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# Stem Cell Therapy for Orthopedic Problems Is An Effective Treatment But Beware...

By: Regenxx at Gold Coast Orthopedics, Regenerative Medicine

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Utilizing birth tissues to harvest stem cells for orthopedic and other areas of medicine is an exciting topic. However, there are currently no FDA-approved uses for allogeneic (coming from someone else) stem cell products other than cord blood or bone marrow transplantations after certain kinds of cancer treatments. More disturbing is the fact that vials of amniotic, placental, and umbilical “stem cells” that sales reps are selling to many physicians DO NOT contain living stem cells. This has been independently tested and confirmed by major universities and Regenxx. We urge patients to arm themselves with knowledge against these deceptive claims.

## What are amniotic, placental, and umbilical tissue-based products?

As you may know, babies, while still in the womb, are encased in a fluid-filled sac known as the amniotic membrane. Following the birth of a child, the amniotic membrane and/or fluid can be collected, sterilized, and processed into a variety of tissue-based products. Placental and umbilical tissue can also be obtained for the same purpose. Regrettably, these products are being pitched and sold to doctors as “stem cell” products. Some of these products do contain growth factors that can stimulate stem cells when injected into one’s tissues. However, it is NOT accurate to call them stem cell products. Legally, representatives shouldn’t be making these claims to physicians and in-turn physicians should not be making these claims to patients.

## Are there stem cells in these tissues?

There are in fact stem cells in these tissues at the time of birth. However, once the tissues are processed, the cells are sterilized (killed). If these products did contain stem cells, the product would be classified as a drug by the FDA, requiring approval before being used in human clinical trials. It would not be marketable until clinical trials for each indication were completed and the drug was determined to provide benefits that outweigh its potential risks.

This takes many years and can cost \$1 billion or more. No wonder some unscrupulous companies want to bypass this process. The FDA has issued enforcement letters to companies selling unapproved products stating that their products are regulated as drugs. However, until now, the FDA has only enforced these rules sporadically

expecting that the industry would regulate itself. Unfortunately, companies knowing the FDA has stated that they won’t get aggressive with enforcement until Nov. 2020, have flourished. To clarify, either these companies are selling an illegal unapproved drug or more likely, as confirmed by testing, selling dead tissue products that they claim have living stem cells. Both of these scenarios are problematic.

## What else does amniotic fluid contain?

Processed amniotic fluid does retain some growth factors and cytokines that can be injected to help promote healing. But, before spending thousands of dollars on a vial of these products, you may want to consider another alternative. At this time, there is no data supporting that the use of these tissue products is better than your own platelet-rich plasma (PRP). PRP contains your own healing growth factors, is not nearly as expensive, and is easier to obtain. PRP is an excellent option that likely accomplishes the same thing, if not better than, a vial of amniotic fluid for a fraction of the price.

## Why are sales reps pushing amniotic, placental, and umbilical “stem cells”?

Expensive vials of these tissue-based products represent a scalable, one-size-fits-all product that aligns with the pharmaceutical industry’s traditional mass marketing business plan. On the other hand, PRP requires a doctor’s office to take blood from the patient and process it into a growth factor-rich therapeutic. Because the PRP comes from the patient’s own blood, this eliminates any possibility of bodily rejection. If processed correctly, it can also be customized to the needs of the specific patient. So why are sales reps pushing ready-to-inject vials?

For many providers, PRP is inconvenient and time-consuming. Also, most providers probably believe they are using live “stem cells” because they believe what they are being told. Unless a physician has access to state-of-the-art labs to fully investigate a product, they must rely upon sales pitches that are potentially full of deceptive claims.

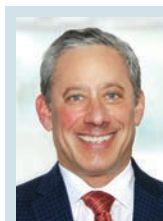
## How do you know these vials contain no stem cells?

If these products ‘did contain living stem cells and were approved by the FDA, Regenxx would have signed on to become one of the biggest customers. The reality is that we have conducted lab research, determined the validity of these claims, and uncovered deception. Research scientists at Regenxx and the Interventional Orthopedics Foundation (IOF) were the first to begin testing these claims. Other academic research labs have since validated the initial findings – that is the results concluded that there were no living cells in these products, the products didn’t help older stem cell performance, and didn’t contain more growth factors than a PRP injection.

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stem cell research worldwide, has the world’s largest database patient registry tracking outcomes and safety, and is the only protocol when delivered by certified Regenxx physicians, that is receiving insurance coverage by self-insured employers across the country (>7 million covered lives).

Knowledge is power. The marketing of amniotic, placental, and umbilical “stem cells” has been misleading at best. Even though we may be able to justify using them for their growth factors, the reality is that your own PRP or concentrated bone marrow (compliant with FDA regulations) is likely a better overall treatment option.



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# Include Good Nutrition in Your *Holiday* Meal Planning

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, boosting your immunity is more important than ever. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), people who have a well-balanced, nutritious diet tend to be healthier and have a stronger immune system with a lower risk of chronic illnesses and infectious diseases. Studies have even shown that a healthy diet can reduce your risk for some types of cancer.

## WHAT FACTORS CAN AFFECT OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM?

There are a number of factors that can have a negative impact on our immune system, including aging, lifestyle choices, such as smoking and excessive alcohol, stress, chronic disease and poor diet. Some factors, such as aging, are beyond our control; however, when it comes to proper nutrition, we can make positive choices that will help boost immunity.

As we age, our immune system can become less effective; in many cases, this decline is worsened by poor nutrition. Research has also shown that a poor diet can result in obesity and actually increase one's risk for disease or chronic illness. Conversely, eating a variety of fresh, unprocessed, plant-based foods provides the vitamins, minerals, proteins and antioxidants your body needs to keep your immune system functioning at its highest level. Drinking enough water and cutting down on or avoiding sugar, fat and salt significantly lowers your risk of obesity, heart disease, stroke, diabetes and certain types of cancer.

## CAN I STILL EAT THE FOODS I LOVE - ESPECIALLY OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

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- **Drink 8-10 glasses of water every day.** Water is not only essential; it also helps you feel fuller. Often, if you are hankering for a snack, drinking a glass of water will quell or delay cravings.

- **Eat fresh, unprocessed foods every day.** These include fruits, vegetables, legumes (lentils, beans), nuts and whole grains.

- **Raw vegetables are great for snacks** or holiday parties, and, if you just must have a dip, consider using hummus, guacamole or a dip made from low-fat yogurt, lentils, white beans or even nuts. You can find lots of great recipes on the Internet.

- **Choose white meat and fish**, which are generally lower in fat than red meat.

- **Avoid trans fats**, which are often found in processed food, fast food, fried food, frozen food, pies, cookies, etc.

- **Eat less salt and sugar;** choose healthy snacks such as fresh fruits and vegetables.

You can also adapt your favorite holiday recipes by substituting healthier choices for the recipe ingredients.

## HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED:

- **Cream of Wild Rice Soup** - Substitute blended white beans, instead of heavy cream, to provide thickness.

- **Sweet Potato Casserole** - Instead of canned sweet potatoes and marshmallows, use fresh sweet potatoes and honey with a touch of brown sugar and cinnamon.

