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Giving Thanks to Hair Restoration Advancements at Bauman Medical

by Alan J. Bauman, MD, ABHRS

Before we can carve into the turkey and crack open the cranberry sauce, we, of course, need to take a moment to talk about what we're thankful for. From friends and family to health and prosperity, November is the perfect reminder to appreciate all we have. Along with these staples of life, there's one more thing I'm thankful for — the advancements in hair restoration.

While not everyone's mind jumps to hair care before Thanksgiving dinner, I can't help but feel grateful for the progress that the Bauman Medical team continues to make in curbing hair loss. The idea of a thinned-out crown and receding hairline is slowly becoming an issue of the past, and we're not stopping anytime soon.

Having worked with many cases of hair loss, I know how thankful patients are to have a healthy, luscious scalp, especially as the winter months approach. Let's leave that wool cap at home and let a flowing mane keep you warm.

With how far we've come since the days of pluggy hair transplants, it feels only right to give a few of our treatment options at Bauman Medical a proper thank-you for the impact they've had on patients. This Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for:

FoLix

Our latest advancement, courtesy of the brilliant minds at Lumenis, FoLix, is a groundbreaking, FDA-cleared fractional laser treatment specifically designed to stimulate hair growth. While fresh on the scene, FoLix is quickly becoming a de facto choice for non-invasive non-chemical therapies targeted at middle-aged men and women experiencing mid-stage hair thinning.

A non-ablative laser, FoLix creates these microscopic thermal zones on your scalp that spark your body's



natural regenerative process. As a result, your dormant hair follicles are stimulated, leading to thicker and healthier hair growth. You hear lasers and think intense heat, but FoLix is applied gently with a specific cooling handpiece, allowing us to target the follicle-rich areas without damaging other portions of your scalp.

Don't let a thinned-out crown or noticeable scalp get you down. FoLix is the perfect option for those looking to combat hair loss without the potential drawbacks of other treatments. Whether that be invasive procedures or side effects from medication, FoLix is a safe treatment option that we all should be thankful for.

But FoLix is far from the only option that offers patients all the pros without the cons. We still have plenty to be thankful for here at Bauman Medical, such as these hair restoration staples.

Low-Level Laser Light Therapy Caps

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TED w/Exosomes

A trending buzzword in medicine, exosomes are becoming an integral part of regenerative hair restoration. But just how exactly do they work? Think about it like this. You have family all across the globe. Your parents are right down the street, and your cousins are on the West Coast. Yet, no matter how far you are from each other, you still find a way to communicate who's bringing what to Thanksgiving dinner.

Cells are located throughout our bodies, near and far. Yet, they're still able to communicate with one another. If we use phones to chat with relatives, our cells rely on exosomes to talk with one another, no matter where they are in the body. Exosomes contain nucleic acids, growth factors, and other proteins that are integral when it comes to hair restoration.



Before and 6 months after using the Bauman TURBO LaserCap.



Before and after FUE Hair Transplant by Dr. Alan Bauman

When we pair this with our TED TransEpidermal Delivery device, the exosomes get pushed through the skin in a comfortable, no-needle process. This aids in increased blood flow, stronger hair fibers, decreased shedding, and stimulated hair follicles, the results are bountiful. All done in a non-invasive procedure via sound waves and air pressure, you'll be thanking yourself for making the time for TED with Exosomes.

FUE Follicular Unit Extraction

While avoiding transplants is our goal, sometimes the best solution is to go back to basics. While the term "hair transplant" might send a shiver down your spine, Bauman Medical has made tremendous strides in a field once considered taboo. Gone are the days of painful, noticeable procedures; in their place are options like our clinic staple, natural and no-linear-scar FUE (follicular unit extraction).

What makes a procedure like FUE something to be thankful for is that it's catered to your needs. Hair loss isn't a one-size-fits-all issue. So why should our solutions be the same? With FUE, we offer patients a variety of options that eliminate the outdated, invasive strip-harvesting method.

Now, our team at Bauman Medical harvests individual hair follicles directly from the scalp with the help of our robotics and specialized mechanical instruments. If you're going to opt for a direct procedure, why not choose one that offers immense benefits without any pain or linear scar?

VIP|FUE™

While we believe all our patients deserve to be treated like VIPs, there's only one VIP|FUE™ procedure. We're thankful to take an already established treatment and further develop it into an undetectable hair transplant. That means no shaving, no trimming, and no staples or stitches. Like a kitchen cleaned after Thanksgiving dinner, it's like our team wasn't even there.

TrichoTest

Wouldn't it be nice to know how you're likely to respond to one treatment or another? A great option is TrichoTest, a genetic test with a simple quick cheek swab analysis that provides us with a look at your metabolic pathways related to hair loss and treatments. These pathways are thoroughly examined, providing us with insights into the factors influencing your hair loss and how you'll respond to your specific treatment plan. Combined with our expertise and sophisticated customized therapies, our team will be able to find the perfect course for your hair restoration journey.

HairMetrix

I'm sure the topic of AI will be present at Thanksgiving dinner this year. With the rise of artificial intelligence, it makes sense for Bauman Medical to stay up to date and leverage this technology to improve our diagnostic evaluations and tracking. The result of this is HairMetrix, which uses an advanced AI-powered algorithm to analyze microscopic scalp photos to provide precise data on hair quality and quantity. Thanks to HairMetrix, our team can confirm the diagnosis and create a treatment plan tailored to your specific needs. Along the way, we'll monitor how your scalp responds to treatment, allowing us to adapt when needed to achieve the best possible results.

