

What is K-style acupuncture?

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Meridians

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The meridians are considered the circulatory pathways through which Qi and blood flow within the body, and this flow is called

"ebb flow".

By circulating Qi and blood, the body maintains its homeostasis.

meridian vessel

These are the main pathways through which Qi and blood circulate in the body

collateral vessel

These are secondary channels that branch off from meridian meridians

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The Twelve Primary Meridians

The Eight Extraordinary Meridians

Others

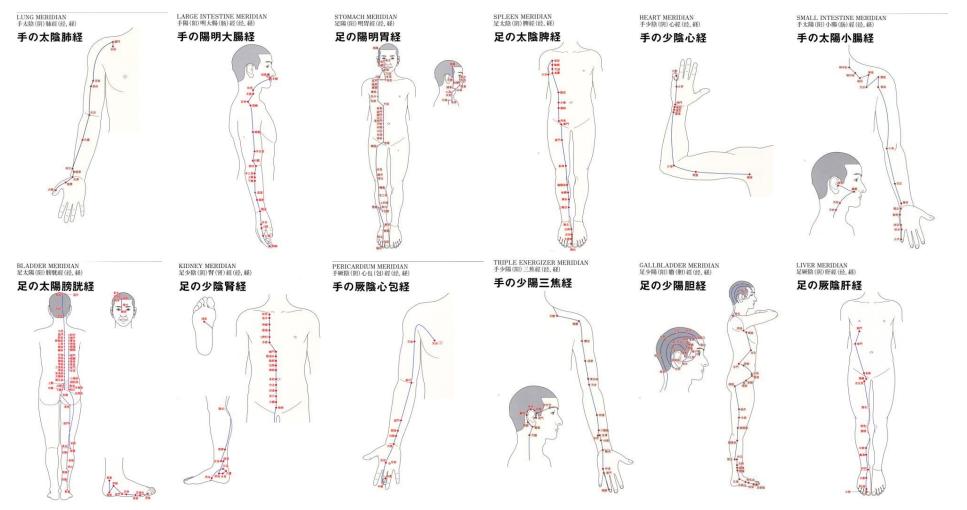
Fourteen Meridians

-WHO Standard Acupuncture Point Locations in the Western Pacific Region-

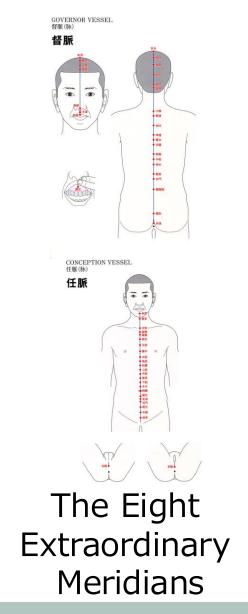
脈	十四経脈	英語表記	略号
	手の太陰肺経	Lung Meridian	LU
	手の陽明大腸経	Large Intestine Meridian	LI
	足の陽明胃経	Stomach Meridian	ST
	足の太陰脾経	Spleen Meridian	SP
The Twelve	手の少陰心経	Heart Meridian	HT
Primary	手の太陽小腸経	Small Intestine Meridian	SI
Meridians	足の太陽膀胱経	Bladder Meridian	BL
	足の少陰腎経	Kidney Meridian	KI
	手の厥陰心包経	Pericardium Meridian	PC
	手の少陽三焦経	Triple Energizer Meridian	TE
	足の少陽胆経	Gallbladder Meridian	GB
	足の厥陰肝経	Liver Meridian	LR
The Eight Extraordinary	督脈	Governor Vessel	GV
Meridians	任脈	Conception Vessel	CV