- **Ambrosia** - Use pineapple, oranges, apples and bananas to provide lots of vitamin C; top with toasted almonds and coconut to make this a delicious, healthy dessert.

- **Green Bean Casserole** (a holiday classic) - Instead of canned cream of mushroom soup, sauté fresh mushrooms and make your own white sauce using skim milk.

- **Lemon Cheesecake** - Can be made with reduced-fat cream cheese; lemon zest adds lots of flavor and aroma.

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# SAYING GOODBYE TO 2020, SETTING #HAIRGOALS FOR 2021

By Dr. Alan J. Bauman, MD, ABHRS  
Board-Certified Hair Restoration Physician

As we  
get ready to  
close the door on  
2020 and look ahead  
to 2021, most would  
agree the New Year  
can't come soon  
enough.



**I**t has been a challenging year. A year filled with stress, hardships, and uncertainty. We've been forced to sit through too many Zoom meetings and attend too many virtual celebrations. We were forced to put our lives on hold and anything non-essential seemed to get pushed indefinitely to the back burner. While there are still challenges ahead, it is important to find ways to practice self-care – because that is something we could all use a little more of these days.

We're all looking forward to a fresh start in the New Year and giving your follicles a boost is a great place to start.

## SELF-CARE AND MORE

Thinning or receding hair can be a painful process for both men and women. While it is commonly dismissed as merely a cosmetic problem, it often isn't the physical symptoms that are hardest for patients to overcome, but instead, the loss of confidence and self-esteem that follows that is especially damaging to those afflicted.

In addition to a bevy of new and enhanced medical treatments for hair loss, the medical community is also recognizing the deep-rooted effects of hair loss. The shame and stigma that has long been associated with hair loss are slowly waning, as more physicians and patients seek to understand hair loss better and treat it as a medical condition and not just a cosmetic issue. The amazing benefits of restored confidence and well being when achieving a thicker fuller head of hair should not be underestimated.

## THE GIFT OF HEALTHIER HAIR

If you, or someone you love, had to put their hair restoration goals on the back burner this year, consider giving them "the gift of healthier hair" this holiday season. You can now shop the "Bauman eStore" for advanced and effective at-home treatments that can help you not only achieve healthier hair but get a jumpstart on your hair restoration goals – all from the comfort and safety of your own home.



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## MAKING HAIR GOALS FOR 2021

A healthy head of hair is possible – if you follow the right steps. From eating right to finding the right styling regimen, or laser therapy treatments, or advanced nutraceuticals, there are a lot of great things you can do to keep your hair strong and healthy. The first steps to fuller follicles are to assess the current state of your hair, identify any problems or risk factors, then create a plan of action that can help you get your hair back on track. For some, this is as simple as a shampoo

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### About Dr. Alan J. Bauman



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Dr. Alan Bauman is a full-time board-certified hair restoration physician who has treated over 30,000 patients, has performed nearly 10,000 hair transplant procedures and over 7000 PRP's since starting his medical hair loss practice, Bauman Medical in 1997.

Dr. Bauman is one of approximately only 200 physicians worldwide to achieve the certification from the esteemed American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (ABHRS).

Dr. Bauman is known for pioneering numerous technologies in the field of hair restoration including minimally-invasive FUE Follicular Unit Extraction, VIP|FUE™, Low-Level Laser Therapy, PRP Platelet Rich Plasma, PDOgro™, Eyelash Transplants and others.

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- Look for full-time hair transplant surgeons who are certified by the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (ABHRS) and accepted by the International Alliance of Hair Restoration Surgeons (IAHRS).
- Look for a COVID-Protected Hair Transplant Facility that has made substantial investments toward keeping patients and their team safe.
- Due to the limited number of full-time, experienced ABHRS-certified hair restoration physicians worldwide, prospective patients should be prepared to travel and-or consult "virtually" via phone, Skype, Facetime, etc.
- Before choosing your doctor, visit the clinic, read reviews, ask for before-and-after pictures, and most importantly, ask questions about how to achieve your desired results and what should be done to maintain them.
- Ask for a referral from your primary care doctor or dermatologist to a full-time Hair Restoration Physician who is fully equipped and trained to diagnose, treat and track your hair loss process and achieve your hair restoration goals.

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## **WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICARE?**

Medicare is a sophisticated system, but maneuvering your way through the maze is the tricky part. You'll want to have the best coverage based on what your income will allow.

## **MEDICARE HAS SEVERAL PARTS:**

- Part A (hospital)
- Part B (physician & out-patient services)
- Part C (Medicare Advantage Plan)
- Part D (prescription drug coverage)

Because (Original) Medicare only covers approximately 80% of Part B expenses, most individuals will need to enroll in supplemental coverage to cover the cost associated with outpatient services. We understand that a total





approach to health and wellness may be different for each of our members. That's why we offer a choice of Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) for supporting your unique health ambitions.

Having the right amount of coverage is key to taking care of the whole you. That's why we offer Medicare Advantage plans that cover your doctors (Part B), hospitalization (Part A) and prescription drugs (Part D) in one simple plan – some with added benefits for dental, vision care and fitness. Medicare Advantage includes PPO & HMO plans, which have co-pays or deductibles instead of the 20% balance that Medicare does not cover. The benefits depend upon the plan you select.

A Medicare Supplement plan (sometimes called, MediGap) may help protect your savings and peace of mind. Aetna Medicare Supplement plans are designed to fill the coverage gaps left by Original Medicare and place a firm limit on how much you pay each year. One of the benefits of pairing a Medicare supplement insurance plan with Medicare is the flexibility. You can use any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare, and a network does not limit you. We have

several plan options in Palm Beach county for you to choose from, including plans with dental benefits such as fillings, crowns, dentures, implants, X-rays, cleanings and more.

If you do choose a Medicare Supplement, it is important to add an additional PDP to cover your Prescriptions. Medicare Supplement plans do not include prescription drug coverage.

Sometimes feeling your best requires the right combination of prescription drugs. Since Medicare has no coverage for Part D, Aetna Medicare has a range of PDPs to support your health ambitions. They include a 60,000-strong pharmacy network. And, with a broad list of covered drugs – changes are good yours are on it.

#### HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

At Aetna Medicare, we understand the more you learn the more you know. In fact, Aetna has a legacy of caring for the whole person, providing care, trust and access to Medicare coverage since 1966. And, Aetna representatives advocate for our members' best health by helping them get the most from their benefits, building trust and always providing a clear path to care.

