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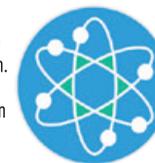
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By Dr. David Steinberg,
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Ensuring our Parents Health Through Medication Compliance

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Fact or Fiction: Six Minute Hair Growth....?

LOW LEVEL LASERS EXPLAINED

Far below the power required to blast away cancer cells, kill hair follicles – or evil aliens, for that matter – “Low Level Laser Therapy” is the use of non-cutting, non-burning or ‘cold’ lasers that impart energy to living cells without damaging them. Since their discovery in the 1960’s, low-level lasers have been proven to be an effective drug-free way to help heal wounds, relieve pain, increase circulation, decrease inflammation and provide a host of benefits to the human body and now we know why.

HOW DO LASERS HELP PREVENT BALDNESS?

First, it’s important to realize that all hair loss is not the same. “Alopecia,” the broad medical term for hair loss, can mean a huge variety of different medical conditions that decrease or eliminate hair follicle function causing everything from increased shedding to extensive baldness. When hair follicles, the mini-organs under the skin that produce your visible hair fibers, “fail,” there could be a wide range of causes which require accurate diagnosis and treatment by a hair loss specialist. If hair follicles are weakening, producing thinner, shorter and wispier hair, laser therapy may be an excellent non-drug, no side-effect option to improve hair growth. When low level laser energy is consistently applied with the correct power and regimen, improvements in hair growth can be easily measured and eventually felt and seen.

WHAT LASER DEVICE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

Today, laser hair therapy devices come in all shapes, sizes and costs. There are large, in-office devices, at-home portable caps,

helmet and dome-shaped devices as well as the consumer laser brushes, combs and “band” lasers. Each device may have different types or a combinations of light sources (laser and non-laser), numbers of laser diodes, types of laser diodes, areas of coverage, treatment times as well as other factors that impact use such as comfort, size, weight, cord vs. cordless, etc. With so many laser devices FDA-cleared for hair regrowth in men and women, how can patients choose which device will work best? For our patients at Bauman Medical, we recommend exclusively devices that meet the following criteria:

1. “Pure” laser (no LEDs or non-laser light sources)
2. Over 200 laser diodes for maximum coverage
3. Cordless, rechargeable for portability and ease of use
4. FDA-cleared for hair growth in men and women
5. Hands-free (no movement or readjustment during treatment required)
6. Discreet (fits under a standard baseball or other cap/hat for easy compliance)

The easiest way to understand the benefit of a “good quality” laser is the difference between watering your front lawn with a watering can versus an automatic sprinkler system... both theoretically can work, but one method requires significantly less time, effort and energy. When searching for laser device, know that like most electronic equipment (TV, stereo, car, etc.) you get what you pay for in terms of power, effectiveness and durability. A quality laser will last you a long time, and because it’s a one-time expense, laser therapy is actually your least



Female before and 12 months after laser therapy with a portable, hands-free laser device

costly hair loss treatment over the long-run. Therefore, it's recommended to "stretch" a little when making this kind of long-term investment in your hair's health and also make sure you measure and track your results over time with a qualified medical professional.

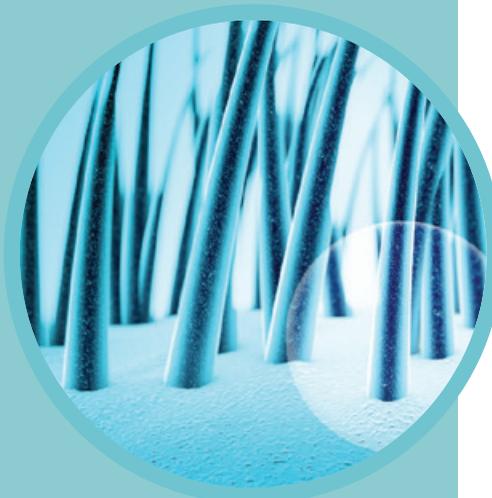
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was recently named one of the Top 5 Transformative CEO's in Forbes. His work has been featured in prestigious media outlets such as The Doctors Show, CNN, NBC Today, ABC Good Morning America, CBS Early Show, Men's Health, The New York Times, Women's Health, The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, Dateline NBC, FOX News, MSNBC, Vogue, Allure, Harpers Bazaar and more. A minimally-invasive hair transplant pioneer, in 2008 Dr. Bauman became the first ABHRS certified Hair Restoration Physician to routinely use NeoGraft FUE for hair transplant procedures.

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FOCUS ON PANCREATIC CANCER

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Pancreatic cancer occurs when cells in the pancreas begin to grow out of control. One of the reasons pancreatic cancer is so deadly is that it is usually not detected until it is in the later stages. Early detection of pancreatic cancer is very difficult because the disease does not cause many signs or symptoms that are easily noticed in the early stages. Some of the more common symptoms of pancreatic cancer include:

- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes)
- Light-colored stools
- Dark urine
- Weight loss for no reason
- Loss of appetite
- Feeling very tired
- Pain in the upper or middle abdomen and back

While these symptoms can be attributed to other causes, it is recommended that you consult your physician if you experience any of these indications.

The incidence of pancreatic cancer is relatively small; however, it is considered an extremely difficult cancer to successfully treat and potentially cure, primarily because it is often detected at a late stage. Because the pancreas is deep inside the body, early tumors usually can't be seen or felt during routine physical exams; plus, most people usually have no symptoms until the cancer has already spread to other organs. According to the American Cancer Society, factors that can affect the chance of recovery from pancreatic cancer include whether or not the tumor can be removed by surgery, the size of the tumor, whether or not it has spread outside the pancreas to nearby tissues, and the patient's general health.

RISK FACTORS

Almost all pancreatic patients are over the age of 45; in fact, the average is 71 at the time of diagnosis, as reported by the American Cancer Society. Men are at a slightly higher risk than women; however, it is speculated that this may be due to the fact that more men smoke than women.



Pancreatic cancer accounts for about 3% of all cancers in the US and about 7% of all cancer deaths, according to the American Cancer Society.

African Americans are also at slightly more risk than Caucasians for reasons that are not clear, but may be due in part to other risk factors, such as a higher rate of diabetes.

Risk factors such as age, race and gender can't be changed; however, other risk factors can be lessened by lifestyle choices, such as not smoking and maintaining a healthy weight. Approximately 20% to 30% of pancreatic cancers are thought to be caused by cigarette smoking and the risk of having pancreatic cancer is twice as high for smokers compared to non-smokers.

Family history is another risk factor for pancreatic cancer. It is thought that about 10% of pancreatic cancer is due to inherited genetic mutations. For people who may have a family history of pancreatic cancer, hereditary breast or ovarian cancer due to BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation, or Lynch Syndrome (hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer), it is best to consult with your physician regarding genetic testing or endoscopic ultrasound.