HairCheck

While it's one thing to check your hair in the mirror before guests arrive, it's quite another to use our HairCheck device. With this tool, we can determine our patients' exact hair volume more quickly and efficiently than ever before. The importance of these standardized noninvasive hair bundle measurements cannot be thanked enough, as they provide our experts with comparisons between affected areas and more permanent zones. Hair restoration takes time, which makes HairCheck an effective way to see how your treatment is working across your scalp well before results begin to show.

Learn More

While the many treatment plans and diagnostic tools offered at Bauman Medical are integral to helping with hair loss, they would be just tools without the fantastic team at our clinic. I am thankful to work with an amazing group of specialists dedicated to providing patients with life-changing procedures. And to those who choose Bauman Medical for their hair loss journey, I want to thank you for trusting us in this chapter of life. Call 561-220-3480 or point your camera at the QR code below to schedule a private one-on-one in-person or virtual evaluation at www.baumanmedical.com.



About Dr. Alan J. Bauman



Alan J. Bauman, MD, ABHRS, IAHR Hair Loss Expert

With over 28 years of specialization in hair restoration, he offers an impressive array of state-of-the-art technologies, including proprietary hair restoration procedures, low-level laser light therapy, customized hair growth medications, supplements, and other modalities that produce excellent results. Thanks to his many tools, you may not even need a transplant!

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As one of approximately 250 physicians worldwide to achieve board certification from the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (ABHRS), Dr. Bauman has treated over 35,000 patients. He's also a pioneer in numerous technologies in the field of hair restoration, both for diagnostics and treatment.

In recognition of his expertise, Dr. Bauman was voted "#1 Top Hair Restoration Surgeon" in North America by Aesthetic Everything for the 9th consecutive year, "Top Hair Restoration Surgeon of the Decade", and received the 2022 "Lifetime Achievement Award in Hair Restoration."

Forbes magazine recognized him as one of "10 CEOs Transforming Healthcare in America" for bringing restorative hair treatment into the mainstream and pioneering robotic technologies.

Dr. Bauman is a sought-after guest expert at international scientific meetings and live surgery workshops, and a frequent expert source on national news and educational shows.



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SUGAR, ENERGY, AND CANCER: SEPARATING FACT FROM MYTH

Many people, and especially those diagnosed with cancer, preemptively eliminate sugar from their diets, because of the widely held belief that “sugar feeds cancer” or “cancer loves sugar.”

The hope is that by not eating sugar, they can stop cancer from growing and spreading. The truth is more complicated. There is no evidence that dietary sugar directly fuels cancer growth or that eliminating sugar can slow cancer growth.

Every cell in the body uses sugar (glucose) as fuel. Even in the absence of a dietary source, our bodies make glucose from other molecules through the process of gluconeogenesis.

Cancer cells process energy differently from healthy cells and do so less efficiently. Cancer cells use much more sugar to generate energy because they grow and divide much faster than normal cells.

Why carbohydrates matter

Nutrition provides essential support, but it cannot target cancer cells. Yet that idea can lead some people to avoid all foods that contain carbohydrates, including some proven cancer-fighting foods, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes.

Preventing muscle loss is the top nutrition-related priority for those being treated for cancer. There is ample evidence that people who maintain muscle mass during treatment have fewer treatment delays and better quality of life during therapy. If someone is having trouble getting enough basic nutrition, adding unnecessary diet rules only makes it harder.

For people without major health issues and for those who have completed cancer treatment, the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) recommends a plant-based diet and reducing sugary drinks and foods with added sugar.

In fact, a plant-based diet is generally highly recommended for overall health. Limiting sugar intake can help maintain a healthy weight, which may reduce the risk of several types of cancer.

Excess body weight raises the risk of at least 12 types of cancer, including breast, prostate, colorectal, kidney, liver, pancreatic, uterine, and ovarian cancers. There is also an increased risk of certain cancers for people with Type 2 diabetes, though it's unclear if this is a direct link or because diabetes and cancer share risk factors, such as obesity.

All carbohydrates eventually break down to glucose, but not all carbohydrates are created equal.

When we eat carbohydrates, our GI tract breaks them down to monosaccharides (the simplest form of sugar, which cannot be broken down further). Glucose is the main monosaccharide. When glucose enters the bloodstream, our bodies respond by releasing insulin, which allows the glucose into the cell to use as energy.

Common themes for healthy lifestyle recommendations include the following:

- Eat more plant foods.
- When you choose animal products, go with leaner and lower fat choices.
- Avoid highly processed foods.
- Avoid foods and drinks with added sugar.
- Limit or avoid alcohol.
- Be physically active.

The New American Plate



The New American Plate is a visual representation of the diet recommendations from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Simple carbohydrates, including added sugar and refined grains, convert quickly to glucose, which leads to a surge of insulin. This, in turn, can cause blood sugar to fall rapidly. When we eat more complex carbohydrates, such as those that include fiber, it takes longer to break down to glucose. This results in a slower release of glucose and insulin into the blood. Complex carbs keep us feeling full longer, which can help prevent overeating.

