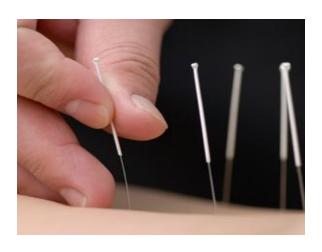
Finding Balance with Acupuncture







What is acupuncture?



What point treats that?







Chinese medicine looks a bit like this



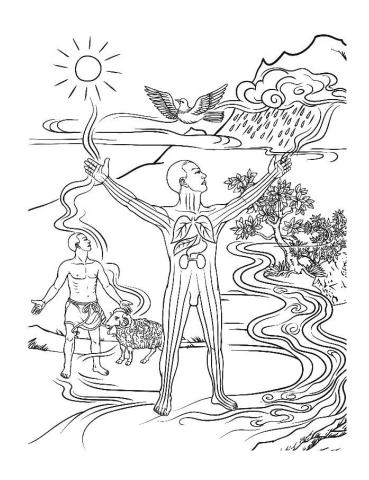
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Five Pillars of Chinese Medicine



Language of nature

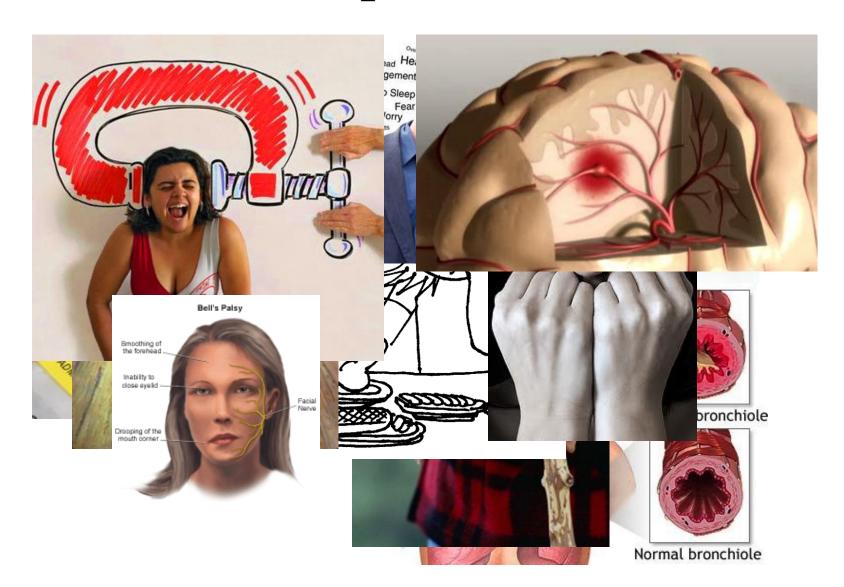
- No boundaries drawn between humans and nature
- What sounds like a weather report is actually a well considered diagnosis



Qualitative

- Focus on person, rather than disease
- Highly individual
- Root and branch

What can acupuncture treat



Interstitial Lung Disease case study

病案

- Remember- person, not disease
- Seemingly identical set of symptoms can come from different root problems
- Treatment is based on unique pattern strengthens, weakness and symptom presentation

Case one

- Breathlessness, made worse by humidity, extremes of heat and cold
- Gravelly voice, phlegm on throat, constantly clearing throat and coughing out sputum
- Difficulty laying flat
- Fatigue with exertion

Case two

- Clear voice
- Easily short of breath, worse with exertion
- Difficulty laying flat
- Lung capacity slightly reduced
- Esophageal paralysis

Case three

- Has Cpap, but does not like to use
- Sleeps well
- Heat makes worse
- Lack of exercise makes worse
- Stress makes worse

Acupuncture safety

- Very safe when administered by those who are well trained.
- Needles are single use, and L.Ac's have been schooled in clean needle technique

Isn't acupuncture painful? *It is not as painful as:*

- biting your tongue
- stubbing your toe
- a cat scratch
- getting a paper cut
- hitting your funny bone
- a sore throat
- or having to agree that your spouse is right about some issue you were quarreling over



Isn't acupuncture painful?

- Techniques range from heavy handed to so gentle you feel nothing
- Sensation, but not pain
- Whatever ache, pain, or syndrome that you hope acupuncture can help with, it is a lot less painful that than!



Acupuncture



Chinese / Modern TCM

Japanese

Korean hand

Tung shi, Taiwan

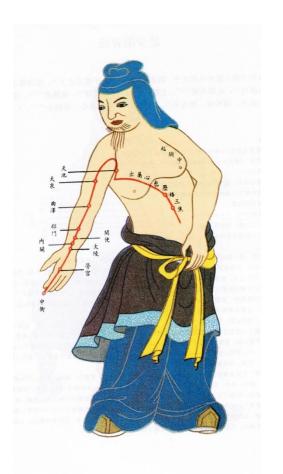
French ear

English 5E

Dry needling/trigger points

How does acupuncture work?