IMPROVING TREATMENT

A variety of treatments are used in pancreatic cancer involving surgery, ablation, radiation therapy and chemotherapy, to name a few. There are a number of clinical trials that seek to develop new treatments, including immunotherapy treatments. Immunotherapy drugs, which utilize the body's immune system to fight cancer, have worked against some of the most lethal cancers, such as melanoma and late-stage lung cancer. Difficult to treat with conventional drugs, pancreatic cancer also has proven to be resistant to initial immunotherapy approaches. Pancreatic tumors are usually surrounded by a tough, fibrous capsule that is difficult for drugs to penetrate. This protective covering also wards off the immune system's T cells, which attack foreign intruders, such as cancer cells, within the body. However, researchers are continuing to test immunotherapy combinations and devising innovative strategies that they hope will bring greater understanding of how to effectively treat these tumors.

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What is CBD

AND THE MEDICAL TREATMENT IT PROVIDES?



Jeff Mandall, owner of Vapor Rocket, South Florida CBD, and an advisor to the board of directors for Miami Beach Community Health Centers is the local expert about CBD and its use. He prides himself in working with area medical providers to educate and facilitate treatment of patients with a multitude of different health problems. We went straight to the expert to get our questions answered and here's what we learned:

CANNABIDIOL—CBD—is a cannabis compound that has significant medical benefits, but does not make people feel “stoned” and can actually counteract the psycho activity of THC. The fact that CBD-rich cannabis is non-psychoactive makes it an appealing option for patients looking for relief from inflammation, pain, anxiety, psychosis, seizures, spasms, and other conditions without disconcerting feelings of lethargy or dysphoria.

Scientific and clinical research—much of it sponsored by the US government—underscores CBD’s potential as a treatment for a wide range of conditions, including arthritis, diabetes, alcoholism, MS, chronic pain, schizophrenia, PTSD, depression, antibiotic-resistant infections, epilepsy, and other neurological disorders. CBD has demonstrable neuroprotective and neurogenic effects, and its anti-cancer properties are currently being investigated at several academic research centers in the United States and elsewhere.

Extensive preclinical research—much of it sponsored by the U.S. government—indicates that CBD has potent anti-tumoral, antioxidant, anti-spasmodic, anti-psychotic, anti-convulsive, and neuroprotective properties. CBD directly activates serotonin receptors, causing an anti-depressant effect, as well.

Here are five facts that you should know about this unique compound:

1. CBD is a key ingredient in cannabis

CBD is one of over 60 compounds found in cannabis that belong to a class of molecules called cannabinoids. Of these compounds, CBD and THC are usually present in the highest concentrations, and are therefore the most recognized and studied.

CBD and THC levels tend to vary among different plants. Marijuana grown for recreational purposes often contains more THC than CBD.

However, by using selective breeding techniques, cannabis breeders have managed to create varieties with high levels of CBD and next to zero levels of THC. These strains are rare but have become more popular in recent years.

2. CBD is non-psychoactive

Unlike THC, CBD does NOT cause a high. While this makes CBD a poor choice for recreational users, it gives the chemical a significant advantage as a medicine, since health professionals prefer treatments with minimal side effects.

CBD is non-psychoactive because it does not act on the same pathways as THC. These pathways, called CB1 receptors, are highly concentrated in the brain and are responsible for the mind-altering effects of THC.

A 2011 review published in Current Drug Safety concludes that CBD “does not interfere with several psychomotor and psychological functions.” The authors add that several studies suggest that CBD is “well tolerated and safe” even at high doses.

3. CBD has a wide range of medical benefits

Although CBD and THC act on different pathways of the body, they seem to have many of the same medical benefits. According to a 2013 review published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, studies have found CBD to possess the following medical properties:

MEDICAL PROPERTIES OF CBD	EFFECTS
Antiemetic	Reduces nausea and vomiting
Anticonvulsant	Suppresses seizure activity
Antipsychotic	Combats psychosis disorders
Anti-inflammatory	Combats inflammatory disorders
Anti-oxidant	Combats neurodegenerative disorders
Anti-tumoral/Anti-cancer	Combats tumor and cancer cells
Anxiolytic/Anti-depressant	Combats anxiety and depression disorders

Unfortunately, most of this evidence comes from animals, since very few studies on CBD have been carried out in human patients.

But a pharmaceutical version of CBD was recently developed by a drug company based in the UK. The company, GW Pharmaceuticals, is now funding clinical trials on CBD as a treatment for schizophrenia and certain types of epilepsy.

Likewise, a team of researchers at the California Pacific Medical Center, led by Dr. Sean McAllister, has stated that they hope to begin trials on CBD as a breast cancer therapy.

4. CBD reduces the negative effects of THC

CBD seems to offer natural protection against the marijuana high. Numerous studies suggest that CBD acts to reduce the intoxicating effects of THC, such as memory impairment and paranoia.

CBD also appears to counteract the sleep-inducing effects of THC, which may explain why some strains of cannabis are known to increase alertness.

5. CBD is legal in the US and many other countries:

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In fact various government agencies are taking notice to the clinical research supporting the medical benefits of CBD. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved a request to trial a pharmaceutical version of CBD in children with rare forms of epilepsy. The drug is made by GW Pharmaceuticals and is called Epidiolex.

According to the company, the drug consists of “more than 98 percent CBD, trace quantities of some other cannabinoids, and zero THC.” GW Pharmaceuticals makes another cannabis-based drug called Sativex, which has been approved in over 24 countries for treating multiple sclerosis.

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By Elissa S. Norton, MD, FAAD

can cause redness and flaking, if you start off slow, you can minimize side effects. Start by applying a retinoid every third night, and after a few weeks, ramp up to every other night or every night as tolerated. Another method for an easy transition is to start with an over-the-counter preparation containing retinol. Retinol is a gentler version and a perfect gateway. The skin becomes accustomed to retinol and then better suited to graduate to a prescription-strength retinoid.

Other tips for using Vitamin A derivatives: apply at night because retinoids are inactivated by sunlight. A little will go a long way; often a small dollop will do. And don't forget to wear your sunscreen, which leads us to the letter B....



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An effective anti-aging skincare regimen should incorporate Vitamin A derivatives, commonly known as retinol and retinoids. These ingredients are hands-down the gold standard when it comes to preventing and reversing the signs of maturing skin. Vitamin A derivatives work by increasing skin turnover and stimulating collagen production, thereby creating a firmer, smoother and more even-toned complexion.

Many people are afraid to start a retinoid for fear of irritation. Although it's true that retinoids

B

Broad-spectrum sunscreen is a must on the checklist of good skin health. The words "broad-spectrum" indicate that there is coverage against the damaging effects of both UVA and UVB. UVA rays are the "Aging" rays that can prematurely age your skin, causing wrinkles and age spots, and can pass through window glass. UVB rays are the "Burning" rays that are the primary cause of sunburn and are blocked by window glass.