Moderation & Balance

When we look at recommendations for heart health, diabetes prevention and management, and cancer prevention and survivorship, a common theme emerges. They all emphasize the importance of eating more complex carbohydrates (whole grains, legumes, vegetables, and fruit) and fewer simple carbohydrates.

This consensus is great news.

Just remember that limiting sugar, including honey and maple syrup, is a great habit for long-term health. Overall patterns are more important than isolated occasions. The occasional treat will not negate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

The relationship between sugar and cancer is a topic riddled with misinformation and one that provokes anxiety for us all, especially for cancer patients and their loved ones. As is often the case, the key is moderation and balance.

During the holiday season, sugar often takes center stage—not just in desserts and festive treats but also in everyday meals and drinks. While indulgence is part of the celebration, overconsumption of sugar can affect energy levels, mood, and long-term health, making it a top-of-mind consideration for many. Being aware of sugar intake and finding balance—such as enjoying treats mindfully or choosing lower-sugar alternatives—can help you celebrate the season without compromising overall well-being.

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PROSTATE ARTERY EMBOLIZATION: A Minimally Invasive Breakthrough in the Treatment of BPH (Enlarged Prostate)

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Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH), a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland, affects approximately 50% of men over age 50 and up to 90% over age 80. The resultant lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS)—including urinary frequency, urgency, nocturia, weak stream, and incomplete bladder emptying or Urinary Retention — can significantly diminish quality of life. Traditionally, management options have included pharmacotherapy and surgical interventions such as transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP). However, for many patients, particularly those with comorbidities or aversion to surgical risks, Prostate Artery Embolization (PAE) has emerged as a safe, effective, and durable minimally invasive alternative.

What is PAE?

Prostate Artery Embolization is a catheter-based endovascular procedure performed under conscious sedation. It involves selective catheterization of the arteries supplying the prostate followed by embolization—controlled blockage—of these vessels using calibrated microspheres. The occlusion reduces blood flow, inducing ischemia in hyperplastic prostatic tissue. Over time, this leads to volume reduction and symptomatic improvement.

Patient Selection and Pre-Procedural Considerations

Optimal candidates are typically men with moderate to severe LUTS due to BPH who wish to preserve their ejaculation, sexual function or prefer a minimally invasive option. PAE is a size independent option — it serves patients with both moderate (<80cc) and large prostates (>80 cc), where traditional surgery carries higher complication risks and options are limited.

Evaluation includes detailed urologic history, physical examination, International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS) assessment, Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) level and imaging—most commonly a pelvic MRI or ultrasound—to evaluate the health of prostate and bladder. A collaborative approach with urologists ensures comprehensive care and proper diagnosis.

The PAE Procedure

PAE begins with percutaneous arterial access—usually via the femoral artery (groin access) using image-guided fluoroscopy. Through a microcatheter, the interventional radiologist navigates into the prostatic arteries bilaterally. Embolic microspheres (typically 300–500 µm in size) are then injected until stasis is achieved.

Technical challenges include arterial tortuosity and variability in pelvic vascular anatomy. However, advancements in microcatheter technology, experienced operators and imaging have improved success rates. In the hands of experienced operators like those at Naples Prostate Center®, bilateral embolization is achievable in over 97% of cases.

Clinical Outcomes and Efficacy

A Cochrane review comparing PAE to TURP based on up to 24 months' follow-up, showed that PAE and TURP may work similarly well in helping to relieve symptoms. Men's quality of life may be also improved similarly.

Long-term outcomes of PAE are favorable. Our study of 1075 PAE patients – the largest in the US – published in the prestigious, *Peer-Reviewed Journal* – showed sustained symptom relief at three to five years post-PAE in over 84% of patients. Importantly, PAE preserves sexual function—an often under-recognized concern with surgical options like TURP or laser ablation, which carry risks of retrograde ejaculation and erectile dysfunction.

This article can be accessed at:



Prostatic Artery Embolization: Mid-to Long-Term Outcomes in 1,075 Patients - Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Safety Profile and Complications

PAE has a strong safety profile. Minor complications, such as transient urinary discomfort, and bladder spasms typically resolve within few days and are managed by over the counter medications. Major complications are rare (<1%), especially in experienced hands. The non-surgical nature of the procedure allows it to be performed without need for anesthesia, avoiding systemic risks. This safety profile, minimally invasive nature and preservation of sexual function make PAE a preferred option for most men.

Advantages of PAE in the Modern Therapeutic Landscape

In the context of modern value-based care, PAE stands out for several reasons:

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- 2. Outpatient Procedure** – Typically performed in under an hour, with same-day discharge.
- 3. Lower Risk Profile** – Reduced risk of bleeding, infection, or incontinence.

- 4. Preservation of Sexual Function** – A significant factor for many men.

- 5. Durability of Results** – Sustained symptom improvement with a low reintervention rate.

Conclusion: With personal experience of over 1800 PAE procedures, I am an advocate for patient-centred, minimally invasive therapies, I have witnessed first-hand the transformative impact PAE can have on patients suffering from BPH. For residents of South Palm Beach county, access to this advanced treatment offers new hope—particularly for those seeking alternatives to traditional surgery.

While no treatment is universally appropriate, PAE provides a compelling option in the evolving algorithm for BPH management. We ensure that patients receive the most appropriate and individualized care.