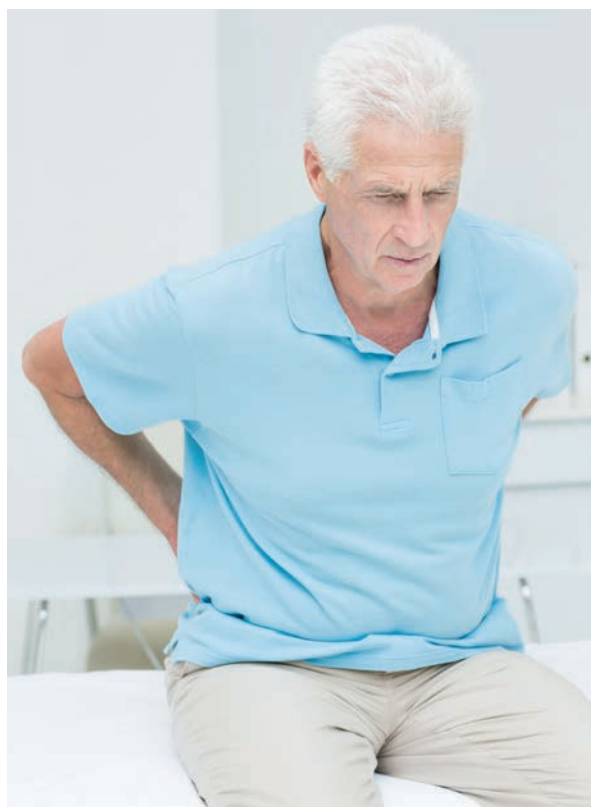


**Lisa Sachs**

Lisa Sachs is a licensed Field Sales Representative in Palm Beach County and has been a proud Aetna employee for ten years. She loves working with the senior community and is passionately dedicated to her clients. Lisa assists people with Medicare parts A and B, with enrollment in the HMO, PPO, POS and SNP (special needs plans for those with Medicaid) offered by Aetna. Her duties don't stop there though as she also specializes and assists members to see if they possibly qualify for additional government programs offered by the state of Florida such as Medicaid and the Extra Help program through Social Security. She believes in always being as available as possible and insists upon the highest level of customer service. "Sometimes just picking up your phone and sincerely showing that you care, is all someone might need at the moment", she says. "She makes a point to do just that by keeping her phone close to her at all times and even taking calls on weekends and holidays. "I feel the need to treat my clients the way I would want someone to treat my Mother or Father. Medicare can be a bit confusing and she prides herself on taking as much time as needed to fully explain the benefits of each plan and the enrollment process. For a phone or in house appointment Lisa can be reached at your convenience seven days a week at **(561) 818-4205**

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**N**eck (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

# FACET JOINT INJECTIONS FOR BACK PAIN



double 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 10 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.

Facet joint injections link the bones of the spine together in the posterior or back part of the spine. Two facet joints are in the present at each spinal segment. They are named after the spinal bones that they connect. Because there are two joints per level, there is a right and left joint. The facet joints are important in restricting the motion of the cervical and lumbar spine, but they also allow twisting, flexion, and extension motions.

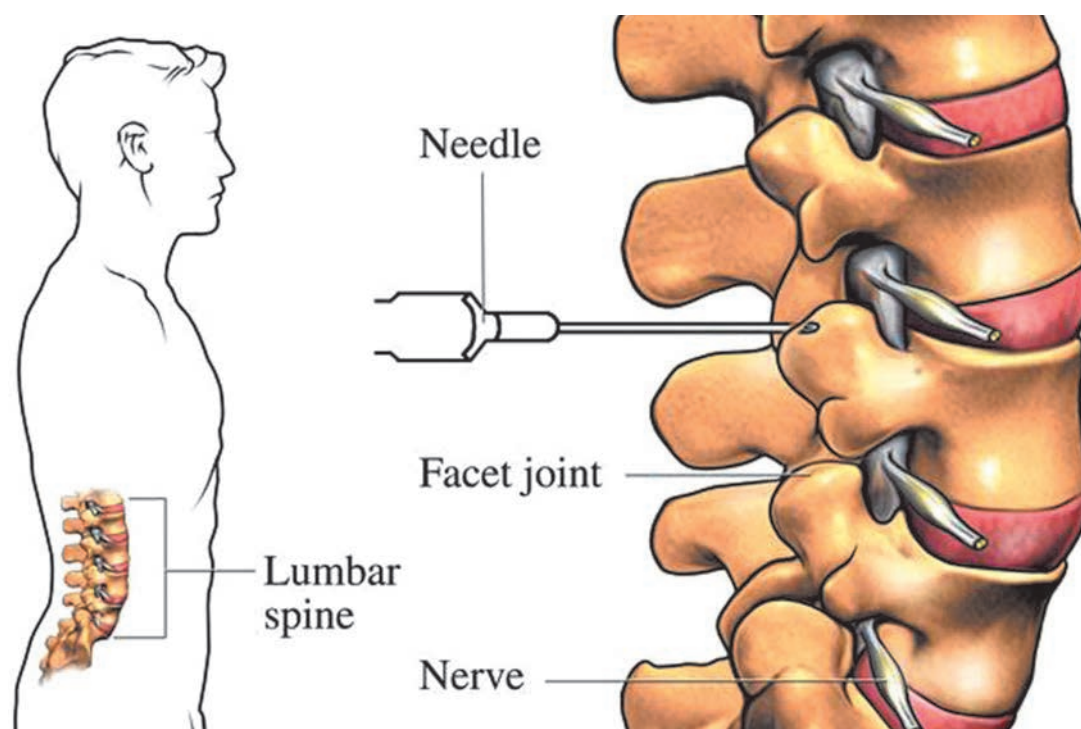
Facet joints are common sources of neck pain and lower back pain and also go under diagnosed and

under treated. Trauma and arthritic changes can cause the release of pain generating substances that sensitize nerve endings located in the joint. This is easily treatable.

For patients with facet joint pain from the lower back, complaints usually consist of pain or tenderness in the lower back slightly over to one or both sides, pain with lower back extension, pain with twisting, and radiation of pain to the buttocks or back or front of the thighs. Similar symptoms can be found in the mid back and neck with pain, headaches and shoulder discomfort.

A facet joint block involves the injection of a local anesthetic into or next to the joint itself. This is always done under fluoroscopic guidance so Dr. Rosenblatt can see exactly where the medication needs to be placed. A local corticosteroid is commonly administered as well to provide extended relief. This simple procedure, which takes less than 5 minutes to perform, is done to help diagnose where the pain is generated from and then to also treat the painful condition. Patients normally resume their usual activities immediately after this minimal procedure.

Dr. Rosenblatt explains, "This simple procedure to help people of all adult ages is extremely easy to perform and provide an immense amount of relief." In Dr. Rosenblatt's interventional pain management clinic in Delray Beach, FL, thousands of individuals have been able to benefit from this technique. 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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# PLANNING FOR THE INHERITANCE OF A DISABLED CHILD

How can you plan for the inheritance of a disabled child in order to preserve their ability to receive government benefits?

Do you have a disabled child who will be inheriting from your estate?

Does this disabled child receive government benefits?





Many families are not aware that once a disabled child (minor or adult), who is receiving government benefits, receives an inheritance all their government benefits will be stopped until the inheritance is spent down.

All parents worry about what will happen to their children after they die. Parents of adult children with a chronic disability have an additional concern: whether the child will have financial security.

Additionally, many families are not aware that with proper planning through a Third-Party Special Needs Trust the loss of government benefits can be avoided.