Many people are under the impression that they only need to apply sunscreen for a day at the beach or during their tennis or golf

game. This couldn't be farther from the truth! An effective skin care regimen includes daily sunscreen, in order to protect against ambient sun during every day activities such as driving in the car, running in and out of stores during errands, walking our pets, and more.

There are many elegant facial sunscreen products available today. Many are combined with moisturizers for extra hydration, some have a tint to provide all-over coverage, and others are combined with antioxidants, which leads us to letter C....

C Vitamin C, and other antioxidants such as resveratrol, coenzyme Q-10, coffee berry extract, green tea flavonoids, and vitamin E, are key in the battle against fine lines and wrinkles. These precious molecules soak up free radicals before they can cause DNA damage and chew up collagen. Free radicals are caused not only by the sun, but also by other environmental insults such as pollution and cigarette smoke. In addition to scavenging free radicals, antioxidants can help calm irritation, which may help those who are rosacea and acne prone.



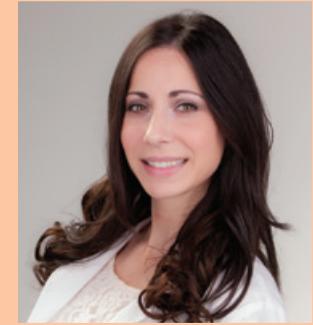
Classically, antioxidants are applied as the first step in the morning, before your sunscreen. Many antioxidants, however, are being incorporated into nighttime preparations as well, a tribute to the powerful effect these molecules have on nourishing and preserving youthful skin.

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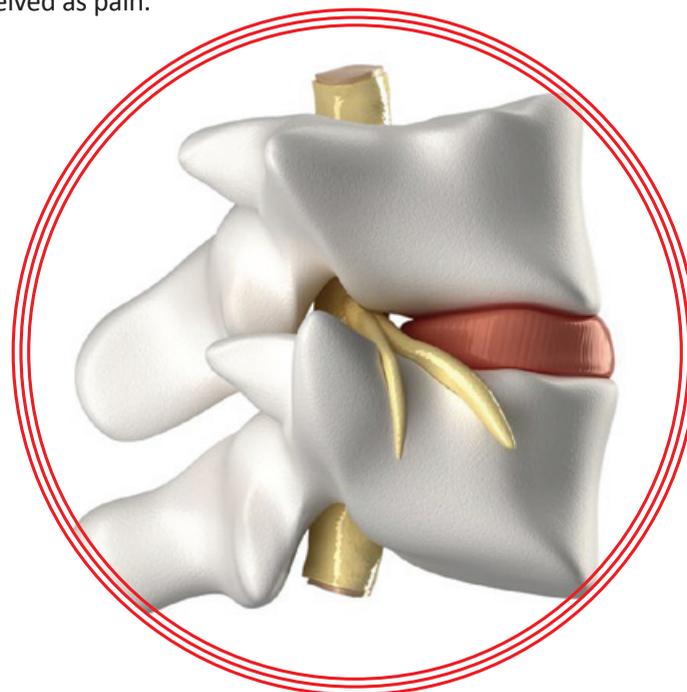
By Aaron Rosenblatt, MD

Pain Management for Facet Joint Pain: Radiofrequency (RF) Ablation/Rhizotomy



Neck (cervical), mid back (thoracic) and low back (lumbar) pain are common ailments which can be acute or chronic. This may be debilitating and stop people from their usual activities of daily living. As many do not know, this pain from the spine can easily be treated by a qualified Interventional Pain Management Specialists, like Dr. Aaron Rosenblatt. Aaron Rosenblatt, MD is a board certified medical specialist whose brand new state-of-the-art facility is located conveniently in the heart of Delray Beach, FL. He has been successfully treating patients in south Florida now for over 12 years. Patients also come from all over the country to see Dr. Rosenblatt due to his expertise in spine pain, joint pain (knee, hip, shoulder, wrist and ankle) and their treatment options. Spine pain from arthritis of the neck, mid back and low back are the most common pain syndrome he sees among his patients and he wants to spread awareness how this issue can be treated.

Before a RF rhizotomy is performed, the pain generating facet joint nerves have been identified by means of a diagnostic injection, such as a facet joint or medial branch nerve block. Other tests may include MRI. Since the medial branch nerves do not control neck or low back muscles, it is not harmful to disrupt or turn off their ability to send signals to the brain conceived as pain.



RF ablation is a precisely targeted injection that works by creating energy to destroy a facet joint's medial branch nerve. Relief from pain and related symptoms may last a year or longer. However, the medial branch nerve root regenerates (grows back) and facet joint pain may come back in years time. Results vary from patient to patient. For example, if there is instability at the segment where the RF neurotomy is performed, pain relief and its duration is less.

BASIC FACET JOINT ANATOMY

Each vertebra in the cervical (neck), thoracic (chest), and lumbar (low back) has two sets of facet joints at the back of the spine. One pair faces upward and one downward with a joint on the left and right sides of the vertebra. Facet joints are hinge-like and link vertebrae together. Each facet joint is innervated by a medial branch nerve. The medial branch nerves control sensation to the facet joint. These nerves DO NOT control sensations or muscles in your arms or legs and therefore are safe to treat.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING AND AFTER THE PROCEDURE