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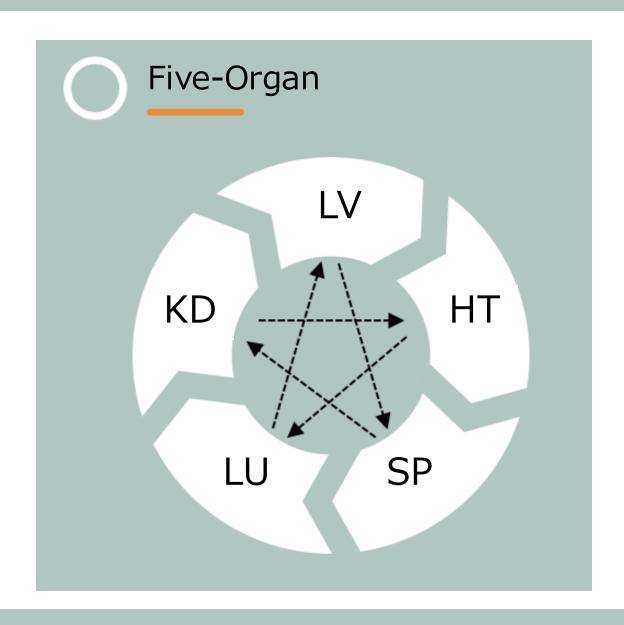
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The Twelve Primary Meridians



Meridian Therapy



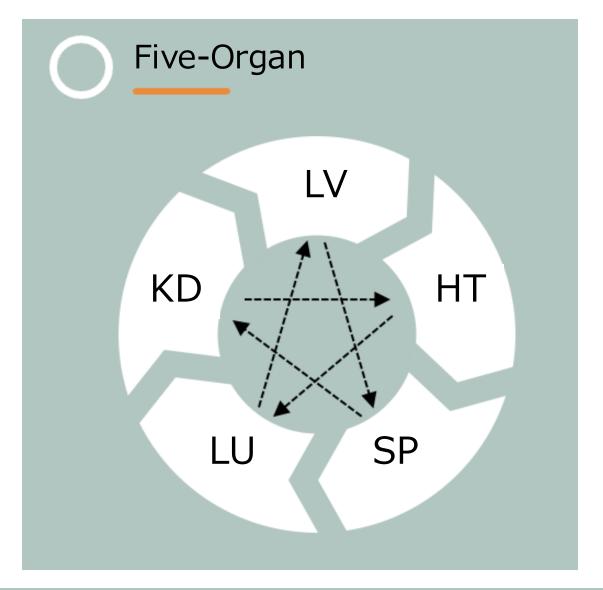
『難経』

"When there is deficiency, tonify its mother. When there is excess, reduce its child."

- Root Treatment
 Regulation of Meridian Fluctuations
- Branch Treatment
 Adjustment of Qi and Blood

In Root Treatment, Yu points or Mu points are used.

Meridian Therapy



liver deficiency	曲泉 LR8	Mother is Water
kidney deficiency	復溜 KI7	Mother is Metal
spleen deficiency	太白 SP3	
lung deficiency	太淵 LU9	Mother is earth
heart deficiency	神門 HT7	
pericardium deficiency	大陵 PC7	

