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Acupuncture has been practiced for more than 2500 years in the Western Pacific region and has become a global therapeutic method in recent decades. However, it was reported that acupuncturists differed by up to 25% in the acupuncture points they used, raising doubts and uncertainty regarding the efficacy and safety of acupuncture

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treatment, as well as causing difficulties in the fields of acupuncture research and education. Member States therefore increasingly began to demand standardization in acupuncture point locations. Responding to this request, the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office initiated a project to reach consensus on acupuncture point locations and thus convened 11 serial meetings resulting in these guidelines. This Standard acupuncture point locations in the Western Pacific Region stipulates the methodology for locating acupuncture points on the surface of the human body,

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as well as the locations of 361 acupuncture points. The Standard is applicable for teaching, research, clinical service, publication, and academic exchanges involving acupuncture.

The vagus nerve constitutes a major portion of the parasympathetic nervous system. It innervates several vital organs, among others the heart, where it elicits a decrease in HR, therefore minimizing metabolic costs and counterbalancing sympathetic influences. Low vagal activity is associated with several risk factors, morbidity and mortality, while

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vagal tone can be interpreted as a resource and index of the functional state of an organism. Stress, as a major risk factor, is known to decrease cardiovagal activity, but data are inconsistent, presumably due to methodological problems in association with the high sensitivity of the ANS. On the other hand, interventions increasing vagal activity show beneficial effects on health and well-being. The purpose of the present work was to prove the negative effect of acute stress and the positive effect of auricular stimulation on vagal activity. Additionally, we aimed

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to examine the role of vagal functionality as a resource during stress. We therefore conducted two studies. Thirty-three healthy male subjects participated in random order in a psychosocial stress and control condition. Stress was induced by the Montreal Imaging Stress Task (MIST). To examine whether vagal functionality can be interpreted as resource during stress, a functional diagnostic test was further conducted (cold face test, CFT). In the stimulation study, manual and electroacupuncture were applied to the ear in 14 healthy male subjects while controlling

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for several confounding factors (among others placebo effect).

Vagal activity was measured with the LifeShirt System 200 (Vivometrics, CA, USA).

Analyses identified a significant stress-induced decrease in vagal activity and mood, while provoking an increase in sympathetic and HPA axis activity. Vagal functionality was revealed to be inversely related to the biopsychological stress response. In contrast to stress, electric but not manual stimulation to the ear revealed a significant increase in vagal activity. In the present work, we were able to underline the

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harmful character of stress on several body systems while boosting the role of vagal functionality for health. Additionally, electrical stimulation to the ear possibly constitutes a simple, mildly invasive method to improve individual health status, adaptability and flexibility. Based on a major systematic review from international centres this concise text discusses the benefits of managing stroke patients in specialised units compared to management outside the hospital. It provides invaluable information in the most effective management for this

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A Neurobiological View

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"The first objective of this study was to investigate the contralateral and summatory effects of electroacupuncture (EA) stimulation on the flexion reflex (FR) in man.

The second objective was to delineate whether the FR (a physiological measure) will vary

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systematically with subjective pain sensation (a psychological measure) under different stimulation conditions." --

In 1987, our first book Acupuncture: Textbook and Atlas received rave reviews (e.g., in New England Journal of Medicine). This prompted us to write this smaller, affordable version in order to reach a wider audience. The smaller format has been so successful that we are now into our fourth revised edition. This has given us the opportunity to update and improve the book. For example, numerous new references to scientific advances have been added. Also the section on traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) was added because it gives

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a more complete picture of the current practice of acupuncture. Acupuncture has come a long way since our first book in 1987. There has been a surge of interest in treating drug addictions by ear acupuncture in 450 centers world wide. The treatment of nausea and vomiting has been so well tested (scientifically) that the FDA (USA) is considering making this the major indication for acupuncture in America. Research into its efficacy for neurological and pulmonary diseases is also gaining credibility. No longer is chronic pain the only scientifically acceptable use for acupuncture (based on the endorphin mechanism). In a rapidly growing field of