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# MD BEAUTY LABS INVESTS IN STATE-OF-THE-ART AESTHETIC DEVICES FOR THEIR PATIENT'S BEST OUTCOMES

WE ALL WANT TO LOOK AND FEEL OUR BEST, BUT SAVVY PATIENTS TODAY WANT TO AVOID COSMETIC SURGERY SINCE THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE NONINVASIVE PROCEDURES THAT ARE INCREDIBLY EFFECTIVE. THESE PROCEDURES OFFER IN-OFFICE TREATMENT AND MUCH LESS EXPENSIVE. MD BEAUTY LABS OFFERS GROUNDBREAKING TECHNOLOGY FOR THEIR PATIENTS THAT PROVIDES SURGICAL-LIKE RESULTS WITH NO INCISIONAL SCARS, LESS DOWNTIME, AND LONG-LASTING RESULTS.

In a recent study, led by Dr. Dayan, a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital, the effects of combined non-invasive aesthetic procedures were analyzed on various patient demographics to weigh the effectiveness on skin tightening.<sup>1</sup>

“The demand for minimally invasive solutions to avoid traditional operative treatment continues to increase. RF (radiofrequency) technology has emerged as an effective method to safely tighten skin and reduce underlying adipose tissue. As our armamentarium expands, we have the opportunity to treat large portions of the population who were previously considered premature or borderline candidates for excisional operations. In our experience, combination RF technology (RF microneedling and bipolar RF) advances and broadens our ability to achieve tissue retraction that does not reliably occur with other energy-based devices and liposuction alone.”<sup>1</sup>

INNMODE, a well-known medical device company that's the premier expert of combined RF technology, has been featured on news outlets and in print like The Doctors, Vogue, NBC, and EXTRA. MD Beauty Labs in West Palm offers only the most reliable and innovative procedures for their

patients. That's why MD Beauty Labs has INNMODE devices available in their two office-settings.

## WHAT ARE THESE ADVANCED PROCEDURES?

### BODYTITE (treats the body)

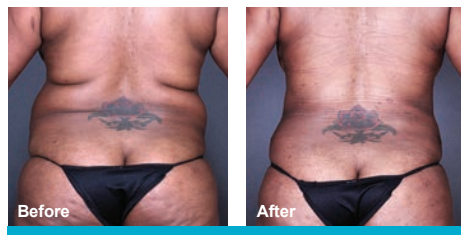
BodyTite is a minimally-invasive device for body contouring delivering results previously only achieved through excisional procedures. BodyTite is powered by directional RF, resulting in three-dimensional tissue remodeling through fat coagulation and volumetric heating. The coagulation of fat using RF-induced heat results in radio-frequency assisted lipolysis (RFAL).

Multiple areas can be treated in one visit such as stomach, arms, chest, knees and inner and outer thighs.<sup>2</sup>

### FACETITE (face and neck)

In just one treatment, FaceTite can provide significant improvements to the contour of the face and small body areas. Using RFAL technology, FaceTite is the next best thing to a traditional facelift, without the associated large scars and downtime. Any areas on the face and neck with saggy skin can be treated. This includes the double chin, jowls and other areas with deep lines and loose skin.<sup>2</sup>

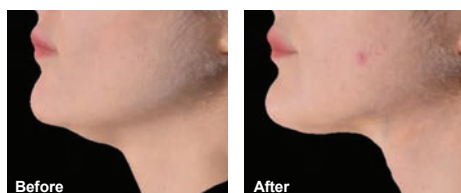
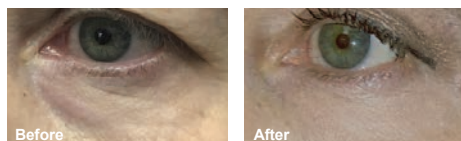




**BODYTITE**



**FACETITE**



**ACCUTITE**

### ACCUTITE (face, neck and smaller areas of the body)

AccuTite makes focal RF treatment without excisional surgery. AccuTite is based on RFAL technology delivering precision heating to remodel adipose tissue. It treats the brows, periorbital region, nasolabial fold, lower face, and neck. On the body, patients can receive AccuTite for the axilla, upper arms, abdomen etching, inner thighs, knees, and areas for women's health and wellness.<sup>2</sup>

### MORPHEUS8 (body contouring, face, and neck)

Morpheus8 is a novel technology that lets the operator discover new depths. It is the first and only full-body fractional technology adjusted for subdermal tissue remodeling, dermal treatment, and epidermal resurfacing. Morpheus8 is the deepest fractional technology with penetration up to 4000 microns.<sup>2</sup>

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Daniela Dadurian, M.D., specializes in anti-aging medicine, laser treatments, and cosmetic medicine. She's traveled the world to research the safest and latest technologies on the market to provide you with the best possible treatments and care.

Dr. Dadurian received her medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine and is board-certified in anti-aging and regenerative medicine, as well as laser surgery. Her expertise in anti-aging techniques and her passion for excellence are reflected in the attentive personal care she gives each patient.

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Daniela Dadurian, M.D. received her medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine. She is certified by the Board of Anti-Aging & Regenerative Medicine and the Board of Laser Surgery. Dr. Dadurian has also completed a fellowship in Stem Cell Therapy by the American Board of Anti-Aging Medicine. She is a member of the International Peptide Society, the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine and the Age Management Medicine Group. Dr. Dadurian is the medical director of several medical spa and wellness centers in palm beach county with locations in West Palm Beach and on the island of Palm Beach. She is a leading expert in anti-aging & aesthetic medicine. Her state-of-the-art facilities offer an array of anti-aging, functional medicine, cosmetic and laser therapies.

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# Cure Erectile Dysfunctions and Peyronie's RejuvaWAVE® Priapus Shot, Stem Cells, & Exosome and Low-T Treatments

**S**imply Men's Health, the # 1 ED clinic established in 2014, brings their World-Renowned RejuvaWAVE®, the Gold-Standard in WAVE therapy for ED, to Boca Raton.



**S**erving West Palm Beach, Boca Raton and Miami, Simply Men's Health is quickly grabbing attention as the leader in Men's Sexual Health and Regenerative Medicine for introducing the most advanced, cutting-edge treatments to CURE ED and Peyronie's Disease. Even when all else has failed, Simply Men's Health has over 90% success rate in restoring your sexual vitality.

Turn back the clock with Simply Men's Health, RejuvaWAVE® and RejuvaEnhancement™ Stem Cell Treatments. Men of all ages can enjoy a spontaneous, active sex life once again, as they did when they were much younger.

## Why Medicate When You Can CURE?

Simply Men's Health has revolutionized the standard of care by introducing and developing the ground breaking RejuvaWAVE® and RejuvaEnhancement™ Procedure to CURE ED and Peyronie's. Traditional ED Treatments such as the "blue pill" just offer a "band aid" approach to mask the condition, while the underlying disease and degenerative age-related erectile dysfunction continues to progress until eventually the pills stop working. Their exclusive, state-of-the-art RejuvaWAVE® (acoustic-pressure wave) combined with RejuvaEnhancement™ Procedure (stem cells) repairs damaged tissues and regenerates and



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grows new blood vessels helping to REVERSE and CURE the underlying cause of Erectile Dysfunction and Peyronie's.