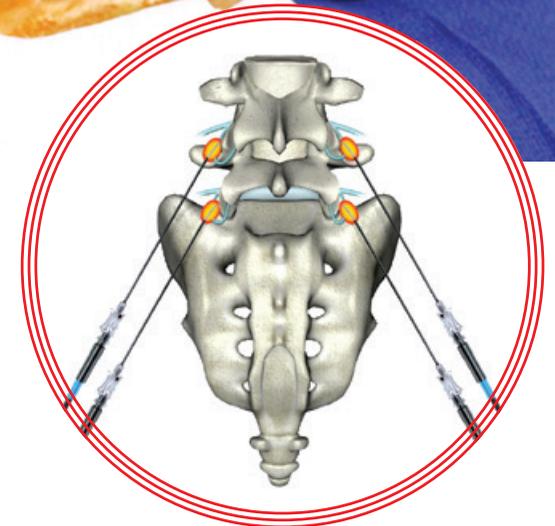
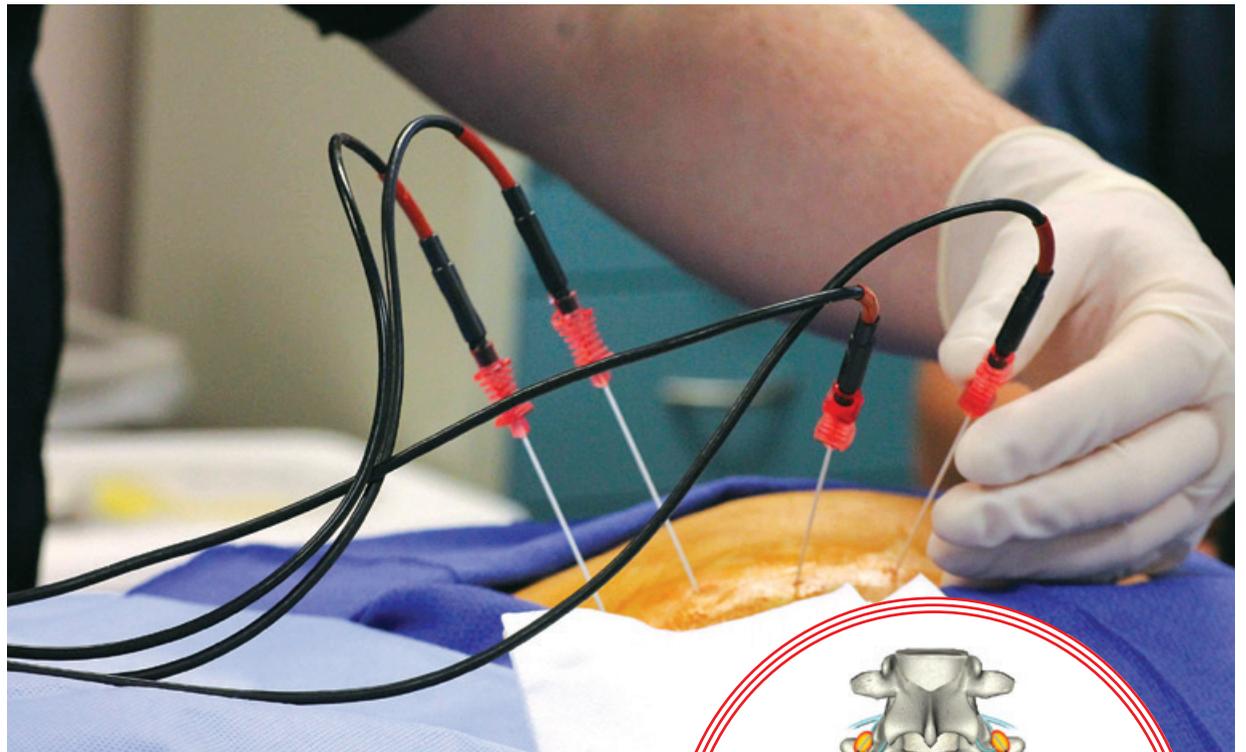
The procedure is performed in a sterile setting similar to an outpatient procedure suite.

Your injection site is cleaned and draped. Skin numbing medication is injected and given time to take effect.

Dr. Rosenblatt uses fluoroscopic guidance (real time x-ray) to guide the needle electrode beside the medial branch nerve. Through the electrode, mild electrical current (radiofrequency) stimulates the medial branch nerve. As the electrode is energized, the nerve is changed so the patient's arthritic spine pain will improve.

After the procedure, the patient is moved to the recovery area where our medical staff continues to monitor you if needed.

You may be discharged home following your RF ablation. Our medical staff provides you with written aftercare and home instructions.



BENEFITS OF RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION INCLUDE:

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- Greater range of motion
- Lower or no use of analgesics (pain meds)
- Improved quality of life
- No significant recovery time

Dr. Rosenblatt explains, "This procedure is so valuable to help people of all ages virtually eliminate their arthritic spine pain. It is great for neck and lumbar spine. It has saved people from requiring spine surgery. It is simple to perform and provides life changing relief."

In Dr. Rosenblatt's beautiful freestanding interventional pain management building in Delray Beach, FL, thousands of individuals have been able to benefit from this technique. Dr. Rosenblatt has been performing this procedure for more than 15 years with great success. Please look forward to more articles about Dr. Aaron Rosenblatt and the vast number of procedures he performs to help people with all types of pain. His main focus is to help individuals avoid surgery, eliminate pain medications and to ultimately feel much better on a daily basis and enjoy life!

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Dr. Kenneth Power, M.D.

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WHAT IS BELL'S PALSY?

By Lauren R. Rosecan, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.S.

BELL'S PALSY is a nerve problem that affects the muscles of your face. It causes weakness or partial paralysis of the muscles on one side of your face. With Bell's palsy, your eyelid may not close properly and your smile may seem uneven.

Bell's palsy usually affects adults only. It is more likely to happen to people who have diabetes, are pregnant, or have a family history of Bell's palsy.



WHAT CAUSES BELL'S PALSY?

Generally, it is not known what causes Bell's palsy. However, doctors believe it may be due to one or more of these problems:

- problems in your body's immune system (how it fights disease)
- reduced blood flow to a nerve that goes to your face (the 7th cranial nerve)
- infection from a virus, causing swelling of the facial nerves

BELL'S PALSY SYMPTOMS

Bell's palsy symptoms can appear all of a sudden. You may notice that you cannot smile on one side of your face. You may have trouble speaking clearly, and you may lose feeling in your face. You may have some facial pain just before or as it becomes weakened or partially paralyzed.

Your eyes may become dry and you may have blurry vision. One eye may not close completely, and it may feel irritated.

Bell's Palsy Symptoms

Inability to furrow brow

Drooping eyelid & cannot close eye

No muscle tone in cheek

Drooping mouth & cannot smile or pucker lips



You might not be able to taste food as well as you could before. Also, you could have hearing problems, such as having things sound distorted or unusual.

Tell your primary care doctor or ophthalmologist if any of your symptoms get worse.

If you have symptoms on both sides of your face, you may have something other than Bell's palsy. If your symptoms do not improve in a few weeks, your ophthalmologist may recommend an MRI. An MRI is a scan that provides images of tissue inside the body.

HOW LONG DO BELL'S PALSY SYMPTOMS LAST?

For about 8 out of 10 people, symptoms of Bell's palsy start to improve in about 3 weeks. Symptoms should be nearly gone in about 2–3 months.

Some symptoms may remain, such as a small amount of facial paralysis or reduced movement on one side of your face. For about 2 out of 10 people, Bell's palsy symptoms never go away.

Your ophthalmologist can tell you how to relieve uncomfortable eye-related symptoms with Bell's palsy.

BELL'S PALSY TREATMENT

There is no treatment for Bell's palsy. In most cases, it goes away on its own in a few weeks. However, your ophthalmologist can help manage the symptoms affecting your eye. Eye drops or other lubricants provide relief if you cannot fully shut your eye.

In some cases, corticosteroids, antiviral drugs or other medicine may be prescribed to help you heal from Bell's palsy.