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neuromodulation against pain, this excellent publication presents a unique compilation of the latest theoretical and practical information for electrical stimulation of the peripheral nerves. Chapters cover the use of peripheral nerve stimulation in particular indications such as migraine, cluster headache, pain in Chiari malformation and fibromyalgia, as well as in specific body parts such as head and neck, trunk, and extremities. Furthermore, chapters on history, technical aspects, mechanism of action, terminology, complications and other important aspects of this pain-relieving modality give you a full overview of the field. Written by leading experts, this publication

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provides a comprehensive and updated summary of the currently available scientific information on peripheral nerve stimulation. All chapters contain original information making this book an invaluable reference for all who deal with the management of severe and chronic pain - including neurosurgeons and neurosurgical trainees, pain specialists and practitioners, anesthesiologists and neurologists.

*Peripheral Nerve Stimulation
Electroacupuncture Analgesia in
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biopsychological stress
responsiveness and beneficial
effects of auricular electrical
stimulation on vagal activity*

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*Advances in Combined Modality
Therapy Research and Application:
2012 Edition*

*The Science of Pain, TENS and
Acupuncture*

Acupuncture in Modern Medicine

Acupuncture has been in use clinically for a long period, and held its first Symposium to discuss its physiological mechanisms in the history of IUPS in 2001. The Symposium has been summarized in these proceedings, which cover the physiological mechanisms of afferent properties and analgesic effect of acupuncture, modulation of

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cardiovascular functions by acupuncture, modulation of autonomic functions by acupuncture, and modulation of endocrine and immune function by acupuncture.

The Symposium and its proceedings give scientific information on physiological mechanisms of acupuncture, and will greatly increase our scientific knowledge on acupuncture.

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Acupuncture therapy has been practiced in China and other Asian countries for more than two thousand years. Modern clinical research has confirmed the impressive therapeutic effect of acupuncture on numerous human ailments, such as controlling pain, nausea, and vomiting. However, the biological mechanisms of acupuncture are still under debate. In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), the mechanism of acupuncture therapy is explained by a

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meridian model. According to this model, acupuncture is believed to treat the diseased organs by modulating two conditions known as Yin and Yang, which represent all the opposite principles that people find in the universe, both inside and outside the human body. Yin and Yang complement each other, and are subjected to changes between each other. The balance of Yin and Yang is thought to be maintained by Qi, an energy substance flowing constantly through the meridian, a network

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connecting all the organs of the body. The illness, according to this theory, is the temporary dominance of one principle over the other, owing to the blockade of the Qi from flowing through the meridian under certain circumstance. The axiom of "No stagnation, No pain" in TCM summarizes this concept. Thus, the goal of acupuncture treatment is to restore the balance of Yin and Yang conditions in the diseased organ(s). This theory has been considered to be useful to guide this ancient

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**therapy, such as carrying
out diagnosis, deciding on
the principle, and
selecting the acupoints.**

Relieving Pain in America

Concepts and Physiology

Scientific Bases of

Acupuncture

A Practical Manual and

Resource

Cousins and Bridenbaugh's

Neural Blockade in

Clinical Anesthesia and

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Current Research in

Acupuncture

This book provides a clear and
accessible overview of the
theoretical foundation of
electoacupuncture (EA),

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together with experimental and clinical evidence of the usefulness of EA in its various forms. It also serves as a manual for the effective clinical practice of EA, with a number of illustrative case histories. It serves as an excellent background to the subject, covering all the key information a beginner practitioner would need to know, as well as exploring avenues for advanced practice.

