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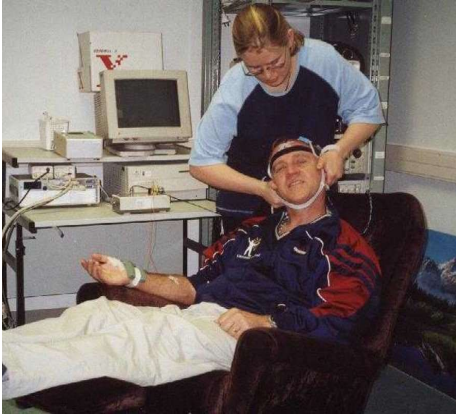
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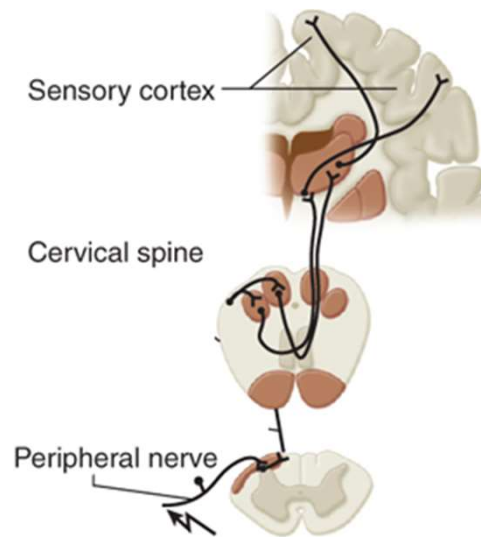
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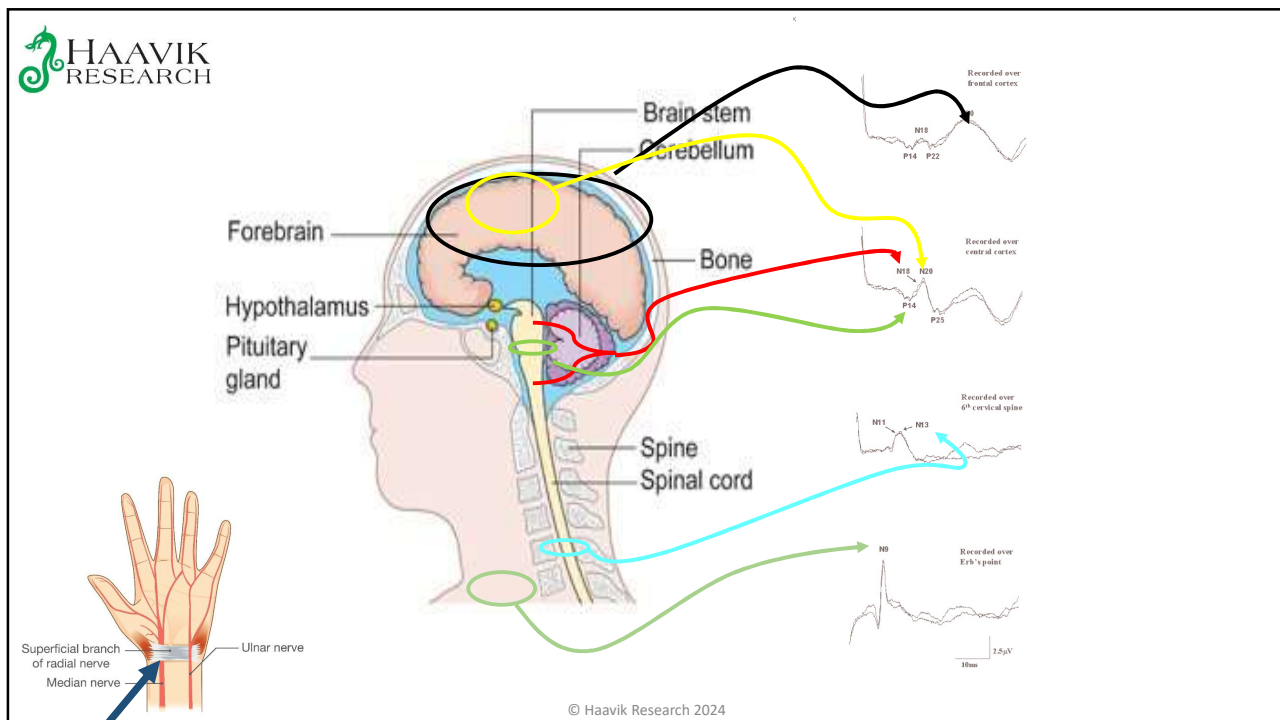
