

# O S T E O P A T H I C C R A N I A L M A N I P U L A T I O N

## Neuroscience Correlation

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### OSTEOPATHIC CRANIAL MANIPULATION NEUROSCIENCE CORRELATION

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- 1) Discuss the Neuroscience Concepts involved in Osteopathic Cranial Manipulation (OCMM).
- 2) Discuss the Neuroscientific mechanisms by which different indications for OCMM are resolved.
- 3) List potential future studies that might further establish Neuroscience Concepts involved in OCMM.
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#### VAULT HOLD



OCMM – Admittedly, one of the more difficult and least practiced of OMM



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Neuroscience







# **Principles of Diagnosis**

HISTORY: Trauma: including birth trauma, MVA, surgery, thumb sucking, dental work, fractures, concussions, falls, infections etc.

- T- soft tissue changes, heat, muscle tightness, intra-osseus changes
- A-landmarks including sutures, fontanelles
- **R**-in joints and membrane
- T- Counterstrain tender points for TMJ and cranium









#### Beauchene's Skull





## A Child's Cranium











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### Spinal Attachments of the Dura

Technique Principles Subject: Osteopathic Medicine

**Content:** Texts

Attachments of the falx cerebri, the falx cerebelli, the tentorium cerebelli, and the **spinal dura** are collectively known as the reciprocal tension membrane (RTM). These **attachments** and their connections from the dural tube at the foramen magnum to the second sacral segment is known as the core link , which coordinates... Atlas of Osteopathic Techniques, 4e > Osteopathic Cranial Manipulative Medicine







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### Arterial Pulsation of the Brain



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#### Venous Pressure in the Brain





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# **Respiration and Intracranial Pressure**



# **Cerebro-Spinal Flow and Pressure**



# **Cerebro Spinal Fluid Flow and Pressure**



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# **Cerebral Rhythmic Index**



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#### INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE

#### ICP = BRAIN MASS + BLOOD VOLUME + CSF VOLUME





#### Cranial Base, Brainstem and Cranial Nerves





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# VAULT HOLD FLEXION







# VAULT HOLD EXTENSION







# OCCIPITAL HOLD (CRADLE)



# **Cerebral Rhythmic Index**



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#### IT MAKES SENSETO DO OSTEOPATHIC CRANIAL MANIPULATION (OCMM)?





## OCMM and NEUROSCIENCE

#### **QUESTIONS REMAIN:**

1) Given Migraine Headaches as an indication for OCMM, how might we prove OCMM's efficacy on the basis of Neuroscience.

2) How about Trigeminal Neuralgia?

3) Other listed indications?

4) How might the Autonomic Nervous System be involved in OCMM?

5) Could Relaxation or Meditative influence be involved? How might we prove or disprove this?

What other questions might you have?



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