Cancer is one of the leading killers in the world and the incidence is increasing, but most cancer patients and cancer survivors suffer much from the

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disease and its conventional treatments ' side effects. In the past, clinical data showed that some complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) possessed anticancer abilities, but some clinicians and scientists have queried about the scientific validity of CAM due to the lack of scientific evidence. There is great demand in narrowing the knowledge gap to explore the scientific and evidence-based knowledge of CAM in the anticancer field. With this aim, an unparalleled undertaking of a book series is launched to structurally consolidate this area. Although

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acupuncture and moxibustion have been practiced for millennia, they have come under scientific investigation only recently. Acupuncture and moxibustion have been used clinically to treat cancer-related symptoms (e.g. cancer pain, anxiety, depression and insomnia), manage treatment-induced side effects (e.g. hot flashes, nausea and vomiting) and enhance immunity (e.g. blood cell count, lymphocyte and natural killer cell activity). This is the first book manages to provide comprehensive and updated scientific evidence of the effectiveness of

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acupuncture and moxibustion intervention for cancer care. Laboratory and animal studies have uncovered the mechanisms of acupuncture and moxibustion for cancer therapy. Promising results of most clinical trials show the efficacy and safety of acupuncture and moxibustion in cancer management. This book consists of fifteen chapters which address a range of important aspects that will impact on the application of acupuncture and moxibustion. An overview of the safety and side effects of acupuncture and moxibustion for cancer care are

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also covered. In addition, the integration of acupuncture with Western medicine in cancer treatment and recent clinical trials are included as well.

Opinion leaders around the world have teamed up to pursue a thorough and up-to-date review of the area, this volume will contribute great to the cancer, clinical and academic community by providing evidence-based information on the efficacy of acupuncture and moxibustion as an anticancer therapy.

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An Evidence-Based Approach to
Practice

Basics of Acupuncture

This is the first book to
set out a full range of
research strategies for
evaluating the clinical
practice of acupuncture.
Leading acupuncturists and

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researchers with international reputations share their expertise. They illustrate their descriptions with practical examples of what has worked and what has not. It outlines many of the key challenges in the field. These challenges relate to the nature of acupuncture and the gap between current research evidence and the actual experiences of acupuncturists in the field. By focusing the chapters on key research questions, rather than methods, the book has a

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user-friendly feel. Each chapter is easily accessible with brief explanations of research designs as well as vignettes of relevant past research. The book is based on a deep understanding of acupuncture, with its inherent complexity in practice, whether based on traditional principles or more modern concepts. By incorporating a more sophisticated understanding of the field, this book details a range of strategies aiming to develop the evidence

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base with the utmost rigour. It is the first book on acupuncture research to take this unique view, integrating the very best of evidence-based medicine with a genuine sensitivity to the discipline of acupuncture, from its traditional and holistic roots to its more modern interpretations. This book contains four integrated sections: 1) Acupuncture Research; 2) New Developments in Acupuncture; 3) Acupuncture Therapy for Clinical Conditions and 4) Assessment and

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Accessibility in

Acupuncture Therapy.

Section 1 provides updates
on acupuncture research.

From acupuncture effects

in modulation of immune

system to the role of

nitric oxide in

acupuncture mechanisms,

chapters in this section

offer readers the newest

trends in acupuncture

research. Section 2

summarizes new

developments in

acupuncture. The included

chapters discuss new tools

and methods in acupuncture

such as laser acupuncture,

sham needles, and new

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technologies. Section 3 discusses acupuncture therapy for clinical conditions. The chapters in this section provide comprehensive and critical views of acupuncture therapy and its application in common clinical practice. Section 4 takes a new look at the issues related to assessment and accessibility in acupuncture therapy. These issues are central to developing new standards for outcome assessment and policies that will increase the accessibility

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to acupuncture therapy. Acupuncture and related techniques are useful tools for treating a spectrum of diseases. However, there are still many areas of controversy surrounding it. We hope this book can contribute to guide the advance of this ancient medical art. In the present work, the reader will find texts written by authors from different parts of the world. The chapters cover strategic areas to collaborate with the consolidation of the knowledge in acupuncture.

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The book doesn't intend to solve all the questions regarding this issue but the main objective is to share elements to make acupuncture more and better understood at health systems worldwide.

