Osteopathic Considerations for Sinus & Allergy

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Objectives

- 1. Describe 3 major anatomical considerations used when formulating a basic osteopathic treatment plan.
- 2. Formulate an osteopathic treatment plan for a patient with sinus related dysfunction.
- 3. Demonstrate an osteopathic treatment plan for a patient with sinus related dysfunction.



Principles of Osteopathy

The body is a unit

Structure and function are inter-related

The body is capable of self healing and self regulation

Rational treatment is based on these principles

http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/about/leadership/Pages/tenets-of-osteopathic-medicine.aspx



Sinus and Allergy

- "All allergic manifestations have 3-fold etiology: heredity, the allergen, and the structural problem, which is the most fundamental because it lowers resistance and invites malfunction.
- While nothing can be done about heredity, resistance may be built up to the allergen or it may be avoided.
- The basic approach is through structure."



Fundamentals

Disease involves derangement in one or more of the following:

- Sympathetic Nervous System
- Parasympathetic Nervous System
- Lymphatic System
- **Circulatory System**
- Musculoskeletal System

Restriction tells you where the insult resides

Keep pictures of the normal living anatomy in your mind



Reflex Connections

- Arise in EENT tissue- impact/cause: asthma, cephalgia and vertigo
- Arising elsewhere impact EENT- cough and hoarseness produced by stimulation of pulmonary and pleural tissues (V/V ear wax- cough & dizziness)
- Increased secretion by stimulus starting in the lung or upper GI tract
- Cervical pathology, e.g. spondylosis, whiplash, disc disease or S.D. may stimulate the oculocervical reflex causing vertigo



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Facial Sinus Locations







 LEGEND: F - Frontal sinuses, E - Ethmoid sinuses, M - Maxillary sinuses, O - Maxillary sinus ostium, SS - Sphenoid sinus ST-Superior turbinate, T - Middle turbinate, IT- Inferior turbinate, SM-Superior meatus, MM- Middle meatus, SR - Sphenoethmoidal recess, S- Septum, ET - Eustachian tube orifice, A - Adenoids . Courtes of Astra Pharmaceuticals



Another view



images of sinuses in head - Google Search



Arteries and veins both become dysfunctional





Chapman's Points

Organ Middle ear	Anterior point	Posterior Point				
Middle ear	Superior to medial clavicles	u how bad r	my ear hurts!			
Kidd	Superior	r to medial clavicle	C1 posterior rami	Anterior point Inferior to medial clavicles Is that sore:	Posterior Point C2 Articular pillars Pit's my sinuses Inferior to medial clav	

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C2 articular pillar



Cranial Motion



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Untreated Spread of Sinus Infection into the Brain, **Resulting in Brain** Edema and Hemorrhage | Doctor Stock





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Sympathetic Tone in Sinus Disorders

Sympathetic preganglionic nerve fibers arise from the upper thoracic spinal cord, traverse white rami communicans, then, ascend the cervical sympathetic chain and synapse in the superior cervical sympathetic ganglion.

Increased sympathetic influence in the sinus causes vasoconstriction via co-transmitters: noradrenaline & neuropeptide Y

Patency fluctuates q4-6h in alternating nostrils

Thickened mucous from increased goblet cells & decreased ciliated columnar cells

https://www.dartmouth.edu/~humananatomy/part_8/chapter_52.html also Allergy 4th ed. 2012



Parasympathetic Tone

Parasympathetic preganglionic nerve fibers to the nose leave the brain with the facial nerve, (CN 7),pass along the greater petrosal nerve and the nerve of the pterygoid canal to reach the pterygopalatine ganglion, where they synapse.

Parasympathetic innervation in the sinuses causes vasodilation, increasing and thinning secretions

Nasal congestion; however, may be more related to withdrawal of sympathetic stimulation rather than overactive parasympathetic input



Alterations in Lymphatic Drainage

- Congestion in the vasculature leads to Lymphatic congestion that leads to: Lower immunity Inflammation
- Accumulation of particulates

Alterations in Circulatory Flow

- Passive congestion is common in sinus disorders
- Vascular supply and venous and lymphatic drainage fluids pass through the anterior neck fascia into the supraclavicular fossa before returning to the chest
- 80-90% of the venous flow from the head exits the skull via the jugular foramen
- Passive congestion in fascial, cervical, and upper thoracic tissues impedes venous return from the head



Treatment How Osteopathic Principles Can Be Incorporated in Practice.