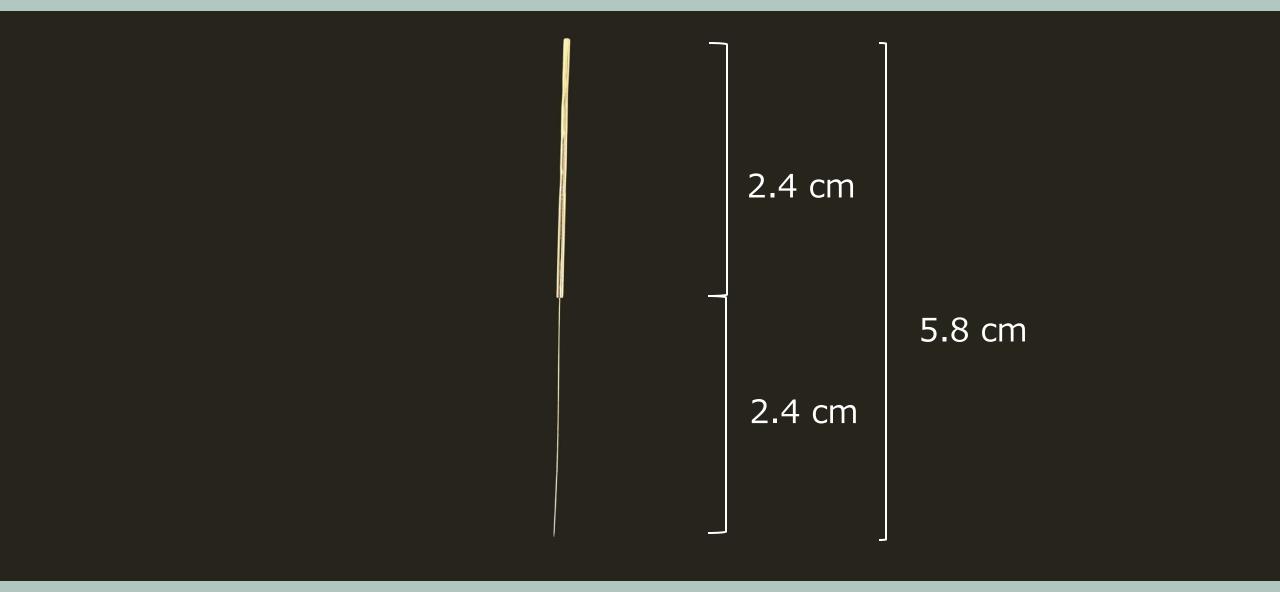
LV, KI, LU

- Mother point of its own meridian SP, HT, PC
 - Source point of its own meridian

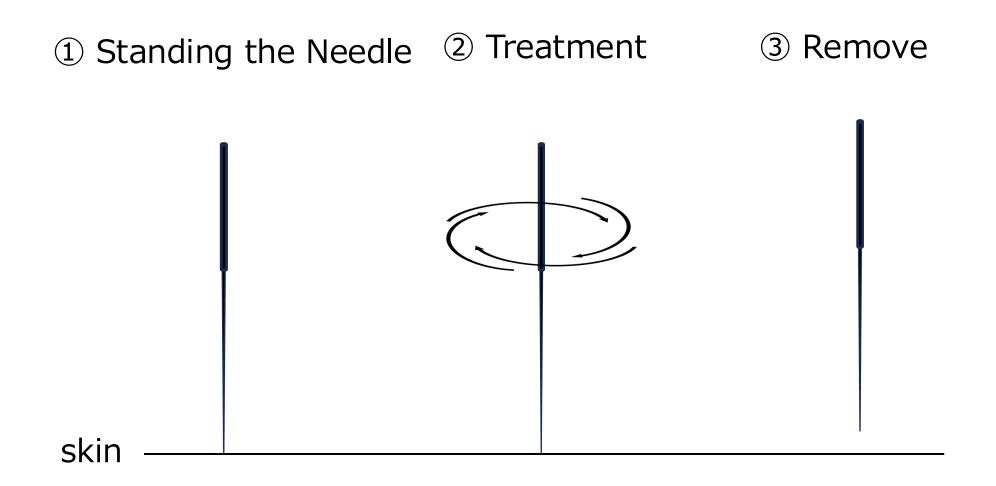
Five Element Points

	肝虚	腎虚	脾虚	肺虚	心虚	心包虚
well point where the meridian /channel Qi starts to bubble	大敦	湧泉	隠白	少商	少衝	中衝
	LR1	KI1	SP1	LU11	HT9	PC9
brook point where the meridian /channel Qi starts to spout	行間	然谷	大都	魚際	少府	労宮
	LR2	KI2	SP2	LU10	HT8	PC8
stream point where the meridian /channel Qi starts to flourish	太衝	太溪	太白	太淵	神門	大陵
	LR3	KI3	SP3	LU9	HT7	PC7
river point located on the lower limbs and forearms	中封 LR4	復溜 KI7	商丘 SP5	経渠 LU8	霊道 HT4	間使 PC5
sea point where the meridian /channel Qi goes deep into the body just as a river flows into the sea	曲泉	陰谷	陰陵泉	尺沢	少海	曲沢
	LR8	KI10	SP9	LU5	HT3	PC3