About the Author:

Shivank Bhatia, M.D. FSIR, is a board-certified interventional radiologist and founder of Florida Prostate Centers. He served as Chariman and Professor of Interventional Radiology at UHealth - University of Miami Health System from 2019 - March 2025.

Dr. Shivank Bhatia is an internationally renowned for his expertise in minimally invasive image-guided therapies that can treat various common medical conditions. Dr. Bhatia's career highlights include:

- Performed over 1800 PAE procedures – one of the largest in United States
- Pioneered prostate artery embolization in the U.S.
- Served as a PI on 3 clinical trials related to PAE
- Published the largest series of 1075 PAE patients to date in U.S
- Led an FDA approved Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) study for investigating the effects of GAE (Geniculate Artery Embolization) for knee osteoarthritis.
- Awarded Fellow of Society of Interventional Radiology, January 2020
- Delivered more than 100 invited lectures and published dozens of scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals on the topic of interventional radiology
- Trained more than 400 physicians on techniques related to prostate artery embolization

With a strong background in radiology and advanced training in interventional techniques, Dr. Bhatia has dedicated his career to improving patient outcomes through innovative approaches. Dr. Bhatia has contributed significantly to advancing literature supporting the adoption of PAE as a standard of care for BPH (enlarged prostate).

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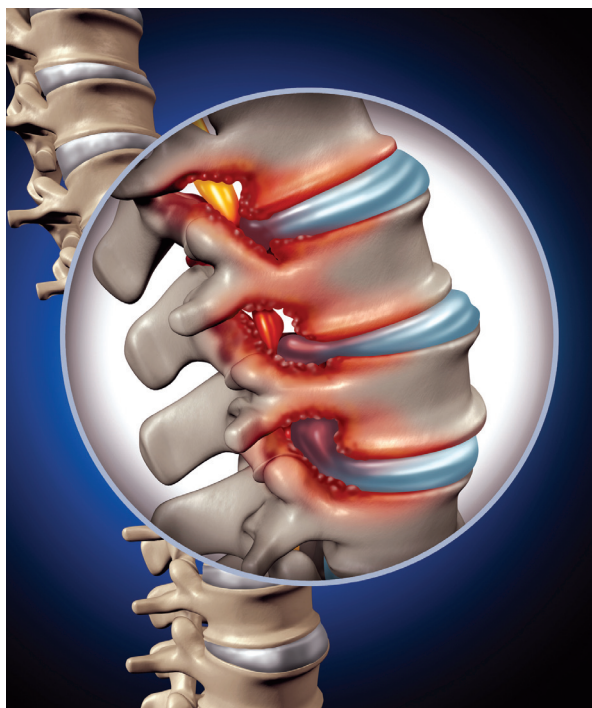
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In an era where age-related lumbar spinal stenosis has reached epidemic proportions, a revolutionary treatment is offering hope to those suffering from this debilitating condition. J. A Costello, DC, DABCO is one of South Florida's leading experts in laser therapy, is bringing this groundbreaking treatment directly to patients' homes in Palm Beach County.

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As our population ages, lumbar spinal stenosis—caused by soft tissue and disc degeneration—has become increasingly prevalent. The condition creates unrelenting pain in the legs, buttocks, thighs, and along the sciatic nerves, often leading to immobilization. While many patients are routinely directed toward invasive surgical solutions, Dr. Costello offers a safer, more effective alternative.

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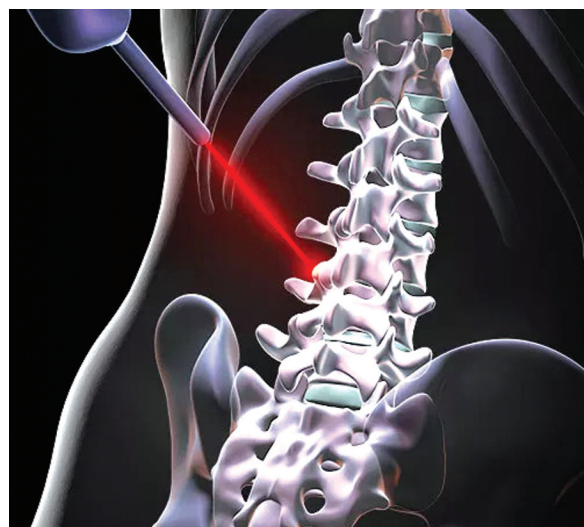
Dr. Costello brings over four decades of specialized experience to every treatment. As a board-certified chiropractic orthopedist trained by experts from the Texas Back Institute, he has developed exclusive proprietary treatment protocols unavailable anywhere else in the world. His unique combination of orthopedic expertise and advanced laser technology has attracted patients from across the globe.

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"Our treatment protocols actually heal human tissue," explains Dr. Costello. "They can achieve results when other treatments fail." This approach represents a significant advancement over traditional treatments, offering hope to those who have been disappointed by conventional medical approaches or are seeking to avoid invasive surgery.