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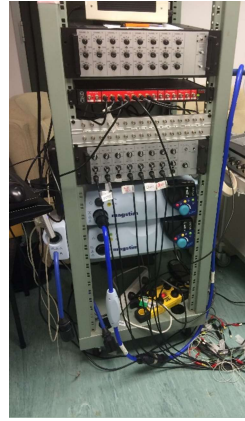
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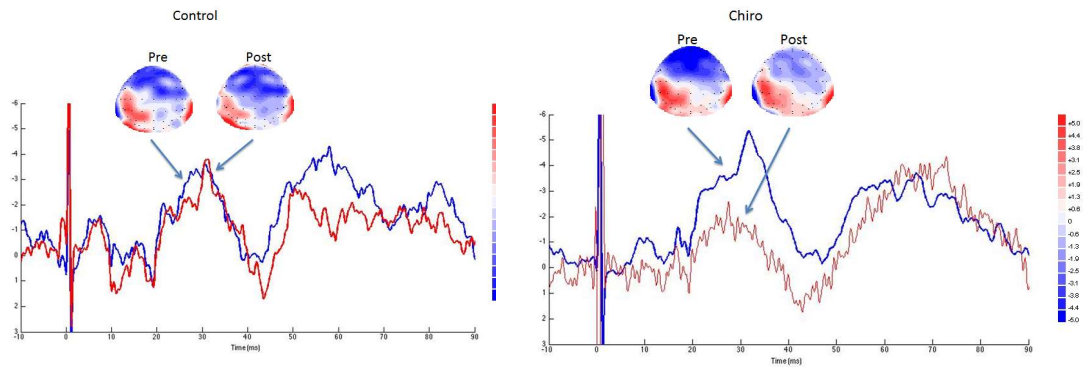


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N30 brain processing changes were occurring in the Pre-Frontal Cortex