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Expensive oral medications such as Viagra and Cialis may cause unwanted side effects, such as nasal congestion, headaches, upset stomach, vision changes, facial flushing, and dizziness. They also have to be taken before intercourse limiting spontaneity. Finally, there are many men with cardiovascular disease who are not candidates for treatment with these medications.

Depending on the severity of ED, The Journal of Urology reported oral ED medications may only yield up to a 27% effective rate in those with severe ED. This leads patients with more severe ED to invasive treatments like penile injections, where medication is injected directly into the penis before intercourse. This again limits spontaneity and chronically drains the wallet.

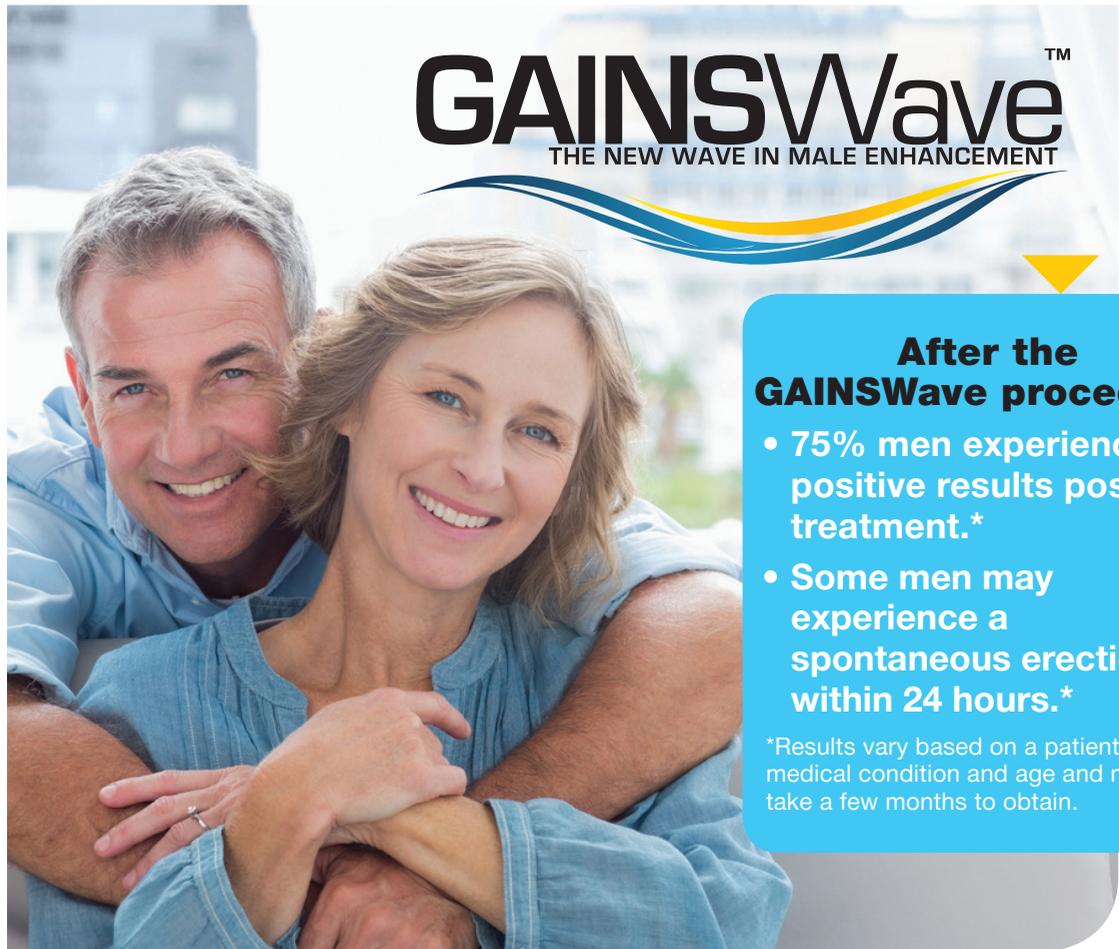
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The Healthy Way To Eat and Get Fit In 2018

By Jeannie Gedeon, MPH, RDN/LDN, CAP/ICADC



While nutrition, fitness, and weight goals top the list of most common New Year resolutions, plans are often scrapped by the second week of January. Your best bet for getting to a healthy weight – and staying there – is to kick the diet mentality.

Cultivating good intentions is not easy – many people have unrealistic expectations, such as deciding to change eating patterns all at once or severely cutting calories for quick weight loss, which leads to deprivation-driven eating and may leave you feeling like you've failed. New eating patterns take time to achieve, especially when there is a long history of less-than-optimal eating habits.

Your sure-fire plan for success in 2018:

1. Receive expert guidance from a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist. An RDN is a food and nutrition expert who has met national academic and professional requirements including a) earned a bachelor's and/or master's degree with course work approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND);

b) completed at least 1,200 hours of supervised practice in clinical dietetics, community dietetics, and food-systems management. Your nutrition professional should also be an LDN (Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist), which means they are licensed to work in the State of Florida. RDN/LDNs maintain certification with substantial continuing education that is verified by these national and state licensing organizations. There are staggering amounts of erroneous nutrition information out there: To protect your health and investment, take care to hire an RDN/LDN with these legally-defined national and state credentials.

2. Think long-term. If you want to achieve your goals this time, get in the mindset of making a permanent life improvement rather than a temporary conviction. Having a detailed plan and monitoring your progress will increase your success rate. Goals should be reasonable and focused. Expect that obstacles, setbacks, and triggers will happen, such as not liking the diet you chose, plateaus, or having some kind of negative stress surface. Strategize for,

modify, and cope with what isn't working and what gets in your way, rather than going back to the old habits.

3. Focus on a healthier lifestyle. People who change their attitudes and feelings about food and exercise are the ones who keep nutrition and fitness goals long-term. When food has too much power over your life and self-image, too much thought is spent on eating, food, body, and weight (and you have more interesting things to think about!).

4. Nourish your body with carbohydrate, protein, and fat at each meal. Because of the different rates of digestion and absorption of these nutrients, this combination lengthens feelings of satiety (fullness) and avoids feelings of deprivation and the urge to overeat.

5. Always eat breakfast. It prevents drops in blood sugar levels, which lead to poor food choices later in the day. Breakfast also jump starts your metabolism and helps start the day feeling like you're taking care of yourself, setting a positive tone for the day.

6. Never restrict. This includes cutting too many calories, as well as skipping meals and snacks, which slows metabolism and leads to preoccupation with food. The best plan to get the metabolism furnace burning is to eat every 3 hours, making sure not to let more than 4 hours go by without eating. Undereating and waiting too long can zap energy and lead to overeating: To avoid this cycle, you need to feel comfortable and satisfied, not starving!