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CONCLUSION

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TRUSTED HOMECARE AGENCY:

Serving Veterans with Free Supplemental Home Healthcare

When it comes to healthcare, veterans deserve the best care possible. For veterans seeking in-home healthcare services, there is a valuable resource available to them through the Trusted Homecare Agency. This trusted organization specializes in providing free home healthcare options to veterans, offering a range of services that cater to their unique needs. **Did you know there is a program available to veterans which offers up to 21 hours per week of home healthcare for free?** These include a range of home healthcare services including:

SKILLED NURSING CARE:

Trusted Homecare Agency offers skilled nursing care to veterans who require medical attention within the comfort of their own homes. This includes wound care, medication management, and assistance with chronic conditions. Skilled nurses are highly trained and experienced in dealing with veterans' specific health concerns, providing personalized care that ensures their well-being.

BENEFITS:

- Reduced hospitalization: Skilled nursing care can help prevent unnecessary hospitalizations by providing timely and effective medical interventions.
- Enhanced comfort and convenience: Veterans can receive medical care without the need to travel to a healthcare facility, ensuring greater comfort and less stress.

HOME HEALTH AIDES:

Veterans can also benefit from the assistance of home health aides provided by Trusted Homecare Agency. These caregivers help with activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and light housekeeping. Home health aides offer companionship and emotional support to veterans, ensuring they maintain a good quality of life.

BENEFITS:

- Improved quality of life: Veterans can maintain their independence and dignity while receiving essential assistance with daily tasks.
- Reduced caregiver burden: Family members of veterans can find relief knowing their loved ones are in capable hands.

PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:

Trusted Homecare Agency offers veterans access to physical and occupational therapy services within the confines of their homes. These therapies are designed to help veterans regain mobility, strength, and independence, especially after injuries or surgeries.

BENEFITS:

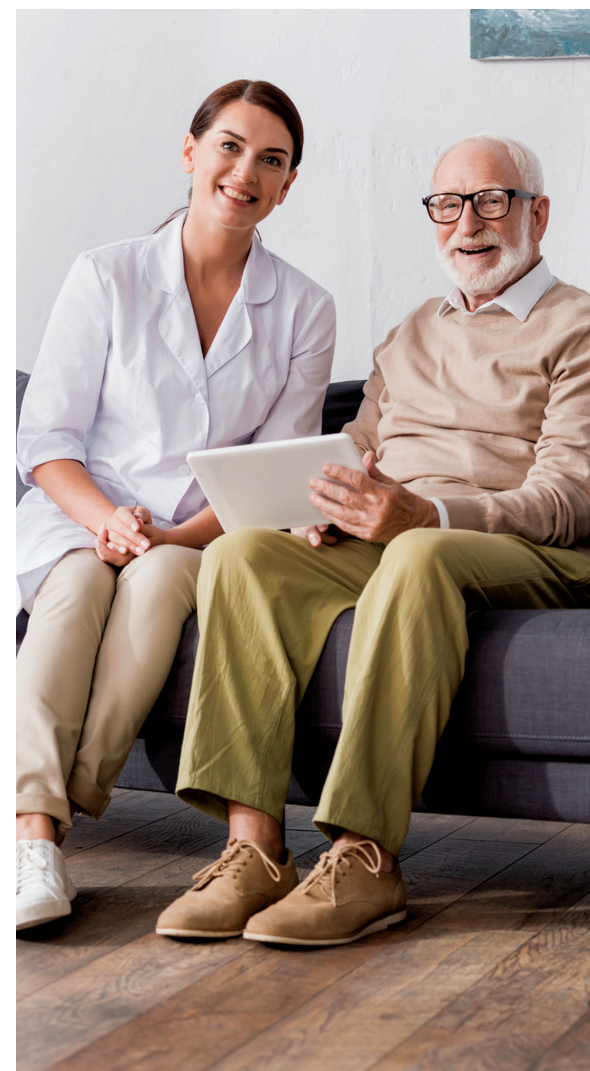
- Personalized rehabilitation: Veterans receive one-on-one therapy sessions tailored to their specific needs and goals.
- Faster recovery: In-home therapy can often lead to quicker rehabilitation, reducing the need for extended hospital stays or facility-based care.

PALLIATIVE CARE:

For veterans facing serious illnesses or end-of-life care, Trusted Homecare Agency provides palliative care services. This specialized care focuses on improving the quality of life by addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual.

BENEFITS:

- Enhanced comfort: Veterans can experience symptom relief and pain management, making their final days more comfortable.
- Emotional and spiritual support: Palliative care offers emotional and spiritual assistance, ensuring that veterans and their families find solace during challenging times.



Trusted Homecare Agency is dedicated to serving veterans by providing them with a range of free in-home healthcare options. These services not only cater to veterans' unique healthcare needs but also offer numerous benefits, including improved comfort, reduced hospitalization, and enhanced quality of life. With a team of skilled nurses, home health aides, and therapy professionals, veterans can receive the care they deserve without leaving their homes.

Trusted Homecare Agency's commitment to the well-being of veterans ensures that they receive the care and support they need to maintain their independence, improve their health, and live fulfilling lives. By availing themselves of these free in-home healthcare services, veterans can rest assured that their healthcare needs are in capable and caring hands, helping them lead healthier, happier lives.

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UNLOCKING SUCCESS IN REGENERATIVE MEDICINE:

The Critical Role of Ultrasound Guidance in Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) Treatments

Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) therapy has become a game-changer in regenerative medicine, offering a natural, non-invasive treatment option to accelerate healing and reduce pain for various musculoskeletal conditions. However, the success of PRP treatments heavily relies on one crucial factor: precision. Enter ultrasound guidance—an advanced imaging technique that enhances the accuracy, safety, and efficacy of PRP treatments. Here's why integrating ultrasound guidance into PRP therapy is not just a luxury but a necessity.