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Acupuncture

Its Clinical Efficacy and
Neuroimaging Evidence from
Randomized Controlled
Studies

Pain Treatment by
Transcutaneous Electrical
Nerve Stimulation (TENS)
Acupuncture Therapy for
Neurological Diseases
Stroke Units

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Contralateral and Possible
Summatory Effects

Management of the modern reproductive endocrinology and infertility clinic has become very complex. In addition to the medical and scientific aspects, it is crucial that the modern director be aware of of incongruent fields such as marketing, accounting, management, and regulatory issues. Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility: Integrating Modern Clinical and Laboratory Practice was developed to assist the practicing reproductive endocrinologist and/or laboratory director by providing an overview of relevant scientific, medical, and

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management issues in a single volume. Experts in all pertinent areas present concise, practical, evidence-based summaries of relevant topics, producing a key resource for physicians and scientists engaged in this exciting field of medicine. As novel technologies continue to amplify, *Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility: Integrating Modern Clinical and Laboratory Practice* offers insight into development, and imparts extra confidence to practitioners in handling the many demands presented by their work. Learn how to select and apply physical agents to optimize patient outcomes! *Physical Agents in Rehabilitation, 6th Edition*

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provides evidence-based guidance for safe and effective use of agents such as heat and cold, lasers and light, ultrasound, electrotherapy, shock waves, hydrotherapy, traction, and compression. It makes clinical decision making easier with clear explanations of the scientific theory and physiology underlying each agent, and also describes current research and rationales for treatment recommendations. From physical therapist and educator Michelle H. Cameron and a team of expert contributors, this market-leading book includes access to the entire text as a fully searchable eBook. Comprehensive coverage of all physical agents

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This comprehensive, authoritative text presents the scientific foundations and clinical practice of neural blockade in both regional anesthesia and the management of pain. The descriptions and illustrations of pain mechanisms are considered classic examples. The Fourth Edition has been refined for clarity and flows logically from principles and pharmacology, to techniques for each anatomic region, to applications. This edition has two new co-editors and several new chapters on topics including neurologic complications, neural blockade for surgery, treatment of pain in older people, and complications in pain

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medicine. A companion Website will offer the fully searchable text and an image bank.

Current Management of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

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Is There a Physiological Basis?

A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education, and Research

Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

WHO Standard Acupuncture Point Locations in the Western Pacific Region

Acupuncture is rapidly moving out of the arena of "alternative" medicine, in large part because it is

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grounded more firmly than other alternative treatments in research. This book provides readers with the up-to-date information on the clinical bases of acupuncture.

Written by over 60 scientists and clinicians from the United States, mainland China, Germany, Australia, Japan, Sweden, Portugal and Hong Kong, Current Research in Acupuncture discusses recent advances in acupuncture research in a modern scientific language. The first 5 chapters investigate the basic mechanisms of acupuncture. Later chapters explore topics including

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acupuncture treatment and potential mechanisms for epilepsy, Parkinson's diseases, neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, vascular cognitive impairment, aging, anxiety, polycystic ovary syndrome, pain, nerve root cervical spondylosis, stroke, inflammation, myocardial ischemia and other cardiovascular diseases. Following the translational and clinical discussions, 4 chapters present new prospects for acupuncture theories and applications. The final chapter comments on the pitfalls and problems of the previous studies and

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suggests direction for future research towards in-depth understanding of acupuncture, along with better application of acupuncture in modern medicine. Each chapter is written by one or more experts in the field. This unique book provides a broad perspective on the principles of acupuncture for acupuncture researchers and neuroscientists. The laboratory and clinical investigations of various acupoints and optimal conditions provide unique clues to acupuncturists for improved clinical efficacy. For a medical student, this book is a modern course in