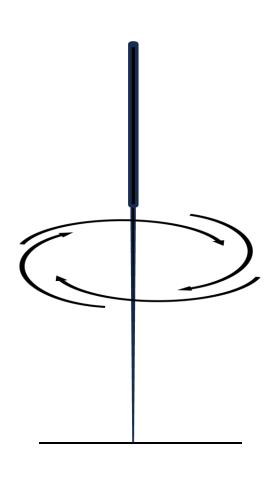
acupuncture needle for K-style



Contact Needle Technique for K-style



Contact Needle Technique for K-style



- In Keiho Theory, the flow of Qi and its depth are emphasized.
- For exsample, with surface needl technique applied to superficial areas.
- Abdominal acupuncture focuses on the connection with the organs and aims to improve the rising, descending, entering, and exiting of Qi in the diaphragm and below the heart.
- We treat with a clear awareness of the nature and location of pathogenic factors.

Root Treatment 本治法

Technique for harmonizing the Qi of the meridians and the Qi of the organs.

Meridian Therapy and K-style technique

Meridian therapy is

- a classic-based acupuncture method
- every disease is understood as a deficiency or excess state of meridians and collaterals

K-style technique is based on the theory of Meridian Therapy

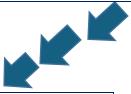
Meridian Therapy CNT INT (Insert Needle Technique) K-style Pediatric Acupuncture Dashin