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By Modification of Sympathetic Tone

Thoracic Paraspinal Inhibition: Rib Raising

Helps to normalize sympathetic tone Reduces facilitation Helps with drainage of the head and neck

Kimberly Manual



Other Ways To Modify Sympathetic Tone

Cervical Articulation: Correcting Somatic Dysfunction

Special Attention to C2

Helps to normalize sympathetic tone and facilitates drainage of the head/sinuses



Modification of Parasympathetic Both help normalize parasympathetic tone Tone

OA Decompression:

Also known by some as "Killer Fingers"

Releases posterior cervical fascia

Sphenopalatine ganglion release:

Encourages more normal cellular ratio between goblet cells and ciliated columnar epithelial cells (<goblet & > epithelial cells)

Helps facilitate drainage from the head (> production of thin secretions)

Numerous Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Texts



Modification of Lymphatic Flow

Thoracic Inlet Release:

Normalizes sympathetic tone Helps release anterior cervical fascia Improves circulation to and from the head



Procedures

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Basic Procedures

- OA Decompression
- **Thoracic Inlet Release**
- Thoracic Paraspinal Inhibition (Rib Raising)
- First Rib Mobilization
- Lymphatic Drainage
- **Cervical Articulation**
- **Pterygopalatine Ganglion**



Atlanto-occipital release



image of back of head - Google Search



Thoracic Outlet Release Rib Raising



Nicholas & Nicholas



BLT of the Thoracic Out

- GOAL: Find the point of ease in three planes
- Hold the top of the scapula with the thumbs and each clavicle with your fingers.
- Rotation around the A/P axis (move shoulders up and down)
- Rotation around the vertical axis (steering wheel motion)
- Rotation around the transverse axis (twist the shoulders forward and backward)
- Balance in all three planes simultaneously and hold until tissues soften

Kimberly Manuel



Rib Raising







Thanks to Cooperative staff nurse





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Lymphatic Drainage



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Starting position at the head for lymph drainage



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Freeing the nasal bones



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Freeing the nasal bones



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Anterior / posterior compression



occipitomastoid suture - Google Search



Add compression slowly and remove it slowly



Anterior/Posterior Compression

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Locate the Occipitomastoid Suture



occipitomastoid suture - Google Search

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Compression of the 4th ventricle- Thumbs on the occiput behind the suture

Hand position for CV 4

Easiest to have patient lift head and set it down on your hands

Follow the head in and resist it moving out for 3 minutes





- Bill the appropriate E & M code
- Add the -25 Modifier
- Then bill by the number of regions
- 98925-98929
- Must have documentation of somatic dysfunction ICD-10 M99.00 M99.09

https://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/events/omed/omedpresentations/Documents/2014%20OMED%20Presentations/practice-management-feely.pdf



98925 - 1-2 regions

98926 - 3-4 regions

98927 - 5-6 regions

98928 – 7-8 regions

98929 - 9-10 regions



How many regions can you code here?

Thoracic Paraspinal Inhibition Cervical Articulation OA Decompression Thoracic Inlet Release Rib Raising Pterygopalatine Ganglion





OA Decompression Pterygopalatine Ganglion Cervical Articulation Thoracic Paraspinal Inhibition Thoracic Inlet Release Rib Raising





- For a patient with allergies or sinusitis:
- Bill appropriate office visit code (E&M)
- Document the presence of somatic dysfunction in the areas you are treating
- Document your treatment of those areas and bill the appropriate procedure code
- Procedure note: OMT- indication SD multiple regions
- With consent and utilizing appropriate patient positioning, the dysfunctional areas identified during physical examination today were treated using physician applied osteopathic philosophy and technique(s), appropriate to each body region and tissue condition. The procedure(s) were tolerated well and instructions for home care are given. The body will continue to make changes for several days. He/she is instructed to call with any problems and will return if the problem recurs or does not fully resolve. Techniques utilized included:

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