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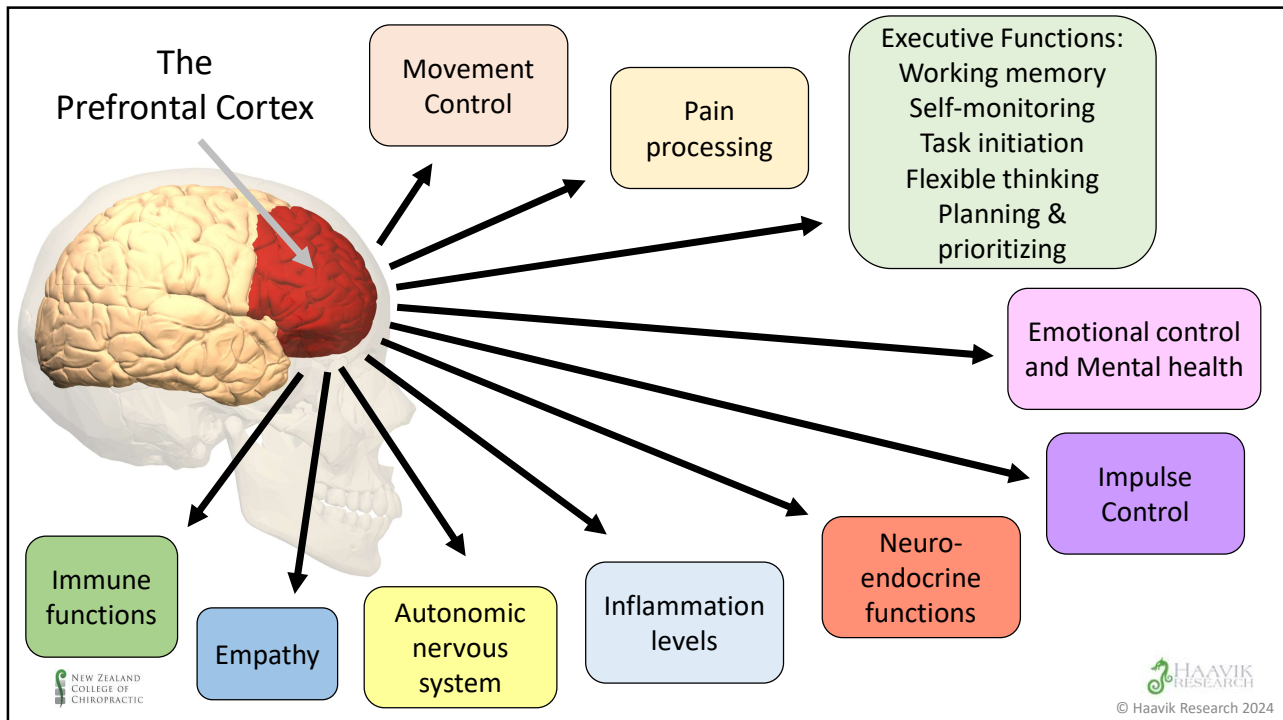
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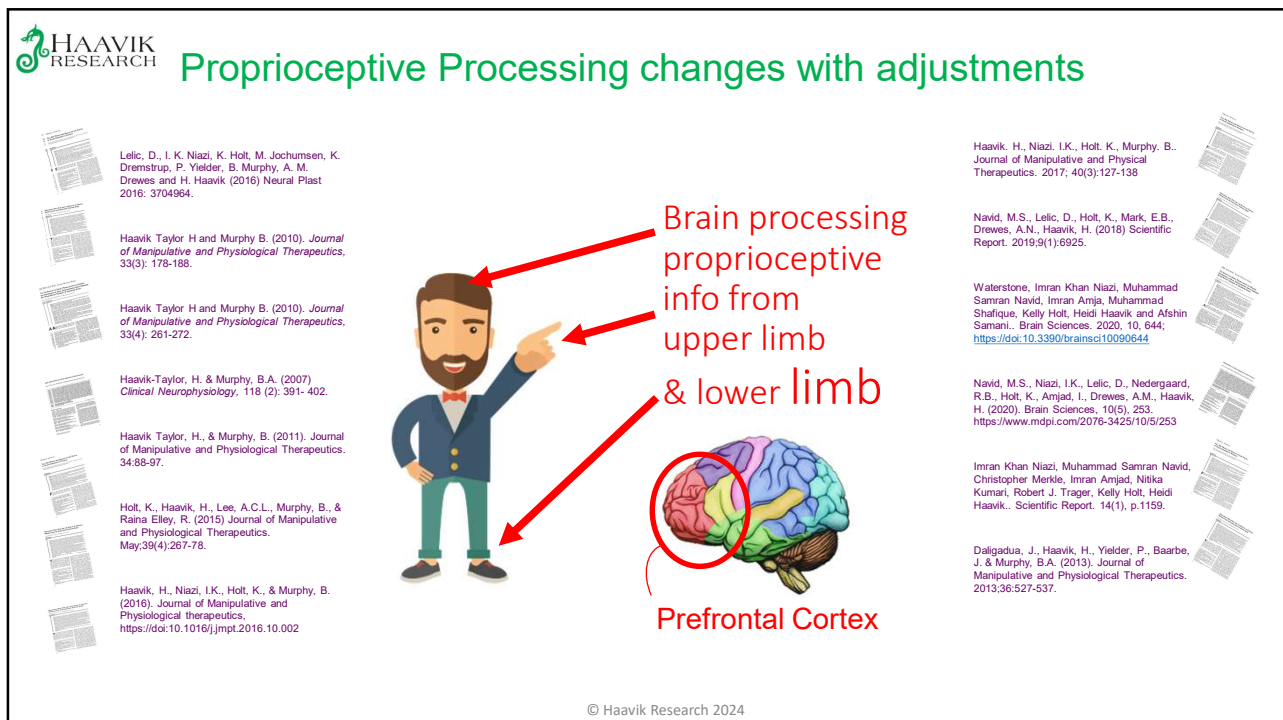
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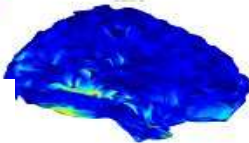