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Medicine, especially
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order to facilitate the ease of printing and reading of the dissertation. All rights not granted by the above license are retained by the author. Abstract: Major depressive disorder (MDD) is a prevalent and disabling disorder worldwide and in Hong Kong. It can occur alone or as a psychiatric sequelae of stroke known as post stroke depression (PSD). Our recent randomized controlled trial (RCT) found that additional dense cranial electroacupuncture stimulation (DCEAS) produced significantly greater improvement on depressive symptoms in patients with MDD compared to conventional

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antidepressants alone. However, the effectiveness of DCEAS on PSD and the underlying neural mechanism of its antidepressant effects remain unclear and need further investigation. This thesis consisted of three studies aimed to evaluate the efficacy of DCEAS as an additional therapy in PSD and to explore the neuroimaging correlates of DCEAS in MDD using PET and fMRI modalities. The purpose of Study 1 was to examine whether additional DCEAS was effective in treating PSD. A single blind RCT was conducted in 43 PSD patients treated with antidepressants

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and same body acupuncture combined with sham or active DCEAS with 3 acupuncture sessions per week for 4 weeks. Clinical outcomes included the Hamilton Depression Rating Scale 17-Item (HAMD-17), Clinical Global Impression - Severity Scale (CGI-S), and Barthel Index (BI). The results showed that DCEAS significantly reduced HAMD-17 at week 1, CGI-S at week 1 and endpoint whereas BI was more significantly decreased in control group. A combination of DCEAS and body acupuncture can be considered as an augmenting treatment for PSD. Study 2 aimed to explore the

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potential effects of DCEAS in regulating abnormal glucose metabolism in patients with MDD using 18F-FDG PET/CT. A single blind RCT was conducted in 25 MDD patients treated with antidepressants combined with sham or active DCEAS with 3 acupuncture sessions per week for 6 weeks. Clinical outcomes were measured using the HAMD-17, Zung Self-Rating Depression Scale (SDS), CGI-S and Insomnia Severity Index (ISI). There was a significant difference on the slope in SDS in linear mixed model analysis, indicating a faster improvement in subjective

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depressive symptoms by DCEAS. While the increased ^{18}F -FDG signals in the cerebellum were normalized in both groups, the reversion of the reduced ^{18}F -FDG signals in the left prefrontal cortex was only observed in DCEAS-treated patients, suggesting that additional DCEAS could more vigorously improve abnormal brain glucose metabolism in MDD. The purpose of Study 3 was to further investigate the neuropsychological and functional neuroimaging correlates of the antidepressant effects of DCEAS in the same pool of MDD subjects in Study 2 using fMRI with sad-face

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paradigm. The sad-face stimulation increased BOLD signals in an extensive neural network of the brain, including the frontal, temporal, parietal, limbic system and cerebellum. Additional DCEAS extensively suppressed the abnormal BOLD signals in these brain regions, more apparently in left caudate and cingulate, whereas sham treatment had slightly suppressive effects in fewer brain regions, suggesting that additional DCEAS could more robustly alter the biases towards sadness in MDD. In conclusion, DCEAS additional treatment is more effective in reducing depressive

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*symptoms in patients with
PSD, improving brain glucose
metabolism and normalizing
the abnormal neural
activation due to biases
toward*

Electroacupuncture

The Effects of

*Electroacupuncture on the
Skin Temperature of the Hand
Pathogenesis and Management*

A Comparison

Scientific Basis

*Integrating Modern Clinical
and Laboratory Practice*

Abundant evidence indicates
that TENS can be used
effectively to alleviate certain
pain syndromes. For patients
suffering from chronic
musculo-skeletal pain in

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particular, TENS offers an alternative means of pain management. This book addresses the need among physiotherapists for a practical manual on the application of this relatively new technique. Numerous illustrations provide guidelines for the choice of stimulation parameters, the selection of electrode positions, as well as other aspects related to technique. A brief introduction to the neurophysiological mechanisms of pain and the pain-relieving effects of TENS is also given. These special

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features make this comprehensive presentation of particular interest to physiotherapists and clinicians actively engaged in the management of patients suffering from pain.