**Simply Men's Health** is the leader in Men's Sexual Health and a pioneer in the field of regenerative medicine. Simply Men's Health was

the first to introduce Acoustic Pressure Wave therapy (shockwave) for erectile dysfunction (ED) in South Florida. And now Simply Men's Health is revolutionizing the field of men's sexual health by introducing the state-of-the-art RejuvaEnhancement® Procedure to help reverse the inevitable aging process and treat ED and Peyronie's Disease. Peyronie's is a build up of scar tissue in the penis that causes a curvature or bend in the erected penis. This disorder typically causes a great deal of pain during intercourse.

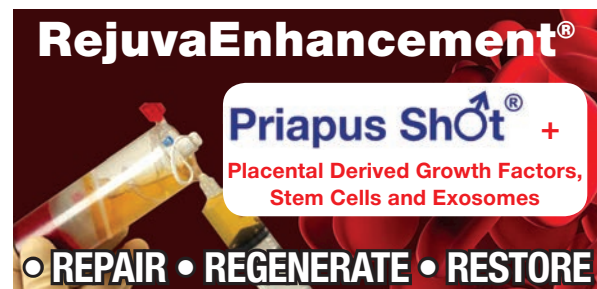
## Is RejuvaWAVE® Safe? Instead of Medicating – Cure with RejuvaWAVE®?

Yes RejuvaWAVE® is an FDA cleared technology, originally developed in Europe and used world-wide and has virtually no risk and no side effects. Although acoustic pressure wave technology has been used in Europe for almost 20 years, it is relatively new to the US for ED and Peyronie's. RejuvaWAVE® uses state-of-the-art, scientifically proven technology that uses Acoustic Pressure Waves to stimulate cellular metabolism, enhance blood circulation, and to stimulate tissue regeneration, which creates new blood vessels in treated areas. As the leader in men's sexual health, Simply Men's Health introduced their exclusive RejuvaWAVE® technology in 2015, and the results have been nothing short of amazing!



The RejuvaWAVE® is revolutionary, non-invasive, and HEALS THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF ED. Traditional treatments for ED, such as pills or injections, lose effectiveness over time and have to be used every time a man wants to engage in sexual activity. Our treatment is about regenerative medicine; helping men return to their younger healthier selves, and enabling a spontaneous, active sex life.

### RejuvaEnhancement™ Procedure: PRP, Stem Cells and Exosomes.



RejuvaWAVE® stimulates your body's own healing response and creates new blood vessels and regenerates tissue in the area treated. The RejuvaEnhancement™ Procedure combines the growth factors and stem cells from your own body along with cryogenically-preserved amniotic and umbilical growth factors, cytokines, stem cells and exosomes derived from human placental, amniotic and umbilical tissues which activate your own body's stem cells and regenerative capacity.

The RejuvaEnhancement™ Procedure works synergistically with and exponentially magnifies the regenerative and restorative effects of RejuvaWAVE® to restore one's sexual vitality and enabling one to enjoy a spontaneous and active sex life again. Also, this procedure can increase both the length and girth of the penis by up to one inch.

### Stem Cells Therapy Helps with Peyronie's and Erectile Dysfunction and potentiates the effectiveness of RejuvaWAVE®

Stem cells are the human body's master cells, with potential to grow into any one of the body's more than 200 cell types. They can replicate into more unspecialized stem cells, or they may react to the environment in which they are placed by receiving signals from that environment telling them which differentiation "pathway" to go down. Stem cells contribute to the body's ability to renew and repair its tissues.

### What are Amniotic and Umbilical Stem Cells?

Simply Men's Health uses stem cells, undifferentiated biological cells derived from the amniotic fluid, amniotic membranes and umbilical cord that can differentiate into various cell types that can help your body repair, regenerate and renew your health and vitality. These are derived from donated afterbirth from full term babies whose mothers have been thoroughly screened.

### What are Exosomes?

Exosomes are little vesicles that are released by stem cells that carry all the regenerative messages and actually impart the regenerative benefit. Exosomes are being described as the 'secret sauce' of stem cells. Exosome therapy is a very concentrated form which harnesses the highly potent natural regenerative capability from stem cells.

### Are Stem Cells and Exosomes Safe?

This cryogenically preserved amniotic and umbilical tissue has a "100-year history" with no reported recipient rejections since the amniotic tissue is immunoprivileged and does not express HLA type antibodies.

### How to Get Started?

At Simply Men's Health, we respect your time and privacy. You receive individualized care with our experienced staff of physicians. We pinpoint the exact cause of your sexual health and create a customized treatment plan. Almost everyone will experience a decline in sexual functioning. But with the advent of Regenerative medicine, Erectile Dysfunction is no longer an inevitable part of aging. Simply Men's Health's innovative approach of regenerative medicine can restore your sexual confidence and allow you to enjoy a Spontaneous and Active Sex life again!

## WHAT OUR PATIENTS ARE SAYING:

**Testimonial:** "I am celebrating my second anniversary since being treated at Simply Men's Health and I am maintaining the high level of performance I achieved with RejuvaWAVE® treatment. My spontaneity and stamina is back and my frustration and performance anxiety that goes along with it is gone. I am performing like I did decades ago. It's like magic! There are a lot of copycats out there, but Simply Men's Health was the first to provide this treatment and they are the best!" – Steve, Wellington

**Testimonial:** "I'm a 70 year old widow and have had ED for over twenty years. Unexpectedly, I met a wonderful lady and when we wanted to take our relationship to the next level, I couldn't perform. I came to Simply Men's Health and after several months I started to notice improvements... and after about six months ED is no longer a problem. I have sex regularly without any pills or needles." – Joseph, M

**Testimonial:** "I am in my 70's and have diabetes, high cholesterol, and had prostate removed for cancer several years ago. I had tried everything, and thought my sex life was over. I have been coming to Simply Men's Health for about six months, and the results have been amazing. They have restored my ability to enjoy a spontaneous sex life again. The RejuvaWAVE® and RejuvaEnhancement™ Stem cell procedures are remarkable. I feel like Superman." – E.M.

**Testimonial:** "I have chronic renal failure and diabetes and am on dialysis and suffer from chronic symptoms and knee pains. I had IV stem cells treatment and I noticed a difference right away in my wound healing and my knee pain was gone." – John M. **Testimonial:** "I have been suffering from degenerative arthritis and was getting steroid injections for knee pain which didn't help much or for long. Several months ago, I had stem cell injections for my knees. The procedure was quite painless and after a month or so I notice remarkable improvements. I can walk pain free." – John M.



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**F**or many of us, our pets are now family members. They love us unconditionally, all they ask is that we feed, house, and play with them. For many of us, we hope to outlive them, so that we know that they will be taken care of by the people who love them the most. Unfortunately, there will be many situations, where we may go first and there is no plan in place to make sure that they are taken care of.