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Diagnostic Methods-tongue

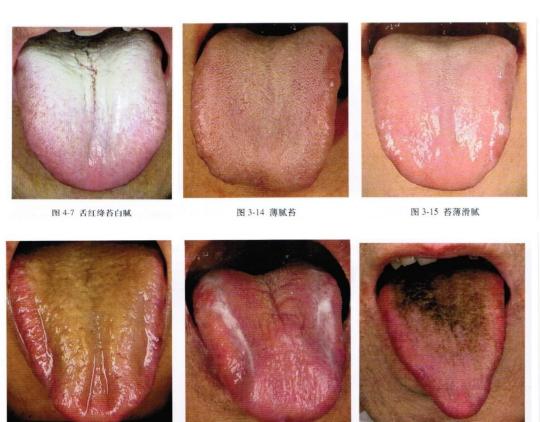
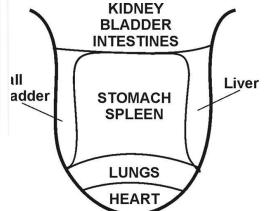


图 3-17 舌边黏腻

图 3-16 苔黄厚黏腻

图 3-45 苔焦黑干燥



Diagnostic Methods- Pulse





Diagnostic Methods- Abdomen



Acupuncture and herbal traditions both use the belly

Very useful in differentiating various constitutional types

Areas of coldness, tension, pain and moisture all give clinically useful information

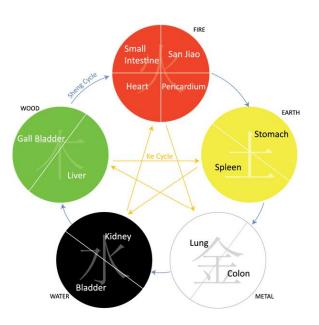
Diagnostic Theory

Eight principles

Wu Xing (five phases)

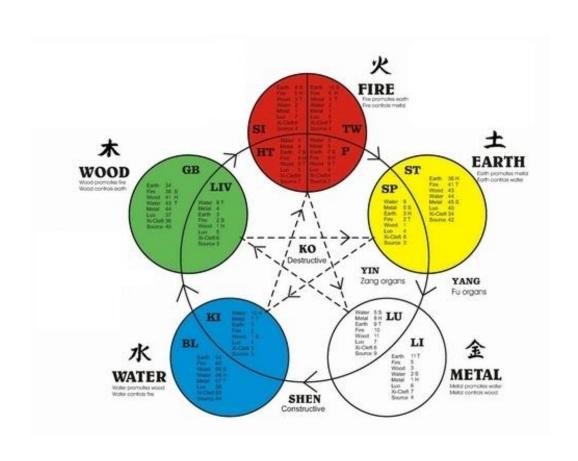
Zang Fu- organ systems





Wu Xing- five movements

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Acupuncture

- Channels and points
- Adjusts flow of qi
- Effects organ function
- Local vs distal treatment
- Treats root and branch



Using it to help you

- You need to understand it as much as you need to understand use a computer, or drive a car
- Find a practitioner who understands you, and who you feel comfortable working with
- Give it some time
- Track your progress

Results of case study

病案

Case one

- 1- Breathlessness, worse with humidity and temp change.
- 2- Constant phlegm in throat.
- 3- Difficulty laying flat.
- 4- Fatigue with exertion.

Treatment-SP3, ST40, LU6, REN22, LU9, LI4

Case two

- 1- Clear voice.
- 2- Easily SOB.
- 3- Difficulty laying flat.
- 4- SI. Reduction in lung capacity.
- 5- Esophageal paralysis.

Treatment-ST36, SP6, LU9, REN6, GB40, DU13, UB23

Case three

- 1- Has CPAP, but does not like to use.
- 2- Sleeps well.
- 3- Heat makes worse.
- 4- Lack of exercise and stress make worse.

Treatment-LI4, LV3,2, ST36, Yin Tang, LU9

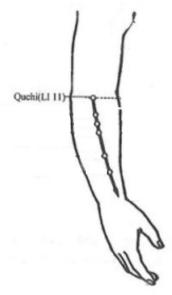
Treating yourself using the meridian system

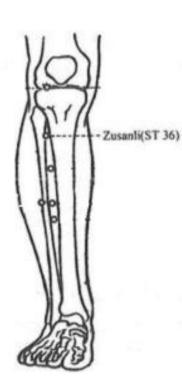
Tai Qi Treatment

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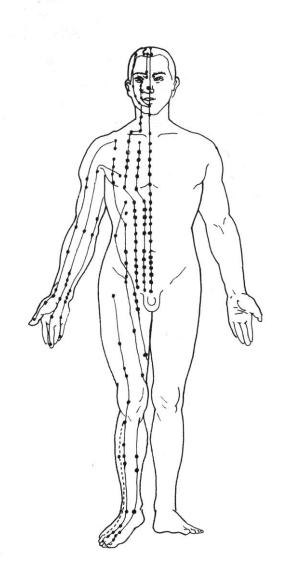




Meridian massage

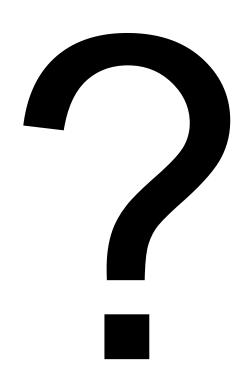
 Inside of legs to support Kidney and Spleen, outside to treat Stomach

Lung / Lg Intestine channels



Questions

有什麼問題



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