7. Eat your favorite foods in moderation. If you tell yourself you can never have cheesecake or French fries again, what happens? You have to have it! Find a way to work favorite foods into your diet, think proportion, and savor without guilt – *having an occasional treat is not a character flaw.*

8. Keep a food journal. Monitor your food intake by writing down when, what and how much you eat. With a tangible record of your food intake, it's pretty easy to see where improvements can be made and helps you learn from experience.



Holiday Menu Comparison: Choose the Healthy Way to Fill Your Holiday Plate

During holiday gatherings we often encounter many more food and drink options that we rarely see during the rest of the year. Making smart food choices will prevent overindulging and

derailing your health and fitness plans. Notice the similarities and differences of 2 holiday menus below to see where a few small changes could make a big impact:

Traditional Holiday Dinner	Healthy Holiday Dinner
Appetizers	
3 pigs in blankets crudites with dip 4 crackers with 2 oz. of cheese handful of mixed nuts 1 pre-dinner cocktail	crudites with fat-free yogurt dip corn chips with bean dip and salsa handful of Concord grapes 1 light beer or wine spritzer
Dinner	
croissant 1 cup salad with ranch dressing 3 oz. light and 3 oz. dark roasted turkey with skin ½-cup stuffing ½-cup mashed potato ½-cup gravy ½-cup candied sweet potato with marshmallow topping ½-cup string bean casserole ¼-cup cranberry sauce 2 glasses white wine	1 cup salad with low-calorie dressing 3 oz. skinless roasted turkey breast 1/3-cup stuffing 1/3-cup white potatoes mashed with nonfat sour cream and chives ¼-cup defatted gravy 1/3-cup steamed sweet potatoes flavored with apple cider and cinnamon ¾-cup roasted mixed vegetables ¼-cup light cranberry sauce 1 glass white wine
Dessert	
1 sliver pumpkin pie and pecan pie, each with a dollop of whipped cream	pumpkin pie filling in custard cup ½-cup Indian (corn) pudding
Total Nutrition	
4,027 calories 355g carbohydrate 127g protein 204g fat 17g fiber 5,965 mg sodium 478 mg cholesterol	1,080 calories 175g carbohydrate 50g protein 11g fat 18g fiber 1,417mg sodium 92mg cholesterol

Remember that a holiday meal may have more food options than what you regularly eat for dinner, so it is OK to have more than your standard dinner. Considering most people should eat at least 1,800 calories a day, if you eat a light

breakfast and lunch, you won't go much over. To ensure that you stay in caloric maintenance, take a pre-dinner hike and/or post-dinner walk. Post-meal, resume your healthy holiday food and fitness game plan.



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9. Make fitness a permanent part of your life. Exercise is the strongest predictor of ability to lose excess weight, increase fitness, and maintain it. Commit to a combination of strength training and aerobic exercise to build muscle and optimize metabolism. Support the incentive by choosing activities you love (or at least look forward to). Keep in mind that exercise reduces stress and releases endorphins that make you feel better – which make you more likely to do other things to take care of yourself, such as eating nutritious foods.



10. Give yourself time. You didn't become overweight overnight. Countless studies show that to keep excess weight off permanently, you should aim to lose no more than an average of 1 to 2 pounds/week. If you lose too quickly, your body will balk and try to recoup the loss (think homeostasis). Managing healthy weight, like any lasting habit, takes time. Devote time to health and fitness and your body will respond.

11. Reward yourself. As you attain your goals, indulge yourself just a little – buy the book you've been wanting to read, take a mini-vacation. Rewarding yourself with positive reinforcements will strengthen your resolve and increase your momentum.

DEAR BRAIN.... PLEASE BE QUIET SO THAT I CAN SLEEP!!



SLEEP should be one of our most precious commodities, but for some people, the struggle of falling asleep and/or staying asleep and feeling rested can be a fruitless effort. Why does this happen? And what can you do?

You've tried everything from sleeping medication, natural teas to lavender baths and soft music but nothing seems to make sleeping any easier. There is help. Neurofeedback (Brain Biofeedback) teaches your brain how to shift into sleep patterns. Sleep is the one brain state or emotional state that we cannot fake. An anxious person can try really hard to be calm; a depressed person can try really hard to be upbeat; and a distracted person can try really hard to focus and concentrate; and they may be successful for a moment or two, but sleep cannot be altered by trying. It usually seems like the harder we try, the worse it becomes. It is in this purest brain state, the sleep state, that Neurofeedback can be most successful.

FIRST, HOW DO WE DEFINE SLEEP?

Sleep is defined as a naturally recurring state of mind characterized by altered consciousness, relatively inhibited sensory activity, inhibition of nearly all voluntary muscles, and reduced interactions with surroundings.

During sleep, most systems in an animal are in an anabolic state, building up the immune, nervous, skeletal, and muscular systems. The internal circadian clock promotes sleep daily at night in humans.

Interruption in the circadian clock or sleep cycle can cause multiple sleep disorders such as:

- Insomnia
- Nightmares
- REM Behavior Disorder
- Sleep Talking
- Sleepwalking
- Circadian Rhythm Sleep Disorders
- Delayed Phase Sleep Disorder
- Non-24 Sleep Wake Disorder
- Shift Work Disorder
- Excessive Sleepiness
- Extreme Sleepiness
- Narcolepsy and Cataplexy

WHAT ARE BRAIN STATES/NEURON PATTERNS?

The neuron is the basic working unit of the brain; a specialized cell designed to transmit information to other nerve cells, muscle, or gland cells through electric pulses. These electric pulses make up a Neuron firing pattern that can be measured through EEG (electroencephalogram) to determine the speed of the neurons firing and the amount firing at that speed. We give these speeds different names based on the role they play in the brain. DELTA waves are very slow waves that promote sleep and calmness; THETA waves are a little faster, also play a role in calming, and make us sleepy; ALPHA waves are a bit faster and are essential for feeling calm and introspective; BETA waves are alert/awake "get work done" waves; and HIGH BETA waves are very fast, stress, anxiety, reaction waves. It is normal for the human brain to shift through these stages automatically, effortlessly and without notice. If the brain is "stuck" in a pattern or has an imbalance of neuron firing, there will be issues. So, for example, if a brain is stuck in a HIGH BETA state, it will not be noticed in stressful situations but will be noticed as an inability to shift into a healthy sleep pattern.

Neurofeedback teaches the brain how to shift through the brain states, thus improving functioning such as sleep.

WHAT IS A NORMAL SLEEP PATTERN?

