors of chiropractic do so because of these problems.

#### **Trigger Points**

Trigger points are tender, sensitive areas that when pressed, stuck, heated or cooled can be exquisitely painful. You may first discover trigger points when you are surprised by someone pressing a seemingly pain-free area. Trigger point pain may also be referred to other areas of the body. Trigger points are common in chronic muscle spasm, myalgia, myositis, fibrositis, strain and sprain, and other muscle and joint problems.

#### **The Cause**

The cause of this mystery illness may, at least in part, be spinal trauma. It's not unusual for adults who have had neck injuries to report back, neck, muscle and joint pain and fibromyalgia within one year of their injury.

#### **The Chiropractic Approach**

Those suffering from muscle spasm, trigger points, neuro-muscular pain and problems, fibromyalgia and similar symptoms are seeing chiropractors in record numbers. Why? Because they are getting results. For example, in one study 5 men and 18 women, aged 11 to 76 with chronic fatigue syndrome, trigger point pain and fibromyalgia, who had been suffering from 2 to 35 years, began chiropractic care. Every patient was able to resume normal activities including full time work and maintained their improvements one year later at follow up. The authors of the study write: "Improvement in symptoms of 92-100% was achieved in both these syndromes...." (1)



## What Do Doctors Of Chiropractic Do?

Chiropractors locate and correct subluxations, a condition that damages nerves, muscles, fascia, meninges and other tissues. Subluxations cause joints to “freeze” or lose normal movement, causing damage to the involved area.

## Conclusion

Under chiropractic care your head is more balanced, your hips and shoulders are more level and stress is taken off the joints and muscles throughout your body. Because less of your energy goes into supporting an unbalanced spine and skeleton, you may immediately discover more energy, greater ease in movement and improved relaxation.

A healthy spine and structural system can make the difference between a life of pain, suffering and disability and one of ease, happiness and freedom.

## INFANTS, BABIES, & CHIROPRACTIC



You do so many things to ensure your baby's health: during pregnancy you eat right; you avoid cigarettes, alcohol and all drugs (even aspirin, cold, flu and other over-the-counter medications can damage your unborn child or cause problems in pregnancy). You educate yourself so you may have a natural, drug-free birth. After the baby arrives you breastfeed knowing that is the superior form of nutrition; in short, you do everything you can to make sure your baby is healthy.

## When Does A Baby Need a Chiropractic Checkup?

According to the late chiropractic pediatric specialist Larry Webster, D.C., there are six times in a baby's first year of life when chiropractic examinations are especially important:

- After the birth process.
- When the baby starts to hold his/her head up.
- When the baby sits up.
- When the baby starts to crawl.
- When the baby starts to stand.
- When the baby starts to walk.

Give your baby the best possible chance to have a healthy life. You have your baby's eyes checked, heart checked, hearing checked – bring all of your children in for a chiropractic spinal/structural checkup. A simple checkup now might make a BIG difference for your child for the rest of his/her life.

## MORE REASONS TO BREASTFEED

**Breastfeeding prevents obesity.** Breast milk contains a protein that could reduce the risk of obesity later in life. In fact, the longer a child is breastfed, the lower their risk of obesity. (2)

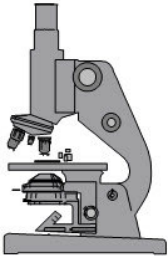
**Breastfeeding reduces mom's risk of cancer and other conditions.** Women who breastfeed have a

reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancers and osteoporosis later in life. (3)



**Save money.** If you breastfeed you don't have to prepare bottles and formula – breast milk is always fresh and ready to go. This will save you a substantial amount of time. Breastfeeding also saves you the expense of buying formula, which typically costs at least \$800 per year. Breastfed babies have fewer doctor's visits and lower overall medical expenses. One study even found that a group of formula-fed babies had over \$68,000 in health care costs for six months, compared to only \$4,000 for the breastfed group. (4)

## GERMS ARE GOOD FOR YOU



How does your body get stronger? Exercise? Exercise stresses your muscles, bones, joints and your cardiovascular system (and other systems). Your body responds by building more muscle, strengthening bones, empowering your heart, etc. Well, your immune system gets stronger the same way. How do you stress your immune system? By being exposed to and dealing with germs. Germs are necessary for immune system health. As one researcher writes:

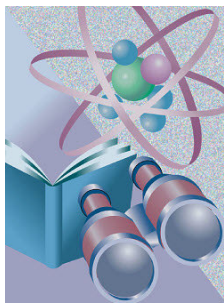
“Our research suggests that ultra-clean, ultra-hygienic environments early in life may contribute to higher levels of inflammation as an adult, which in turn increases risks for a wide range of diseases....Our immune system needs natural exposure from the environmental so it may function properly throughout childhood and into adulthood.” (7)

## TYLENOL CAN BE DEADLY IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FEVER

Numerous studies document that Tylenol™ depletes glutathione, which is a crucial ingredient for immunity and for detoxification. Tylenol™ (acetaminophen) depletes glutathione (necessary for removal of mercury) and hinders the healing process.

Sadly, the parents whose kids were having a vaccination reaction and, at doc's or nurse's suggestion, gave Tylenol™, were thereby making things worse. The same would be true for its use in any illness. (8)

## CHIROPRACTIC RESEARCH



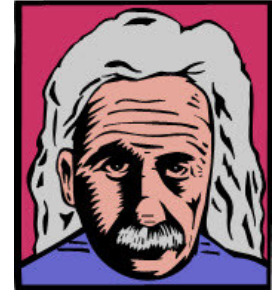
**Torticollis.** A 10-year-old boy awakened with neck pain that was so severe he couldn't even lift his head from his pillow. The intense neck muscle spasms and pain kept his head tilted to one side (torticollis or wry neck). The boy was taken to the emergency room where he was examined and given a prescription of Motrin™ and Valium™.

His mother brought him to a chiropractor. The boy reported significant improvement after his first adjustment. His severe spasm and head tilting improved and he was experiencing only minimal pain. By his 3rd visit, he had a significant reduction in muscle spasm with improved range of motion and was pain-free. By the 12th visit the boy was pain-free with

improved posture and full range of motion in the cervical spine. (9)

## WORDS OF WISDOM

"A human being is a part of the whole, called by us 'Universe,' a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest – a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. Nobody is able to achieve this completely, but the striving for such achievement is in itself a part of the liberation and a foundation for inner security." – Albert Einstein. (10)



## HUMOR

During a recent password audit at a local company, it was found that a young woman was using the following password:

MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofy

When asked why such a big password, she said that it had to be at least 8 characters long.

### **Mensa Invitational winners**

Here is *The Washington Post's* Mensa Invitational, which once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter – and supply a new definition.

The winners are:

1. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying (or building) a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. Ignoranus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
- 3 Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize that it was your money to start with.



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