Process of the therapy

Four examinations
Pulse diagnosis and Abdominal Palpation



Diagnosis of the pattern



Root Treatment



Pulse-taking

to confirm the effectiveness of the treatment



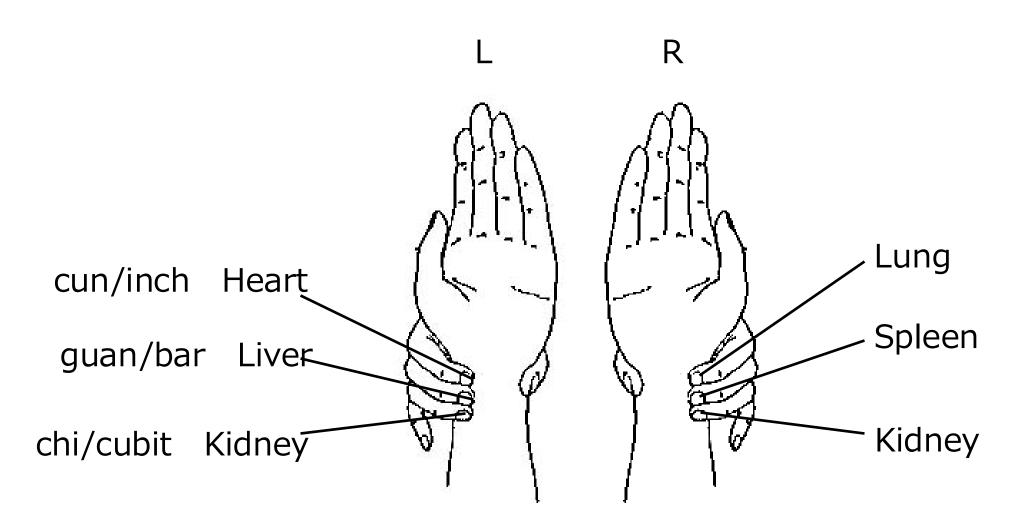
Branch Treatment



Pulse-taking

to confirm the effectiveness of the treatment

Pulse Diagnosis



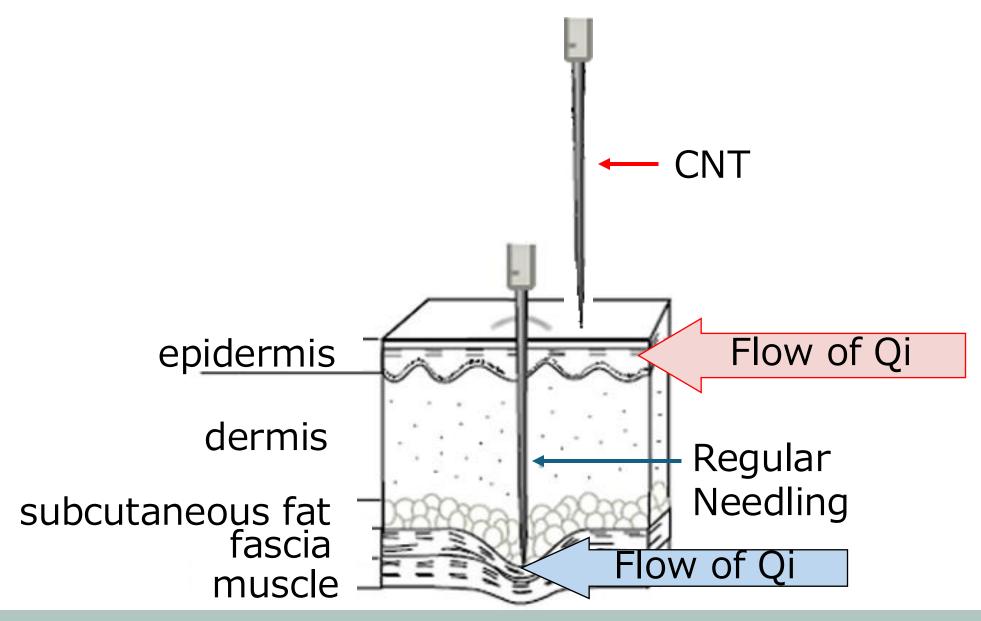
Contact Needle Therapy (CNT)

- Needle

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Disposable "Cho-Hei-Shin" (gold or silver needle, 0.18 \text{ mm} \times 30 \text{ mm}, long handle )
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- No insertion, set needle on the acupuncture point only
- Effective stimulus to unblock the meridian to regulate the flow of Qi.
- Safe, painless and less risk of infection.

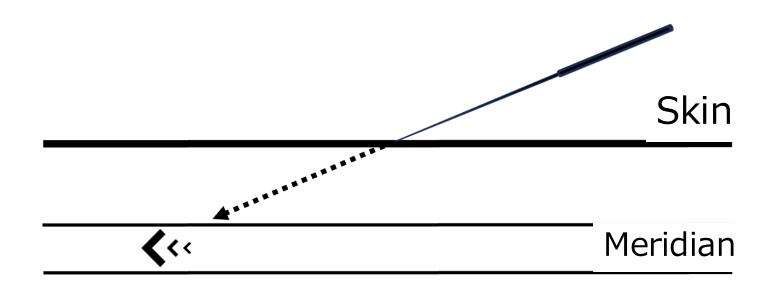
Different Concepts of the Flow of Qi



Nine Types of CNT

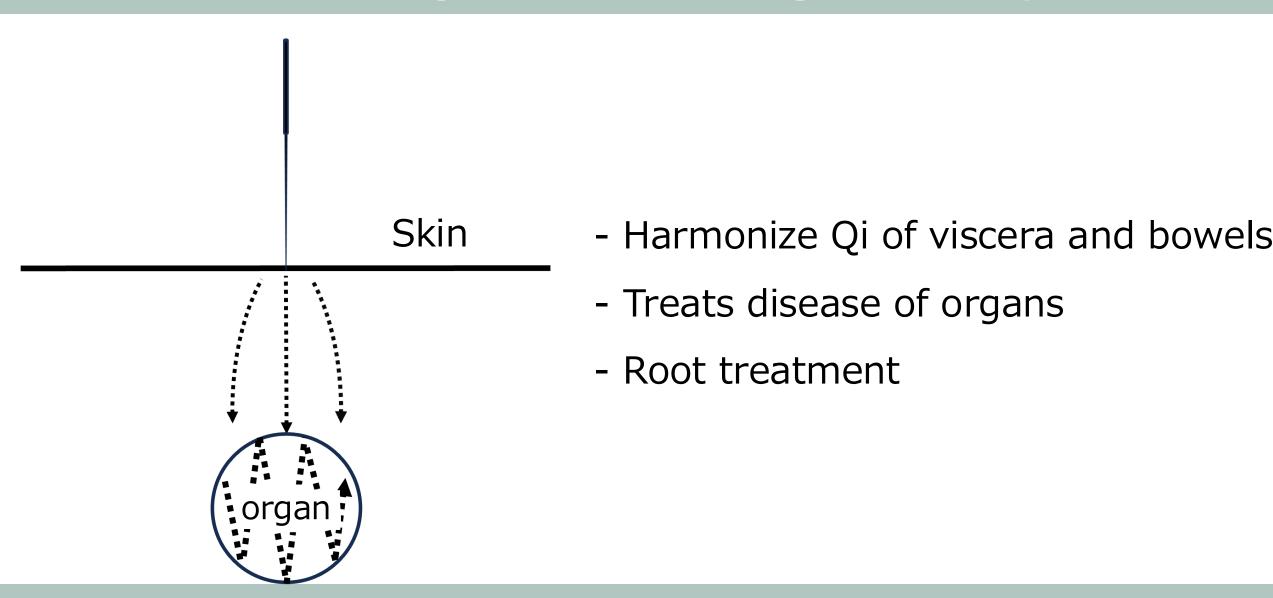
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Draining 瀉法	散邪鍼	Pathogen Draining Technique
連続鍼	散鍼	Qi Splashing Technique
Consecutive Needling	調整鍼	Qi Balancing Technique