The Foundation of PRP Therapy

PRP therapy works by harnessing the body's healing potential. A sample of the patient's blood is processed to concentrate platelets, which are rich in growth factors and can recognize damaged tissue. These growth factors stimulate tissue repair and enhance recovery, showing benefits in pain and function in conditions such as knee arthritis, rotator cuff tears, as well as the spinal pain conditions.

However, the effectiveness of PRP depends on delivering the concentrated platelets precisely to the injured area. This is where ultrasound guidance comes into play.

The Challenge of Blind Injections

Traditionally, injections were administered using palpation techniques or anatomical landmarks, often referred to as "blind injections." While experienced practitioners can achieve decent results with this method, it leaves much to chance, particularly when targeting deep or hard-to-locate structures.

Blind injections pose several risks, including:

- **Inaccurate Delivery:** Without visual confirmation, the PRP may miss the intended target, diluting its therapeutic potential.
- **Increased Pain:** Misplaced injections can cause unnecessary pain or discomfort for the patient.
- **Complications:** Inadvertently injecting nearby structures such as nerves

Given these limitations, a precise approach is imperative to maximize the benefits of PRP therapy.

Ultrasound Guidance: Redefining Precision

Ultrasound guidance transforms PRP treatments into a precise, visualized procedure. Using real-time imaging, clinicians can visualize the target tissue, surrounding structures, and the needle's trajectory. This approach significantly enhances the accuracy of PRP delivery, ensuring optimal results.

Key Advantages of Ultrasound Guidance

- **Enhanced Accuracy** With ultrasound, clinicians can locate the exact site of injury or degeneration, whether it's a small tendon tear or a specific joint capsule. This ensures that the PRP is deposited precisely where it is needed, maximizing its effects.



- **Improved Safety** Real-time imaging allows practitioners to avoid critical structures such as nerves, arteries, and veins, minimizing the risk of complications. This is especially crucial for delicate areas like the spine or wrist.
- **Better Outcomes** By ensuring accurate delivery of PRP, ultrasound guidance enhances the treatment's effectiveness. Studies show that image-guided injections consistently outperform blind injections in terms of pain relief, functional improvement, and patient satisfaction.
- **Reduced Patient Discomfort** Precise needle placement reduces the number of attempts and tissue trauma, making the procedure more comfortable for the patient. This also contributes to quicker recovery times.
- **Customization and Flexibility** Ultrasound enables real-time adjustments during the procedure. Doctors can assess tissue response and modify their approach as needed, tailoring the treatment to each patient's unique anatomy and condition.

Clinical Applications of Ultrasound-Guided PRP Treatments

The versatility of ultrasound guidance makes it applicable across a wide range of conditions, including:

- **Tendon Injuries:** Conditions like tennis elbow, Achilles tendinitis, and rotator cuff injuries benefit from precise PRP delivery to the damaged tendon fibers.
- **Joint Osteoarthritis:** Injections into the joint space, such as the knee or hip, are more effective when guided by ultrasound, ensuring accurate placement within the joint capsule.
- **Ligament Tears:** Partial ligament tears, such as those in the ankle or knee, require targeted PRP delivery to stimulate repair and strengthen the structure.
- **Muscle Tears:** Ultrasound helps identify the exact location of muscle damage, allowing plasma to be injected directly into the affected area.

- **Nerve Entrapments:** In complex cases like carpal tunnel syndrome, ultrasound ensures that PRP is delivered precisely to the area of nerve compression.

Patient Experience and Confidence

For patients, the use of ultrasound guidance provides an added layer of confidence. Seeing the real-time imaging during the procedure reassures them that the treatment is both precise and personalized. Moreover, the reduced discomfort and improved outcomes associated with ultrasound-guided injections enhance overall patient satisfaction.

The Evidence Speaks for Itself

Scientific studies consistently highlight the superiority of ultrasound-guided injections over blind techniques. For instance:

- A study published in *The American Journal of Sports Medicine* found that ultrasound-guided PRP injections for rotator cuff tendinopathy resulted in significantly better pain relief and functional improvement compared to blind injections.
- Research in *Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic & Related Surgery* demonstrated that ultrasound guidance improved the accuracy of intra-articular injections by up to 95%.

These findings underscore the importance of ultrasound as an indispensable tool in PRP therapy.

Conclusion: A Gold Standard in PRP Therapy

Ultrasound guidance has revolutionized the way PRP injections are performed, setting a new standard in regenerative medicine. Its ability to enhance accuracy, safety, and patient outcomes makes it an essential component of modern PRP therapy.

If you're considering PRP therapy, ensure that your provider is an expert in the use of ultrasound guidance—it's the key to unlocking the full potential of regenerative medicine. Your health deserves nothing less than precision, safety, and success.



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A Guiding Hand:

Finding Compassion & Clarity in Life's Toughest Moments



In life's most difficult moments, finding a source of strength and guidance is paramount. For many families in South Florida, that source has been Sinai Memorial Chapel in Delray Beach. More than just a funeral home, Sinai has built a reputation as a compassionate partner, dedicated to easing the immense burden that comes with losing a loved one. Their approach is rooted in a simple, yet profound, understanding: that personal care and clear communication can bring profound comfort during a time of grief.