This book summarises the recent development in acupuncture research and in particular, the neurobiology of acupuncture. It provides a focus but a diverse range of subjects covering many body systems. The first a few chapters discuss the basic principles of acupuncture, then its modulatory effects on nervous system such as

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induction of neurotrophin and neurogenesis in the brain. Late chapters explore the clinical effects and potential mechanisms of acupuncture on different conditions ranging from neurological diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and stroke, to psychiatric illnesses, insomnia, hypertension, gastrointestinal diseases and drug addiction. We believe this will promote the understanding acupuncture treatment and enhance acupuncture research in the future. This volume of International Review of

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Neurobiology brings together cutting-edge research on the neurobiology of acupuncture. It reviews current knowledge and understanding, provides a starting point for researchers and practitioners entering the field, and builds a platform for further research and discovery.

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Transcutaneous Cranial
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Evidence Base
Analysis of Effects of
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Oxide on Fos Defined Spinal
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therapeutics Research
Chronic pain costs the nation up to
\$635 billion each year in medical
treatment and lost productivity.

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The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act required the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enlist the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in examining pain as a public health problem. In this report, the IOM offers a blueprint for action in transforming prevention, care, education, and research, with the goal of providing relief for people with pain in America. To reach the vast multitude of people with various types of pain, the nation must adopt a population-level prevention and management strategy. The IOM recommends that HHS develop a comprehensive plan with specific goals, actions, and timeframes. Better data are

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needed to help shape efforts, especially on the groups of people currently underdiagnosed and undertreated, and the IOM encourages federal and state agencies and private organizations to accelerate the collection of data on pain incidence, prevalence, and treatments. Because pain varies from patient to patient, healthcare providers should increasingly aim at tailoring pain care to each person's experience, and self-management of pain should be promoted. In addition, because there are major gaps in knowledge about pain across health care and society alike, the IOM recommends that federal agencies and other stakeholders redesign education

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programs to bridge these gaps. Pain is a major driver for visits to physicians, a major reason for taking medications, a major cause of disability, and a key factor in quality of life and productivity. Given the burden of pain in human lives, dollars, and social consequences, relieving pain should be a national priority. Advances in Combined Modality Therapy Research and Application / 2012 Edition is a ScholarlyPaper™ that delivers timely, authoritative, and intensively focused information about Combined Modality Therapy in a compact format. The editors have built Advances in Combined Modality Therapy Research and

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Scientific Bases of Acupuncture summarizes the major scientific advances from 1976 - 1988 on the mechanisms of acupuncture.

Outstanding researchers from Western countries, Japan and China report their findings in the format of review articles. The individual reviews summarize each author's personal research while also referring to the overall literature in the field of acupuncture and TENS.

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This book presents up-to-date
knowledge on infertility in the context
of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)
and provides clear evidence-based
guidance on its treatment. The book
opens by discussing anovulation,
oocyte quality, and the endometrium in

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women with PCOS, infertility and subfertility cofactors, and the impact of PCOS phenotypes on fertility. All aspects of management are then thoroughly addressed. The available medical treatments for PCOS-related infertility – including antiestrogens, aromatase inhibitors, insulin-sensitizing drugs, and gonadotropins – are reviewed, and other potential therapeutic approaches, such as acupuncture and laparoscopic ovarian drilling, are assessed. Careful attention is also devoted to the role of lifestyle interventions. The use of controlled ovarian stimulation in infertile PCOS patients undergoing intrauterine insemination or in vitro fertilization is examined in detail, as are the benefits of in vitro maturation of oocytes. This book will be of value to all who are involved in the care of

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women with PCOS and related infertility issues.

This book presents the findings of the RCOG Study Group on polycystic ovary syndrome - the most common endocrine disturbance of women in the UK. PCOS has a significant effect on quality of life and psychological morbidity and, as many specialists are involved in its management, a multidisciplinary approach is required.

A Practical Manual