This is especially harder for pets that are not puppies or kittens, they are easier to rehome, they are usually the first to be adopted. Once a pet gets older and those who are senior, typically do not get adopted and spend their time in cages or some cases even worse.

There is an organization called Susie's Senior Dogs, they try help senior dogs all over the US to get them rehomed. Some of these stories are heart breaking, some of these dogs are waiting years to find a new forever home.



## PLANNING FOR THE FURRY BABIES

### Making Plans For Your Pet After You are Gone

It's important to plan for the unexpected. Now is a good time to start making arrangements for your pet's care in the event you are no longer there to take care of them. Have you considered who will care for your pet if you get sick or injured?

#### HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PET'S FUTURE.

**Be Sure Someone Has Access to Your Home –** It may seem morbid, but if you live alone and you die or get hurt, your pet will be left alone. However, a trusted friend or family member who has your house key will be able to get into your home if they haven't heard from you in a while. On that note, talk to friends and family about what to do if they have not heard from you in a few days.

Unfortunately, you never know what can happen. "Watch My Video "Protecting Your Pet" to find out how you can get a free "My Pet Is Home Alone" emergency card.

**Talk to Family Members and Friends About your Wishes –** NEVER ASSUME THAT SOMEONE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR PET. Google Susie's Senior Dogs.

Find out who is willing to adopt your dog if you die or can no longer care for them. If you cannot find someone to make a commitment to keep your pet, see who might be willing to foster your dog until a home is found. As a precaution, it's a good idea to make a list of preferred rescue



organizations in your area where you would like your pet to go until a permanent home is found. Some of these organizations will work with you, when the situation arises. This will be helpful in case no friends or family members can take your pet. It's also a good idea to communicate with your vet about your wishes. You may want to add an authorized person to your pet's records so they can get access if needed in the future.

**Include Your Pet in Your Will –** It's important that you make a will that includes your pet. Be specific about who should take your dog. Ideally, make a list of several people in order of your preference, in case your first choice cannot take your pet.

**Setting up a Pet Trust or Pet Protection Agreement –** Your family lawyer can help you to set up this document, or you can use a online legal service like Legal Zoom.

Either one of these documents will officially name your pet guardian, if you do not specifically name them, it could be left to the court or a family member decision.

**Designate money for your pet's well-being –** Make sure your new caretaker can cover food, a vet and other expenses. This can be done with a cash fund, or many people will set up small Life Insurance Policies between \$1-5K to cover these expenses.

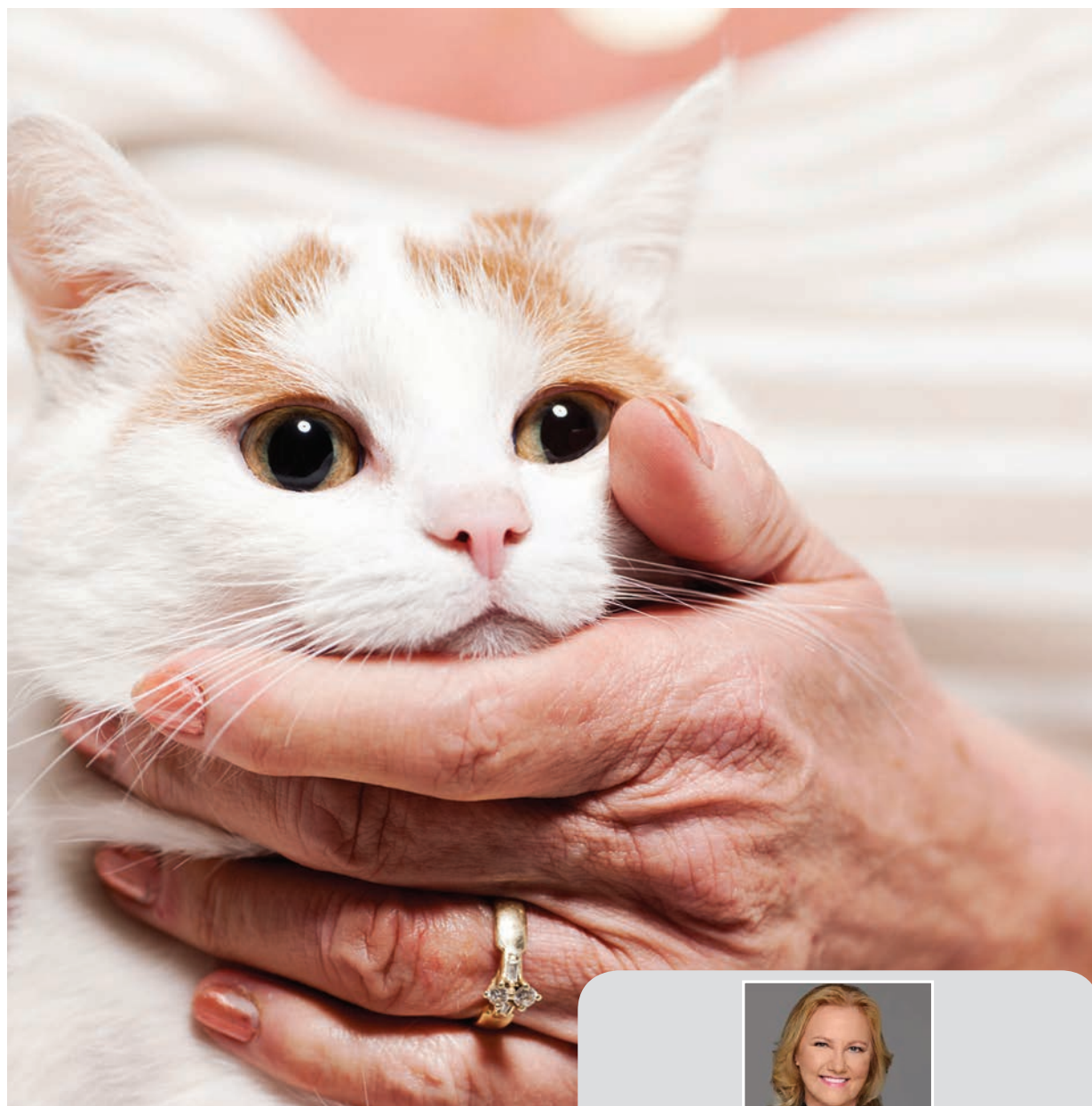
Though you can not directly leave money to your pet, you can designate someone to leave a small life insurance policy to care for your pet.

If you can create a trust to bequeath a life insurance policy too.

You can make arrangements with a pet rescue organization, who has a program in place to rehome your pet, and will insure that part of your donation goes to the care of your pet. They can be listed as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. Contact the organization and make your pre-need arrangements. If you can not find a local organization, check with your Vet or local SPCA office, they may be able to recommend someone one.