From the first phone call, the team at Sinai Memorial Chapel focuses on listening. They understand that every family and every individual is unique. There is no one-size-fits-all script. Instead, they begin by learning about the person who has passed—their story, their personality, their legacy. This personable approach transforms the necessary tasks of funeral planning from a cold, administrative process into a meaningful act of tribute.

The process itself is handled with meticulous care and respect. The dedicated staff at Sinai walks alongside the family through every single step. This includes helping to arrange all details of the service, whether it be a traditional funeral, a memorial service, or a more contemporary celebration of

life. They assist with the careful preparation of the deceased, coordinate with cemeteries, and handle the myriad of logistical details, from securing official death certificates to arranging for transportation. Their expertise ensures that every element is executed with dignity, allowing the family the space to focus on healing and remembrance.

Sinai's deep familiarity with both state and federal regulations regarding burial and preparation also provides families with an invaluable sense of security. In a landscape that can seem filled with complex legal requirements, their guidance ensures that everything is handled correctly and respectfully, removing a significant layer of stress. At its heart, Sinai Memorial Chapel embodies the principle of being a true guide. They provide not just a service, but a supportive presence, ensuring that a family's final farewell is a loving, personalized, and peaceful experience.

Steven R. Fischman, is a licensed funeral director & embalmer, manages the funeral home and has been serving the Jewish community for fifty years. His son Robert manages operations. If you have questions about the funeral process, or need clarity on government requirements for burial, the caring team at Sinai Memorial Chapel is here to help. Please do not hesitate to call them with your inquiries.



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UNLOCKING INNER PEACE:

The Revolutionary EXOMind Therapy at ThinWorks Offers a Drug-Free Path to Mental Wellness

In the serene setting of Palm Beach Gardens, a quiet revolution is unfolding in the realm of mental health. For the millions who grapple with the heavy fog of depression, the relentless grip of anxiety, or the frustrating cycle of impulsivity and binge eating, the search for relief can feel like an endless journey. Now, ThinWorks, a leader in innovative wellness solutions, is pioneering a transformative approach that bypasses pharmaceuticals altogether: EXOMind Therapy. This groundbreaking treatment is redefining what's possible for mental and emotional healing, offering profound results through a process that is as gentle as it is powerful.

EXOMind Therapy represents a significant leap forward in neuromodulation—the practice of gently guiding brain activity toward healthier patterns. Unlike treatments that merely manage symptoms, EXOMind targets a key region of the brain implicated in mood regulation and executive function: the left dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC). When this area is underactive, it can lead to a cascade of challenges, including sadness, worry, poor impulse control, and the compulsive behaviors that often derail weight loss efforts. EXOMind Therapy works by using a specialized, non-invasive applicator to stimulate this region, encouraging the brain to rewire itself through a process known as neuroplasticity. Essentially, it helps the brain build new, healthier neural pathways, fostering resilience from the inside out.

The most immediate and remarkable aspect of EXOMind Therapy is the rapid, tangible results patients experience. Imagine a treatment where individuals often report a palpable sense of calm, a “quieting of the mind,” or a lifting of the weight they have carried for years. This is the reality for many at ThinWorks. By calming the neural circuits linked to anxiety and enhancing activity in the center responsible for rational thought and self-control, clients find they are no longer at the mercy of their emotions or cravings. They report a newfound ability to pause before acting impulsively, a decreased drive to engage in binge eating, and a natural alignment with their health goals. For many, this neurological rebalancing is the missing piece in their weight loss journey, finally allowing sustainable habits to take root.

Beyond its effectiveness, the ease and accessibility of the treatment are a significant part of its appeal. The process is surprisingly simple and quick. A client sits

comfortably in a chair while a certified practitioner places a single, painless applicator on their head, precisely targeting the left DLPFC. For under 30 minutes, the client simply relaxes. There is no need to talk about traumatic events or re-live painful memories, making it an excellent option for those who find traditional therapy challenging. Many clients use this time to meditate, listen to music, or simply unwind. In a world where time is precious, the ability to achieve significant mental health breakthroughs in such a short, focused session is revolutionary.

Perhaps the most reassuring quality of EXOMind Therapy is its completely non-invasive nature. In an era where patients are increasingly seeking alternatives to medication with its potential side-effects and dependencies, this treatment stands out. There are no drugs, no needles, and no surgery. The technology is so gentle that clients feel nothing more than a slight tapping or tingling sensation at the application site. It is safe for a wide range of individuals (22 years and up), making it a compelling option for those who are treatment-resistant or simply looking for a holistic method to enhance their overall well-being.

The team at ThinWorks in Palm Beach Gardens understands that the journey to mental and physical wellness is deeply personal. They have created a supportive, professional environment where clients can explore this cutting-edge therapy with confidence. EXOMind Therapy represents a paradigm shift—a move away from merely managing symptoms and toward facilitating the brain's own powerful capacity to heal and rebalance.

For anyone in South Florida who has been searching for a different path to mental clarity, emotional freedom, and a healthier relationship with food, the door is now open. EXOMind Therapy at ThinWorks is not just a treatment; it is a promise of a lighter, brighter, and more balanced life, achieved through the profound power of non-invasive, drug-free healing.