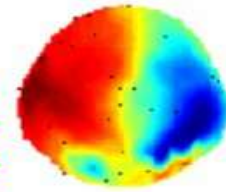
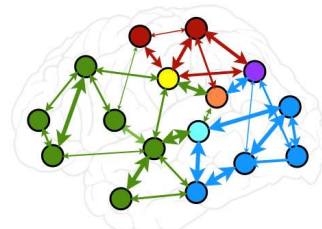
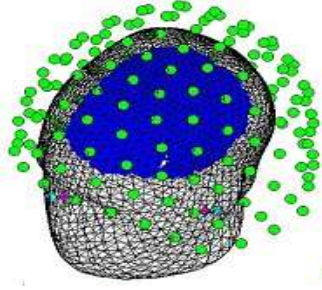
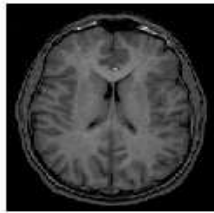


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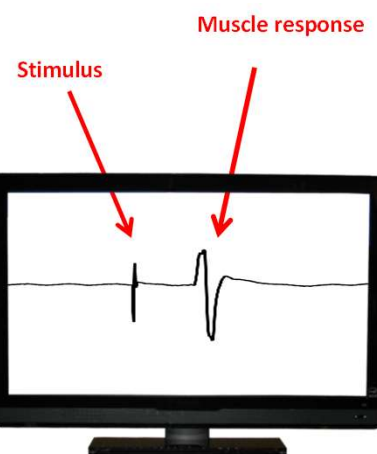
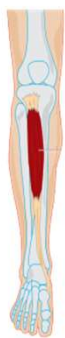