**Protects current and future pets –** Provide instructions for your current pets and any pets you may get later.

**When to consider a "PET TRUST" –** If you plan to leave a substantial amount of money for the care of pets or you think family members may dispute your wishes, then a formal pet trust can be a good option. However, a pet trust should be



created by an attorney who specializes in estate planning and has experience in pet issues

**Your Pet Veterinarian and Records –** Indicate which veterinarian has been caring for your pet. Keep your pet's health records accessible so the new owner will know your pet's medical history, including health issues, allergies, vaccinations, and more. Include notes about your pet's regular diet and training history. Provide any other details that you feel are important, such as your pet's personality traits, lifestyle preferences, and daily routine. Include any pre-arrangements that have been made for your pet. For example, did you already make arrangements to have your pet buried or cremated? Or, when your pet eventually passes away, do you want specific arrangements made? Perhaps you have asked to have your ashes scattered in your favorite place and you would like the same to be done with your pet's ashes when the time comes.



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# ANYONE CAN SUFFER FROM ANXIETY and DEPRESSION

## NEUROFEEDBACK CAN HELP

By Renee Chillcott, LMHC

It's human nature to seek out the reasons why we feel anxious or depressed. Very often we look at external factors for the root cause; the current pandemic, being unhappy in a job, unhappy with a living situation, or conflict with family or significant others tend to be our "go to". We may also look at our past experiences, upbringing, or past trauma, to explain this unrelenting uneasy feeling we have inside.

The truth is that anxiety and depression are patterns of neuron firing in the brain that can be present from birth and life situations can exacerbate it to the point of dysfunction. Brain neural patterns don't necessarily dictate how we will behave, however, trying to change the environment, situation or behavior won't alter the patterns. Therefore, you can't talk someone out of their anxiety or depression. Anxiety and depression are also not reserved for adulthood, both can cause dysfunction and issues in life regardless of age. Adults are unable to "change" their way out of these feelings and for children and young adults, you can't change their routines or discipline them from feeling anxious or depressed.

**In babies and infants, anxiety/depression neural patterns in the brain may present as:**

- Colic
- Fussiness
- Not a good sleeper
- Tantrums
- Sensitive

**As a child gets older into the toddler years it may present as:**

- Terrible two's, three's, and four's
- A spirited child
- Cranky, fussy, and not a good sleeper or napper
- Tantrums
- Picky or sensitive
- Difficulty with separation

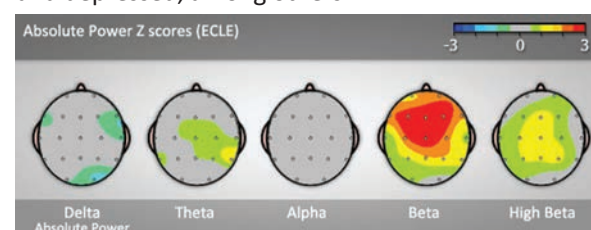
I know what you are thinking. These symptoms are normal for children this age. And you are correct; they are perfectly normal, developmental behaviors for infants and toddlers. This is why diagnosing anxiety or depression in young children is very difficult and not usually done unless symptoms are severe. In most

cases, symptoms manifest at an older age when they are abnormal for their stage of development. And even then, parents tend to want to attribute what they observe to behavioral, personality or social causes.

**"She didn't study for her test and that is why she's refusing to go to school today". "He's unmotivated to do anything except play video games and that is why his stomach hurts all of the time and he sleeps all day". "She just has too many activities scheduled and that's why she's overwhelmed". "He has too much homework and is up all night studying which explains why he doesn't sleep well".**

The reality of the situation is that neither your child's personality nor their hectic schedule is the culprit. It's their brain, or rather, the neural patterns in their brain, that is not allowing them to handle the workload at school, pressure with friends, feeling good, making good food choices, having a normal sleep schedule, and so on. And to make it even harder to diagnose or differentiate, these patterns can look different but produce the same results.

Here is an example of a brain pattern. Increased BETA and High BETA is located in the central and frontal lobes. This could cause overlapping depression and anxiety symptoms that range from OCD, anger control issues, irritability and impulsivity, poor judgement, excessive worrying, feelings of being overwhelmed and depressed, among others.



Very often, we contribute anxiety and depression to traumatic events. As in the case of PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). Therefore, it becomes difficult to recognize the early symptoms of anxiety in children who haven't experienced a traumatic event. However, as mentioned previously, these neuron firing patterns can be present from birth and may not have a root or cause in emotional or physical trauma. It's a pattern in the brain that they are born with.

**As a child reaches school age, anxiety may look like:**

- Worrying about performance, grades
- Worrying about parents or loved ones dying
- More separation anxiety
- Fear of getting sick (vomiting is most popular)
- Fear of getting sick at school
- Social anxiety, difficulty with friends
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Nightmares or unable to sleep/fall asleep alone
- Sleep walking, talking or restless sleep
- Fatigue
- Refusal to go to school or meltdowns when going to school
- Frequent trips to the clinic
- Vocal or motor tics
- Loss of appetite or poor diet
- Somatic symptoms such as stomachaches, headaches, diarrhea, or digestive problems
- Poor grades usually due to missing school or falling behind

**As they reach the teenage and adult years, the problem can become more apparent and more severe:**

- Continued worry and difficulty handling traumatic events
- Dropping out of extra-curricular activities
- More social interaction difficulties or isolation
- Depression, suicidal or homicidal ideations





- Poor choices when confronted with life decisions (drugs, alcohol, sex)
- Beginning to develop dysfunctional coping skills or self-medicating
- Poor school performance/ failing classes, suspensions or expulsions
- Poor conduct: lying, stealing, violence
- Onset of panic attacks
- Continued somatic symptoms and fluctuation in weight (gain/loss)
- Manifestation into other anxiety disorders such as: Obsessive-compulsive Disorder, Eating Disorders, Trichotillomania, PICA, Body Dysmorphic Disorders, Phobias, Panic Disorders, Addiction, Social Anxiety, Performance Anxiety, etc.

According to The Anxiety and Depression Association of America, “Anxiety and depression are treatable, but 80 percent of kids with a diagnosable anxiety disorder and 60 percent of kids with diagnosable depression are not getting treatment, according to the 2015 Child Mind Institute Children’s Mental Health Report.”

Many health professionals believe that anxiety and depression are a normal part of childhood and symptoms are not cause for alarm. They call it “ANGST”. Others believe that parenting and discipline need to be improved or implemented to treat the symptoms. In severe cases, medication is introduced as a treatment, but unfortunately, many children who suffer with symptoms, are medication resistant or not severe enough to medicate.

Adults can experience similar frustration when treating anxiety and depression with medication. The diagnosis is a broad one and there may be very different neuron patterns causing the anxious feelings. This can cause treatment to be somewhat of a guessing game. Others struggle with side effects and dependency.

**Neurofeedback can help.** Neurofeedback can not only help reduce the anxiety symptoms specific to you, but it can “retrain” the neural patterns in the brain so that anxiety is better managed or controlled throughout your life. Through Neuroplasticity, Neurofeedback becomes a permanent correction of the anxiety patterns in the brain.

### WHAT IS NEUROFEEDBACK?

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.

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. For example, when the EEG shows that you are making too many “slow” or “sleepy” waves (delta/theta) or too many “fast” waves (high beta), the therapist adjusts a reward band to encourage more balanced activity. This encouragement or “reward” happens through an auditory reinforcement of “beeps” and sometimes through visual reinforcement of changes on the screen.