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ANYONE CAN SUFFER FROM ANXIETY & DEPRESSION NEUROFEEDBACK CAN HELP

By Renee Chillcott, LMHC

It's human nature to seek out the reasons why we feel anxious and depressed. Very often we look at external factors for the root cause; the economy, COVID, 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 mood. Anxiety and depression are also not reserved for adults and can cause dysfunction and issues in life regardless of age. Adults are unable to "change" their way out of anxiety and depression and for children and young adults, you can't change their routines or discipline them from their feelings.

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

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

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

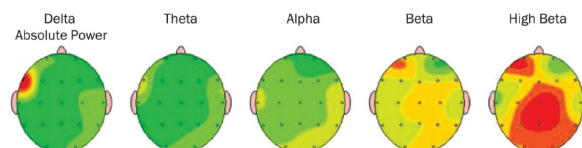
- Terrible two's, three's, and four's
- Tantrums
- A spirited child
- Picky or sensitive
- Cranky, fussy, and not a good sleeper or napper
- Difficulty with separation

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 mood disorders 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 the age or 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, anxiety and depression patterns can look different but produce the same results.

Here is an example of brain patterns from a QEEG. Increased BETA and High BETA is located in the central and frontal lobes. This could cause 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 mood symptoms such as anxiety 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 and depression 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. 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 mood with medication. The diagnosis is a broad one and there may be very different neuron patterns causing anxiety and depression. 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 symptoms specific to you, but it can “retrain” the neural patterns in the brain so that stress is better managed or controlled throughout your life. Through Neuroplasticity, Neurofeedback becomes a permanent correction of the dysregulated 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 A QEEG (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. 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?

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How Doctors Choose Surgeons

By David A. Goldman MD

When it's time to have an elective surgical procedure how would you choose a surgeon? Most people will ask friends and family, others may do their own internet research. When I needed a hernia repair, I did what all other doctors do – I asked another doctor. Not just any doctor, but in this case the residents who worked with all the doctors in the department of surgery. When a family member needed surgery, I called and spoke to one of the scrub nurses at the local surgery center. While top degrees and awards certainly contain value, there is not always a direct correlation with surgical skill. Scrub nurses, OR technicians, and residents are in unique positions to compare surgeons not on a one-time basis, but on an annual day-in day-out experience. Surgical representatives are often the best because they survey hundreds of doctors within a large geography (and yes, I have relied on the advice of surgical reps many times for my family members).

This is not to downplay the value of resumes, accolades, internet research, and word of mouth. If a personal associate of yours had an excellent experience with a surgeon, you should absolutely trust their opinion. In southern Florida, the population is continually changing, with new patients relocating here every day. In some cases you may not know whom to see for care. Remember that there are multiple sources available for you to check.

So what occurred in my situation? I selected a surgeon based on the advice of residents and fellows who worked with all general surgeons. I had minimal postoperative discomfort and was extremely satisfied with the end result. Of note, a colleague sought out a “renowned” surgeon for the same procedure and had significant pain. When he developed a hernia on the opposite side he saw my surgeon. He couldn't believe how much better the experience was.

In summary, there are many ways to select a surgeon. But, if in doubt, do what the doctors do.



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Developing Discipline



Here's a question for you: What is one thing in your life that you are not doing, that if you started doing on a regular basis would make a tremendous positive difference in your life?

Here's a follow-up question: WHY ARE YOU NOT DOING IT?

Answer: most of us are not doing it because we lack discipline.

In ancient times there was once a king named Solomon. The Bible says that he was the wisest man who ever lived. People would come from miles to hear his wisdom and we are fortunate because many of his wisdom is collected in the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament.

In Proverbs 28:25 Solomon says, "A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out." Discipline is pretty important, huh?

You see this virtue of discipline touches every fiber of our lives. Discipline is the indispensable tool to making your life work: our life, our health, our happiness, our wealth, our family life, our success is all rooted in our discipline. Discipline helps us to get to where we want to go.

You ask any great athlete and they will tell you about the importance of discipline. You ask any successful business man or woman and they will tell you about the importance of discipline. You ask any accomplished musician, actor, writer, salesperson or leader and they will tell you about the importance of discipline.

Spiritually speaking, the same is true: our relationship with God is largely determined by our discipline. You ask any godly man or godly woman and they will tell you about the importance of discipline. Spiritual discipline is the habit of making wise decisions and then living in alignment with them. Our behavior needs to be in alignment with our thinking and that takes discipline.

Prov. 10:17 says, "People who accept discipline are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore correction will go astray." NLT

Here are three "Disciplines of Being Disciplined".

1. Persistence – "Never Give Up"

Prov. 12:24 "Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave." Discipline always starts from within; we grow and develop our self-discipline by growing and changing our attitude towards it.

2. Advance Decision Making – "Say No Now"

Prov. 13:16 says, "A wise man thinks ahead, a fool doesn't and even brags about it." Be prepared in advance to make the right choices. Don't wait until it's too late.

3. Delayed Gratification – "Putting Pain before Pleasure"

You do the difficult now in order to enjoy the benefits later. The Apostle Paul reminds us that, "No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening--it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way." Heb. 12:11 NLT

So... let me ask you: What is one thing in your life that you are not doing, that if you started doing on a regular basis would make a tremendous positive difference in your life? And why are you not doing it?

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