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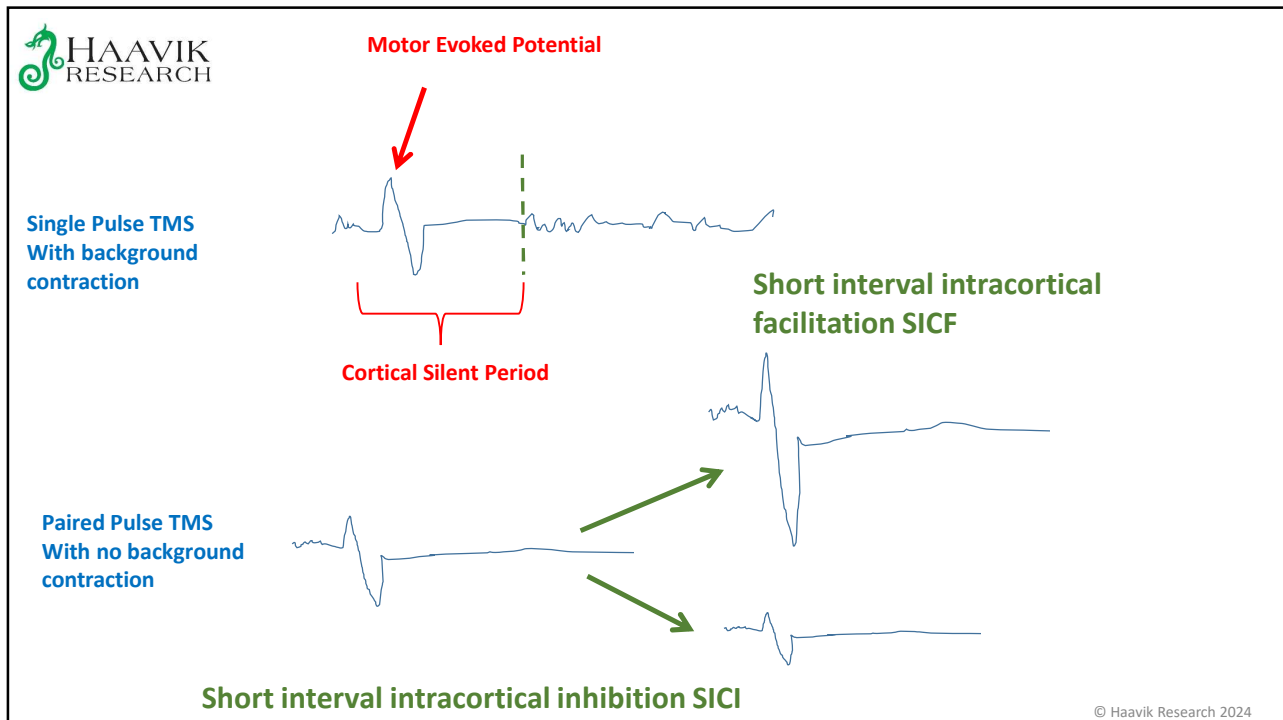
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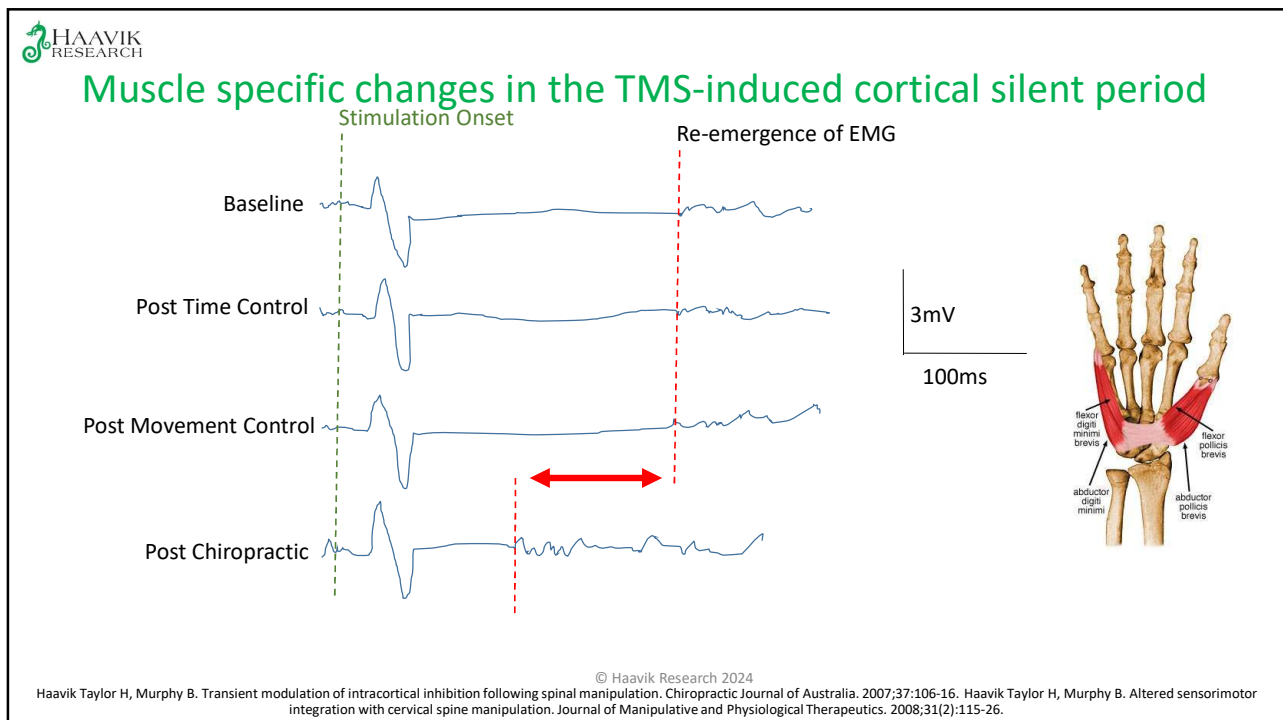
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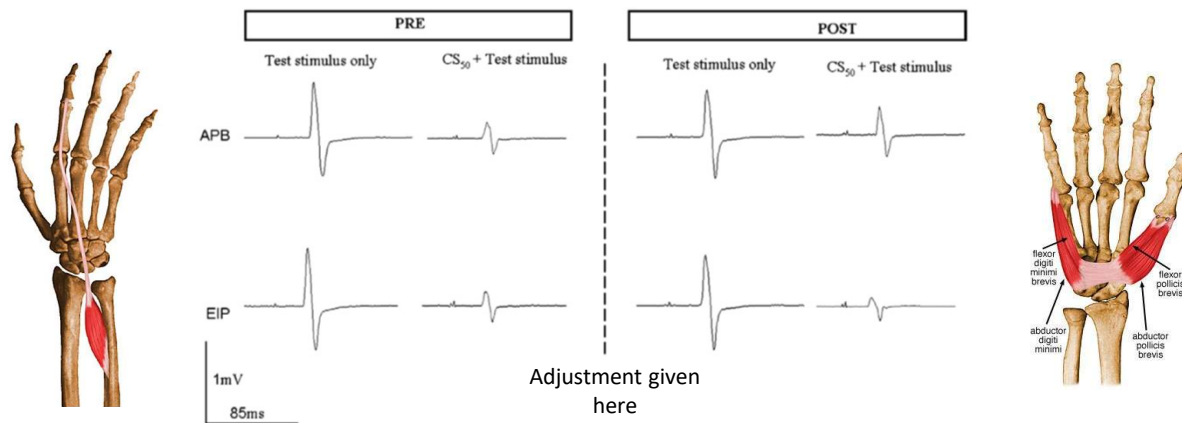