In order to experience a "good" night's sleep and to wake feeling renewed and refreshed, our brains must follow a certain pattern of Neuron firing. The internal circadian clock is profoundly influenced by changes in light, since these are its main clues about what time it is. Therefore, as the sun goes down, our brains are signaled that it is time to sleep and we begin to wind down and produce ALPHA (calm) waves. By around 9 pm melatonin secretion starts and our brains shift into a THETA (sleepy) state, by around 10:30 bowel movements are suppressed and we are relaxed enough to go to bed and shift into a DELTA (sleep) state, and by 2:00 am we are in our deepest sleep state. As we sleep, we move in and out of sleep and waking states, easily shifting back to a sleep state, and not noticing that we awoke at all. After 6:00 am, our blood pressure starts to raise and melatonin secretion stops and we shift out of our sleep state to the THETA (sleepy but awake) state and then to a BETA (awake/alert) state to get the day going.

WHAT IS CAUSING ME TO HAVE A BAD SLEEP PATTERN?

There are several interruptions in this pattern that can lead us to an altered sleep pattern and thus cause a SLEEP DISORDER. Most over the counter or prescription sleep aids aim at calming the brain so that you can sleep. But interference in your sleep pattern can be a result of any imbalance in neuron

firing. There may be too many slow neurons or not enough awake/alert neurons firing in your brain. Targeting the specific pattern in your brain that needs adjusting is what Neurofeedback can do.

WHAT IF I HAVE ALWAYS HAD TROUBLE SLEEPING? EVEN AS A BABY?

Neuron Patterns can be inherited. Although this is a genetic, inherited, or biological pre-disposition, it can also be changed, balanced, and improved through Neurofeedback.

HOW LONG SHOULD I BE SLEEPING?

Children need many hours of sleep per day in order to develop and function properly: up to 18 hours for newborn babies, with a declining rate as a child ages. Early in 2015, after a two-year study, the National Sleep Foundation in the US announced newly revised recommendations as shown in the table below.

AGE AND CONDITION	SLEEP NEEDS
Newborns (0–3 months)	14 to 17 hours
Infants (4–11 months)	12 to 15 hours
Toddlers (1–2 years)	11 to 14 hours
Preschoolers (3–5 years)	10 to 13 hours
School-age children (6–13 years)	9 to 11 hours
Teenagers (14–17 years)	8 to 10 hours
Adults (18–64 years)	7 to 9 hours
Older Adults (65 years and over)	7 to 8 hours

HOW DOES NEUROFEEDBACK WORK?

Neurofeedback, also known as EEG biofeedback, has been studied and practiced since the late 60’s. It is exercise for your brain; allowing you to see the frequencies produced by different parts of your brain in real-time and then through visual and auditory feedback, teaches the brain to better regulate itself. Neurofeedback can be used to help

detect, stimulate, and/or inhibit activity in the brain safely and without medication. It can help restore a wider “range of motion” in brain states, much like physical therapy does for the body. This allows you to be more “flexible” in stressful situations.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

While the client sits comfortably watching a movie or pictures appear on the screen (a calm and focused state), the EEG equipment measures the frequency or speed at which electrical activity moves in the areas where electrodes have been placed. This information is sent to the therapist’s computer. The therapist is then able to determine what frequencies are out of balance. The therapist adjusts a reward band to encourage more balanced activity and this encouragement or “reward” happens through an auditory reinforcement of “beeps” and sometimes through visual reinforcement of changes on the screen.

WHAT OTHER CONDITIONS CAN AFFECT SLEEP AND BE HELPED BY NEUROFEEDBACK?

- Anxiety
- Autism/Asperger’s
- Depression
- ADD/ADHD
- Sensory processing disorder
- Bipolar disorder
- Seizure disorders
- Auditory/visual processing
- Chronic pain/Fibromyalgia
- Migraines/headaches
- Traumatic brain injuries
- Stroke
- Cognitive decline
- Oppositional defiant disorder
- Obsessive compulsive disorder
- Rages/mood swings
- Attention/focus/concentration
- Reactive attachment disorder

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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COMBATING HOLIDAY STRESS: Become More EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT

During the time in between Thanksgiving and the New Year many people have a predisposition to feel overwhelmed and/or over committed, worried about finances with gift giving, the abundance of food/alcohol/sweets leading to over indulgence and weight gain, or maybe tension with specific family members. These triggers can often overlap as well. This can create a conflict in one’s mind, as we are generally taught throughout our lives that it is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration. In fact, various studies show an astounding percentage of people find this time of year to be extremely to very stressful. However, the truth is, it does not have to be. You can learn how to enjoy the holidays, which allows you to dedicate more time and energy into creating peaceful memories filled with joy.



THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO STRESS: THEIR STIMULUS & YOUR RESPONSE

It is important to know that it is not what is actually happening around you that is making you feel upset, uncomfortable or stressed out, it is how you respond to it internally. We generally learn through life to believe the holidays are a happy, joyous time of year, we have a tendency to react negatively to what is going on around us.

So, although we are generally conditioned to believe this should be “the most wonderful time of the year”, we have a predisposition to react to what is happening, or the actions/words of others. You cannot change what other people do or say, or how they treat you, but you can alter how you perceive it and therefore how you react and respond to it, as well as how you treat yourself.

*No one can drive you crazy...
unless you give them
the keys to the car.*

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Emotional Intelligence is the ability to recognize one’s emotions, as well as the emotions of others, detect specific feelings, classify them accurately, employ emotional information to redirect thinking and behavior, and master and/or fine-tune one’s own emotions to change your response(s), diminish negative feelings and stress, and/or achieve goals. The fundamentals of positive emotional intelligence for personal competence are self-awareness and self-management, and the foundations for social competence are social awareness and relationship management.

Personal Competence: Self-Awareness & Self-Management

Self-awareness is your ability to accurately recognize your emotions as they happen and understand your general tendencies for responding to different people and situations. After you have a greater self-awareness, you can use your awareness of your emotions to choose how you react, along with what you say and do. This then gives you the ability to positively direct reactions, behavior and emotions.

Low Emotional Intelligence	High Emotional Intelligence
Aggressive Demanding Egotistical Bossy Confrontational	Assertive Ambitious Driving Strong willed Decisive
Glib Selfish Impulsive	Enthusiastic Sociable Persuasive
Resistance to Change Passive Unresponsive Slow	Patient Stable Predictable Consistent
Critical Picky Fussy Perfectionistic	Detailed Careful Meticulous Neat

Social Competence:

Social Awareness & Relationship Management:

Via your own self-awareness and self-management, your social awareness also begins to transform, allowing you to relate to other people for specific purposes over time. As this shift begins to occur, your ability to have greater relationship management activates and develops.

TAKE BACK THE JOY

Hypnosis can help you take the time to take care of yourself during this holiday season, as well as help you become more emotionally intelligent. Using hypnosis & NLP, we can work together to change your thoughts, and therefore your reactions related to the events or people around you as you enhance your emotional intelligence. You can learn to relax, look at things differently and handle them in happier, healthier ways all while taking care of yourself too!

