

“The Nerve Impulse”

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Chiropractic and spinal research



Remember, all people can benefit from chiropractic care no matter what condition they may have. If you have any specific questions please

feel free to contact us.

Chronic spinal pain. 77 patients received needle acupuncture, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) or chiropractic care. Patients receiving chiropractic care demonstrated a 50% reduction for low back pain, 46% reduction for upper back pain and 33% reduction for neck pain. Acupuncture and NSAIDS achieved no significant improvement. (1)

Parkinson's Disease, Meniere's Syndrome, Trigeminal Neuralgia and Bell's Palsy. The author found the same spinal subluxation of C-1 or atlas in 16 Meniere's Syndrome, two Parkinson's Disease, two Trigeminal Neuralgia and two Bell's Palsy patients. The author writes: "When the atlas returns to [normal position], the spinal cord relaxes...All 22 patients improved dramatically after one or two adjustments." (2)

Back pain during pregnancy and labor. In this study of 170 pregnancies with reported back pain, 84% of patients receiving spinal care reported relief of back pain during pregnancy. There was significantly less

likelihood of back labor when spinal care was administered during pregnancy. (3)

Does Aspartame/NutraSweet cause brain cancer?

Aspartame (NutraSweet, accounts for over 75% of the adverse reactions to food additives reported to the FDA. These reactions include: headaches/



migraines, dizziness, seizures, nausea, numbness, muscle spasms, **weight gain**, rashes, depression, fatigue, irritability, tachycardia, insomnia, vision problems, hearing loss, breathing difficulties, anxiety attacks, slurred speech, loss of taste, tinnitus, vertigo, memory loss, joint pain, seizures and death.

Shortly after Aspartame was released human brain tumors rose 10% and previously benign tumors turned virulent. It is little wonder that many health-conscious people believe avoiding NutraSweet improves their quality of life. For great information see *The Aspartame/NutraSweet Fiasco* by James S. Turner, Esq. at <http://csf.colorado.edu/envtecsoc/2002/msg00440.html> ; also see *The Artificially Sweetened Times* at <http://www.vaclib.org/news/astimes.htm>

Aspartame/Nutrasweet are found in thousands of foods and substances. <http://www.mercola.com/article/aspartame/dangers.htm>

Sunlight



Increasing evidence reveals that there is a chronic Vitamin D deficiency in many people that could easily be corrected by sunlight exposure on bare skin, no sunscreen. Just don't get burned! Articles are now

describing the benefits of sunlight and its protection against cancer and other diseases.

Sun exposure decreases risk of MS

Children and adolescents who had high sun exposure had a decreased risk of multiple sclerosis (MS) later in life. Researchers concluded that insufficient exposure to ultraviolet radiation or vitamin D might therefore increase the risk of MS. Other studies have had similar results, indicating that ultraviolet radiation may be beneficial against multiple sclerosis. (4)

Sunlight and melanoma

There is evidence that a moderate amount of unblocked sunlight is actually beneficial to most people, reducing the risk of many diseases – including, paradoxically, melanoma itself. For example, in often-cited research on US Navy personnel in San Diego, researchers from the University of California School of Medicine found that more melanoma occurred among desk workers than among sailors who worked outdoors. (5)



Humor

My grandfather always said, "Don't watch your money; watch your health." So one day while I was watching my health, someone

stole all my money. It was my grandfather.
– Jackie Mason

From Henny Youngman, King of the One-Liners

My wife and I went back to the hotel where we spent our wedding night. Only this time, I stayed in the bathroom and cried.

My wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate.

A doctor has a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?" The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

The other day I broke 70. That's a lot of clubs.

I have a lovely room and bath in a hotel. It's a little inconvenient, they're in two separate buildings!

There was a girl knocking on my hotel room door all night! Finally, I let her out.

My hotel room is so small, the mice are hunchbacked.

I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

I wish my brother would learn a trade, so I would know what kind of work he's out of.

A Little History

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts, so in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts, and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's."

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

See you next month – and if you haven't visited the office for a spinal checkup in a while, please come by – we miss you! You'll have a healthier and happier Summer.



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