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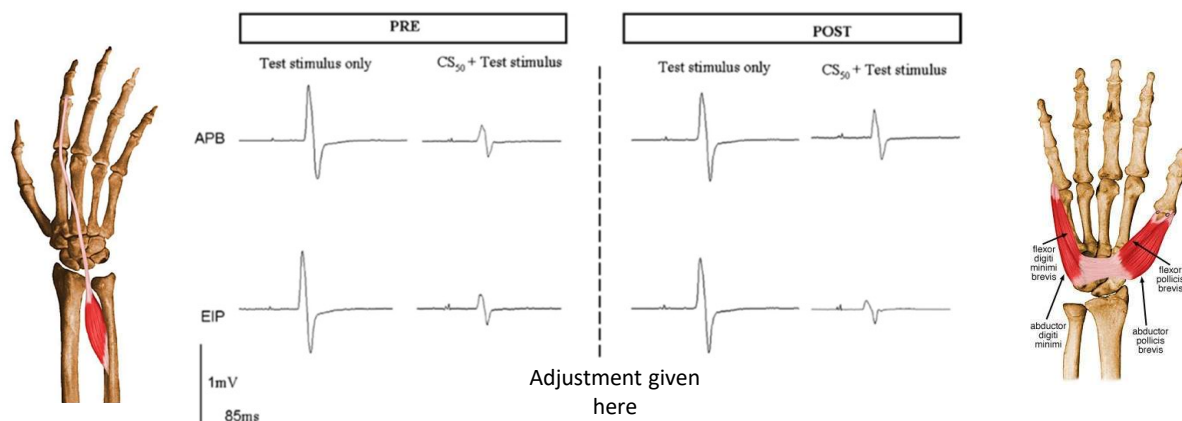


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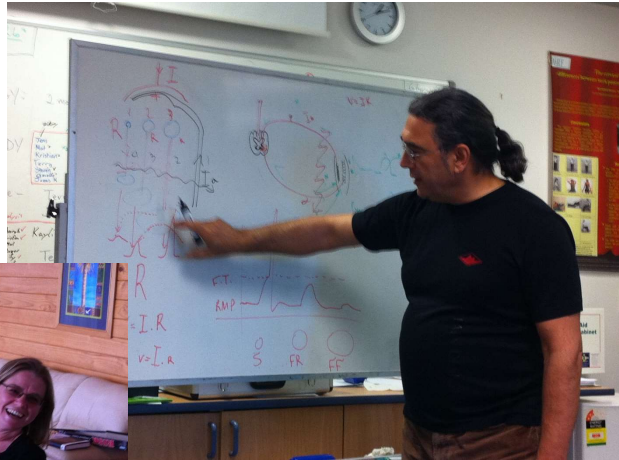
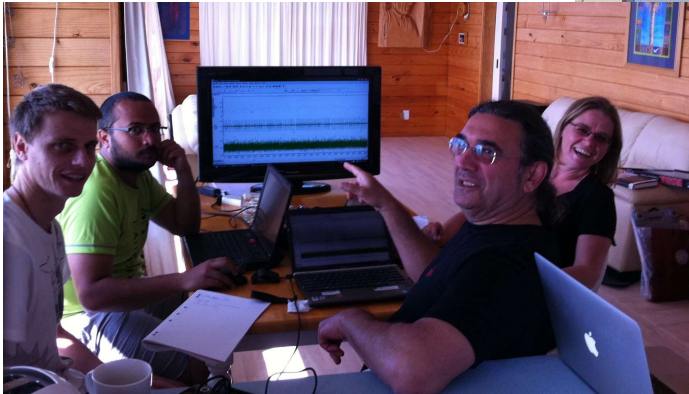


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Professor Kemal Turker collaborations



