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Neck Back [NB]

For: Headache, Upper back, Neck, shoulder and rib pain

2X/day check the back of the neck in the specific places noted below. Treat worst points first. Keep tender point turned off to achieve long-term control of symptoms.

Tender Point:

Poke on bumps down center of spine on back of neck to find sorest spot. 5 possible tender points each bone:

- 1-Directly on bump on spine push toward the front of body.
- 2-On side of bump pushing toward the spine itself to middle of back (as if pinching the bump).
- 3-Off to side of bump about 1-1/2 inches pushing toward front of body.



Treatment Position:

- 1. Jut chin toward ceiling arching neck-
- 2. Turn chin away.
- 3. Tilt Ear away from tender point.

Alternate Treatment Position:

- 1. Sitting lean head back just to level of point
- 2. Tilt ear away from sore side
- 3. Turn face away from sore side.

Recheck RI in same direction with same amount of pressure. Find position of the knee that reduces the RI completely or as close to 0/10 as possible. Stay in this position for 90 seconds

without moving. Do not remove finger from tender point but stop pressing. Recheck RI every 30-45 seconds-if RI not released, try slightly different position and restart the clock for 90 more seconds. Slowly return to neutral and recheck RI.