経気鍼 - Transmeridian Qi Tonifying Technique-



- Tonify meridian Qi
- Root treatment

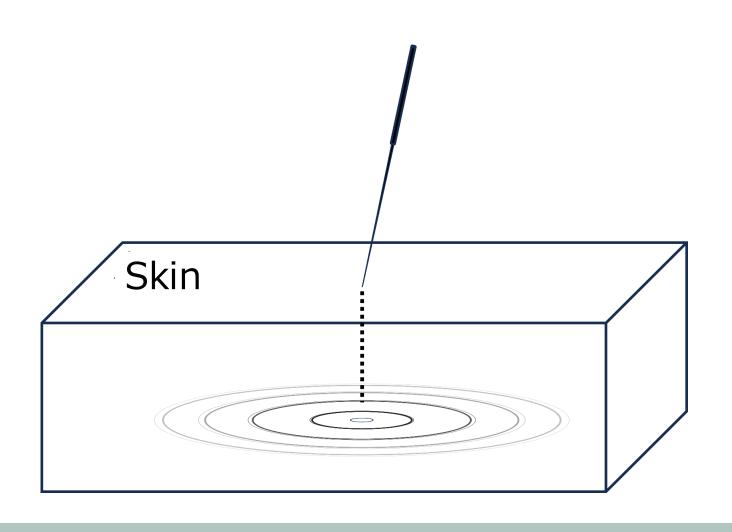
臓腑鍼 - Organs Balancing Technique -



Branch Treatment 標治法

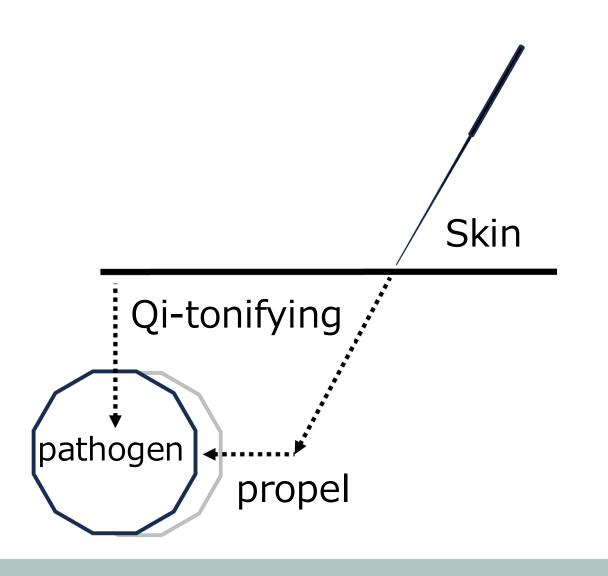
Technique for harmonizing the Qi of the meridians and the Qi of the organs.