Let's enhance your ability to enjoy this upcoming holiday season, eliminate any undesired or unpleasant feelings/emotions, and create new internal emotional awareness and strategies. Together we can do the work to you to keep calm, confident, outwardly focused, acting assertive when necessary, all while standing up for and taking care of yourself. Take back the keys to your happiness and take a giant leap forward to creating wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!



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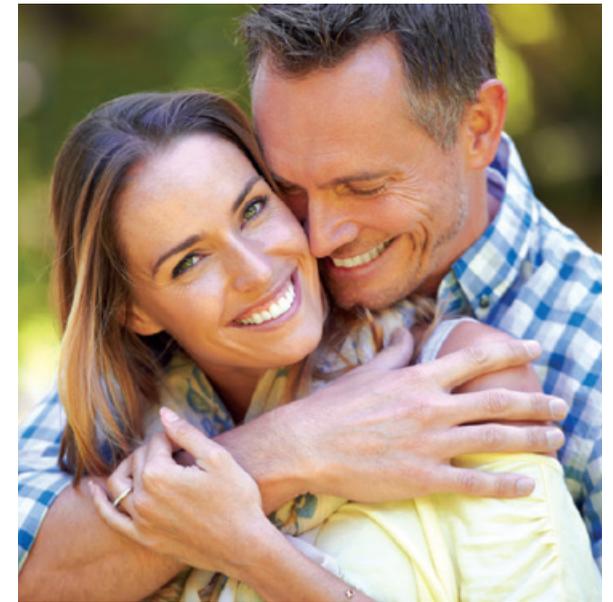
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THE CORNEA

By David A. Goldman MD



Although people may have heard the word ‘cornea’ in reference to the eye, many are unaware of what it really refers to. While diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration affect the back of the eye, the cornea is in the front of the eye.

In fact, the cornea is the most anterior structure of the eye. It is the clear part responsible for much of the focusing of light waves which enter the eye. When patients place contact lenses on their eye, they are placing them on their corneas. When patients develop an abrasion (scratch) or infectious ulcer of the eye, it is typically in the cornea.

The cornea consists of several layers, but it is simplest to break it down into three: epithelium,

stroma, and endothelium. The epithelium is the superficial outer layer of cells. When a scratch occurs on the cornea, the epithelium acts quickly to fill in the scratch. In cases of severe dry eye, tiny dried out “holes” can also appear in the epithelium.

The stroma is the central portion of the cornea, and comprises the bulk of it. It provides the majority of structural support to the cornea. When patients undergo LASIK surgery, it is the stroma that is affected. In LASIK, a laser creates a flap within the stroma. That flap is then lifted and a laser then reshapes the cornea under the flap. For patients who are myopic (nearsighted), the laser flattens the center of the cornea. For patients who are hyperopic (farsighted), the laser removes tissue in a circular pattern to steepen the cornea. The endothelium is

the most posterior layer of the cornea. Consisting of a layer of cells, these endothelial cells work as microscopic pumps to pump fluid out of the cornea to keep it clear. As we age the number of endothelial cells decline. Typically this is asymptomatic. In conditions such as Fuchs Dystrophy, however, patients are born with a lower number of endothelial cells and at some point may require surgery. Fortunately, the surgical options have improved greatly – less than ten years ago a new procedure was developed called DSAEK. In the past, corneal swelling which did not respond to topical eye drops required a full thickness corneal transplant. With the DSAEK procedure, solely the posterior layer of cells is transplanted. With this newer technique, vision can be restored in weeks instead of months.

This is not to say that a full thickness corneal transplant does not have its place in eye care. Conditions such as keratoconus, where the cornea becomes irregularly cone shaped, and scars of the cornea can significantly limit visual acuity. In these cases, replacing all layers of the cornea can work well to restore vision. In many cases, laser vision correction can be performed over a corneal transplant so that the patient can see well without glasses.

While problems of the cornea, whether inherited or environmental, can significantly disturb vision, there are multiple procedures available to improve vision. As opposed to posterior eye pathology such as glaucoma and macular degeneration, the overwhelming majority of vision problems related to the cornea can be fixed.



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THE ARRIVAL

Do you ever find yourself in what seems like a hopeless situation? Is your life so hectic that you wish for just a moment of peace? Do you wish you laughed more, stopped to smell the roses, and enjoyed life more easily? Are relationships in your life broken – do you long for love?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, then I have the answer for you. If you answered “no” then still read this article, commit it to memory, and bring it back to mind when need it.

Here is the answer: Christmas. Christmas is the season in which we can find all of the things we want (and need): hope, peace, joy, and love.

Many times Christmas is referred to as the Advent Season. In simplest terms, “advent” means “arrival”. But when speaking of Christmas, what exactly has arrived?. Sure, we celebrate the arrival of a baby born to a virgin in a small village in the Middle East. The baby’s name? Jesus.

But the arrival of Jesus means a lot more than just another birth. You see Christmas is the season when we celebrate the arrival of hope, peace, joy, and love because Jesus brings all those things in a relationship with Him.

We can have hope in a relationship with Jesus. No matter what may come, we anchor ourselves to the truth of Who Jesus is and what He’s done for us. The Scriptures remind us of the hope Jesus brings: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.” And we see it fulfilled: “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

We can know peace because of the life we can have in Him. The prophets of old wrote: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, (the) Prince of Peace”. Isaiah 9:6 And on the night in which Jesus was born, the angels proclaimed: “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” Luke 2:14

We can have joy in an abundant life in Christ. The angels also said: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:8-14

And we can experience an unconditional love that never runs out. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16-17

So during this Advent Season as we celebrate The Arrival, think about all that means for us in our daily lives. As the carols play on the radio, as you see the “The Reason for the Season” bumper stickers, as you drop coins in the red buckets on the way into the store, remember that it’s about Jesus and the hope, peace, joy, and love that comes in a relationship with Him.

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Dave Norris was a healthy 65-year-old, until one day he had trouble swallowing. His doctor discovered a malignant tumor in his stomach and Dave sought treatment at a large cancer center in another city. There, they saw him as patient number 1125157, not Dave Norris. Every other week, Dave flew across the country for treatment until he discovered a Florida Cancer Specialists clinic only minutes from his home. Here, Dave was given a successful knockout round of treatment, all while being treated like Dave Norris, not just another number. The care and compassion Dave received inspired him so much that he has dedicated the next chapter of his life to helping other Florida Cancer Specialists patients.

"I am thankful for the doctors and nurses at Florida Cancer Specialists who cared for me as a person and a neighbor, not just a patient and a number."

-Dave Norris, Cancer Fighter

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