### WHAT TYPES OF CONDITIONS DOES NEUROFEEDBACK HELP?

**Symptoms of these conditions, among others, can improve through neurofeedback training:**

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

### WHAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF IMPROVEMENTS I MAY SEE?

At our center, our goal is to teach you how to tune into your own functioning. With children, we also teach the parents how to look at overall functioning rather than piecing together events or moments. We help you open your mind to possibilities with Neurofeedback rather than give too many examples that confuse the process or feel like a placebo. Changes you may experience or observe after a session are indicative of a learning process that will lead to improved functioning.

**Examples of those positive changes may be:**

- Sleep patterns/quality of sleep
- Energy levels, calmer or more activated
- Ability to focus or concentrate
- Physical symptoms such as pain, headaches, migraines, tics, balance issues
- Mood or emotions
- Motivation and organization
- Feelings of Well Being
- Obsessive behaviors or thoughts
- Memory/cognitions
- Anxiety patterns or trauma patterns
- Coping
- Regulation
- Learning, communicating, and/or performance

### WHAT IS AQEEG (QUANTITATIVE EEG) OR BRAIN MAP?

The QEEG is a quantitative EEG. It’s also called a brain map and does just that...it gives us a map of what is

going on with the entire brain at one time. We attach electrodes to the whole head, 19 spots, and then record the brain waves with eyes open for 5 minutes and with eyes closed for 10 minutes. This recording is then sent to an independent specialist be read and analyzed. They are able to not only give us a summary of significant findings but the report also shows the results of analyzing the data several different ways. The brain activity is not only compared spot by spot over the entire head, but we can also look at connections, symmetry, how different parts are communicating and all of this data is compared to a database of peers (same sex, handedness and age). It can help us see what areas need to be addressed more efficiently than just training spot by spot.

We don’t always need this data to make improvements in symptoms but we do recommend it in certain situations. A QEEG can also be helpful information when diagnosing and/or trying to decide the best medication/supplement recommendations.

### IS THERE ENOUGH RESEARCH?

Neurofeedback has been researched since the 60’s. Here are some resources for research. We have several journal articles, studies and books in our office for you to enjoy, however because of the amount of information out there, we cannot possibly have everything. Here are a few resources.

#### Look up the work of:

Dr. Joe Kamiya and Dr. Barry Sterman (Credited for earliest development of Neurofeedback).

#### Look for specific researched conditions:

<https://www.eeginfo.com>

<https://www.isnr.org>

<http://www.eegspectrum.com>

#### Print Resources:

Journal of Neurotherapy

Neuroregulation

Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback

A Symphony in the Brain: The Evolution of the New Brain Wave Biofeedback (Curtain Up) Paperback – 31 May 2001 by *Jim Robbins*.

Healing Young Brains: The Neurofeedback Solution Paperback – 15 May 2009 by Robert W. Hill, *Eduardo Castro*.

### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Getting started is easy, just give us a call. The Brain and Wellness Center staff will answer all of your questions, and help you get scheduled. If you are wondering what services are best for you? We can help determine that at the time of the intake, in a telephone consultation, or you can schedule a face to face consultation and see our facility. Call, email or message us today! Brain and Wellness Center, 7301 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 102A, Boca Raton, FL 33433. **(561) 206-2706**, e-mail us at **info@bocabraincenter.com**, or text us at **(561) 206-2706** or visit our website at **www.BocaBrainCenter.com**.



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# GLAUCOMA IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF BLINDNESS

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**W**hen it comes to vision loss or visual changes, it's imperative that individuals see an ophthalmologist to receive a proper diagnosis and treatment as early as possible for the best outcome. As we age, the loss of sight can exacerbate many daily living requirements that we often take for granted. For example, safety, security, driving, financial organization, and medication management all require optimal eyesight. When the elderly lose vision, they are more susceptible to falling and breaking bones. This vision loss and risk factor association are known as visual disability, and it is one of the primary reasons that seniors have to leave their homes and enter into an assisted living facility or depend on caregivers.

## GLAUCOMA

Glaucoma is referred as a "Sneak thief of sight" because, unfortunately, there are minimal symptoms associated with the disease and the diminutive indicators can cause up to 40% of permanent vision loss before the person notices any vision changes. Millions of Americans are suffering from a dangerous eye disorder that can rob them of their sight, and nearly 1.5 million of them do not even know they have the condition. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness and can also affect the elderly (Age-Related Macular Degeneration is the leading cause). Glaucoma treatment consists of topical medication, different modalities of laser and incisional surgeries to relieve intraocular pressure.

**Chronic open angle glaucoma** is the most common type of glaucoma. Fluid is constantly flowing within the eye and with this type of glaucoma the fluid does not exit the eye normally and causes the pressure inside the eye to rise and damage sight. Untreated this can lead to blindness over time.

**Closed angle glaucoma** is a less common form of glaucoma where the eye pressure rises suddenly and must be treated immediately to prevent blindness. This form of glaucoma is frequently accompanied by severe pain and blurred vision. It is treated with eye drops followed by laser treatment, and on occasions, surgery, to lower the pressure and restore the normal flow of fluid in the eye.

**Narrow angle glaucoma** is similar to closed angle glaucoma but the pressure rise tends not to be sudden and can occur without symptoms. This condition is usually treated with a combination of laser and eye drops.

Not only is she a glaucoma fellowship trained physician, Dr. Barbour does performs MIGS, which means that she is a highly skilled and regularly performs 'micro-incision glaucoma surgery.' She is trained on the most relevant techniques to treat glaucoma. Dr. Barbour usually employs the use of the trabeculectomy, Ahmed Valve, xPress Tube shunt system or the Glaukos IStent when choosing options for your treatment.

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**If you or a loved one have any eye symptoms or are in need of your yearly eye exam, please schedule an appointment with an ophthalmologist immediately.**

Problems with sight, such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, retinal disorders, or melanoma, need to be addressed and treated as soon as possible. Although the treatment options for ocular melanoma are limited, if caught early on, a resection (removal) of the tumor is the standard of care.

A comprehensive dilated eye exam is critical for all patients. In high-risk patients, they may need the dilated exam several times per year. Don't delay! The first step is to schedule the examination because early diagnosis can reduce vision loss significantly.

To learn more about Clear Vue Eye Center and their eye health expertise, please visit,  
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# THE CORNEA

By David A. Goldman MD



**A**lthough 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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Dr. Goldman’s clinical practice encompasses medical, refractive, and non-refractive surgical diseases of the cornea, anterior segment, and lens. This includes, but is not limited to, corneal transplantation, microincisional cataract surgery, and LASIK. His research interests include advances in cataract and refractive technology, dry eye management, and internet applications of ophthalmology.

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# THE ARRIVAL

**D**o 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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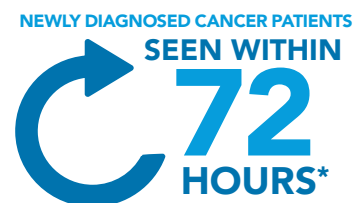
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