肌鍼 - Zheng Qi Tonifying Technique -



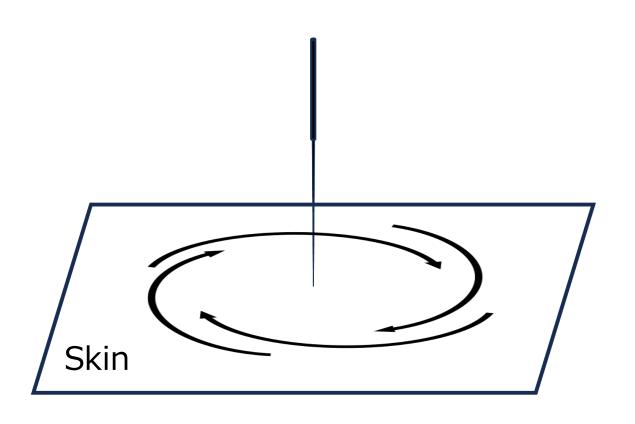
- Tonify Zheng Qi
- Branch treatment

推動鍼 - Propelling Qi Technique -



- Tonify Yin Qi
- Used for stiffness caused by
 Yin Qi deficiency
- Branch Treatment

引き鍼 - Qi Transfer Technique -



- Tonify Yang Qi
- Branch treatment

Conculusion

- K-Style is based on meridian therapy.
- K-Style emphasizes the flow of Qi.
- K-Style uses Contact Needle Technique.

Case Report

Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy

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Research Article

Efficacy of Contact Needle Therapy for Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy

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Cancer chemotherapy induced peripheral neuropathy (CIPN) often results in discontinuation of treatment with potentially useful anticancer drugs and may deteriorate the patient's quality of life. This study investigated the effect of contact needle therapy (CNT) on CIPN caused by responsible chemotherapeutic agents as taxanes and oxaliplatin. Six patients with CIPN were treated with CNT. The severity of CIPN was evaluated using the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) version 4 and FACT/GOG-Ntx before and after CNT. After the treatment, all of the patients showed some improvement. Four patients showed apparent improvement in breakthrough pain. One of the cases had difficulty in walking because of CIPN in lower extremities, but after 2 times of CNT, he could walk without pain and could continue the chemotherapy. Although its putative mechanisms remain elusive, CNT has strong potential as an adjunctive therapy in CIPN. Well-designed clinical trials with adequate sample size and power are necessary to confirm the findings of this study.

CNT shown to be effective for cancer patients with CIPN

- Reduce break through pain (83% of patients)
- Reduce neuropathy scores(66% of patients)

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66y.o Male with CIPN

(HPI)

A 66-year-old man presented with occult blood from the rectum and visited a hospital in May 200X-3. He was referred to a University Hospital and was diagnosed with rectal cancer(RaT2N1M0, stage IIIa). He was initially treated by operation without adjuvant chemotherapy because of the earthquake. Three years after the operation, metastasis was found in S8 and caudal lobe of the liver. He was treated by chemotherapy recurrent liver metastases. After 3 courses of chemotherapy, he developed grade 1 CIPN and grade2 pigmentation of extremities in CTCAE. After 5 courses of SOX+Bevregimen, chemotherapy regimen was changed to FOLFIRI +Bev (folinicacid, fluorouracil, irinotecan, bevacizumab) because of the severe CIPN. Although he stopped oxaliplatin for 12 months, symptoms of CIPN were not improved and were evenexacerbated with FOLFIRI+Bev. He decided to stop all chemotherapy, in July 200X, which led to the growth of liver metastasis. Chemotherapy with FOLFIRI+Bev was restarted in November, but symptoms of CIPN were the same.

66y.o Male with CIPN

Root Therapy for Kidney Defficiency

- Transmeridian Qi Tonifying Technique to 復溜(KI17)
- Organ Balancing Technique to 腎兪(BL23)

Branch Treatment

- Propelling Qi Techniqueto to Well Points
- Yang Qi Tonifying Technique to the back

66y.o Male with CIPN

At the first visit

Treated as Kidney defficiency

5 weeks later

FACT/GOG-Ntx improved to 2 from 13 Score of the breakthrough pain improved to 1 from 3

After the treatment, there was only a slight numbness and tingling sensation left.