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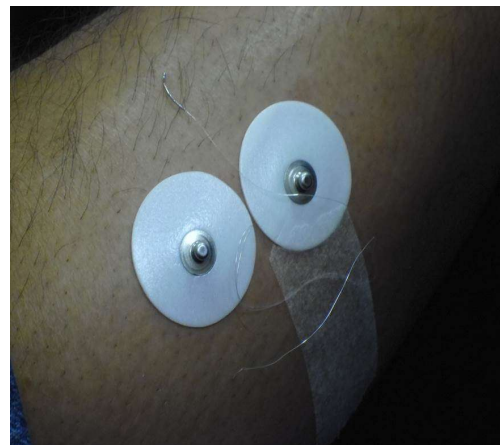
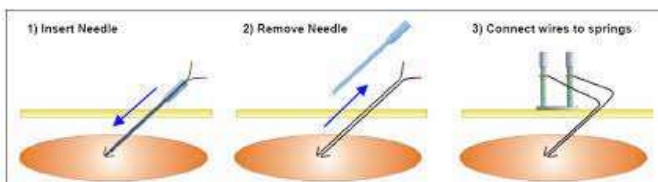

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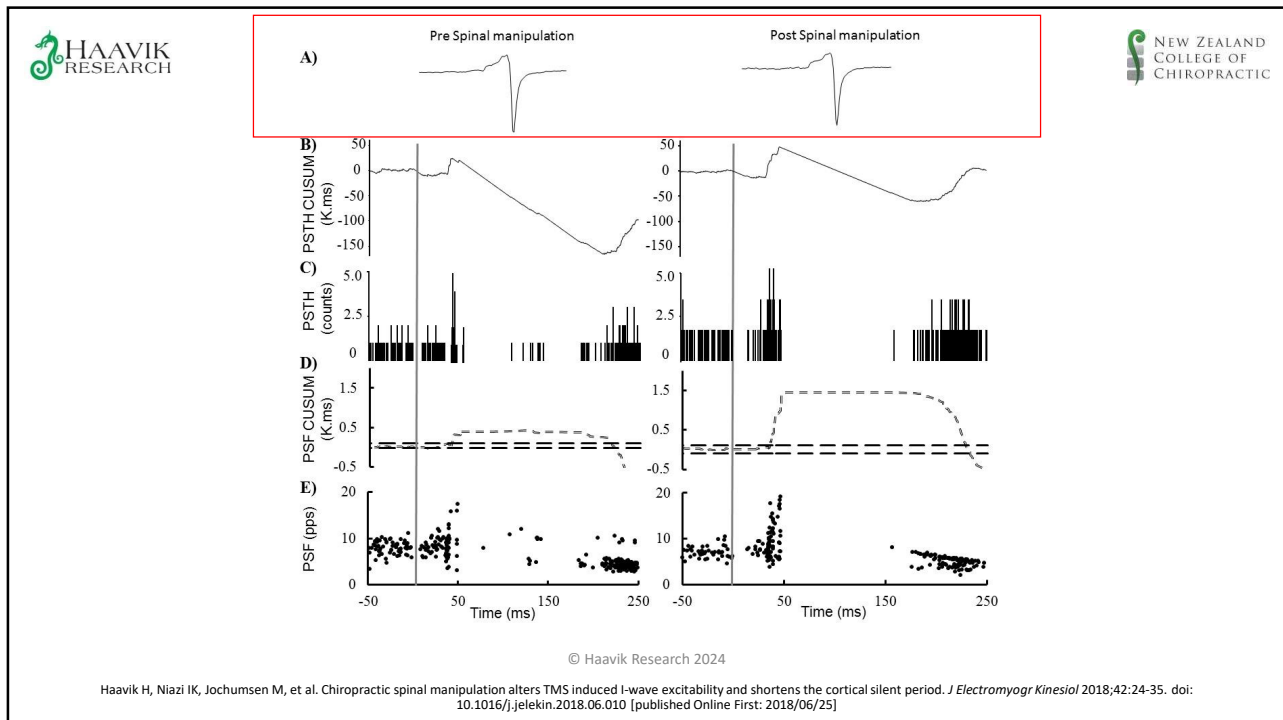

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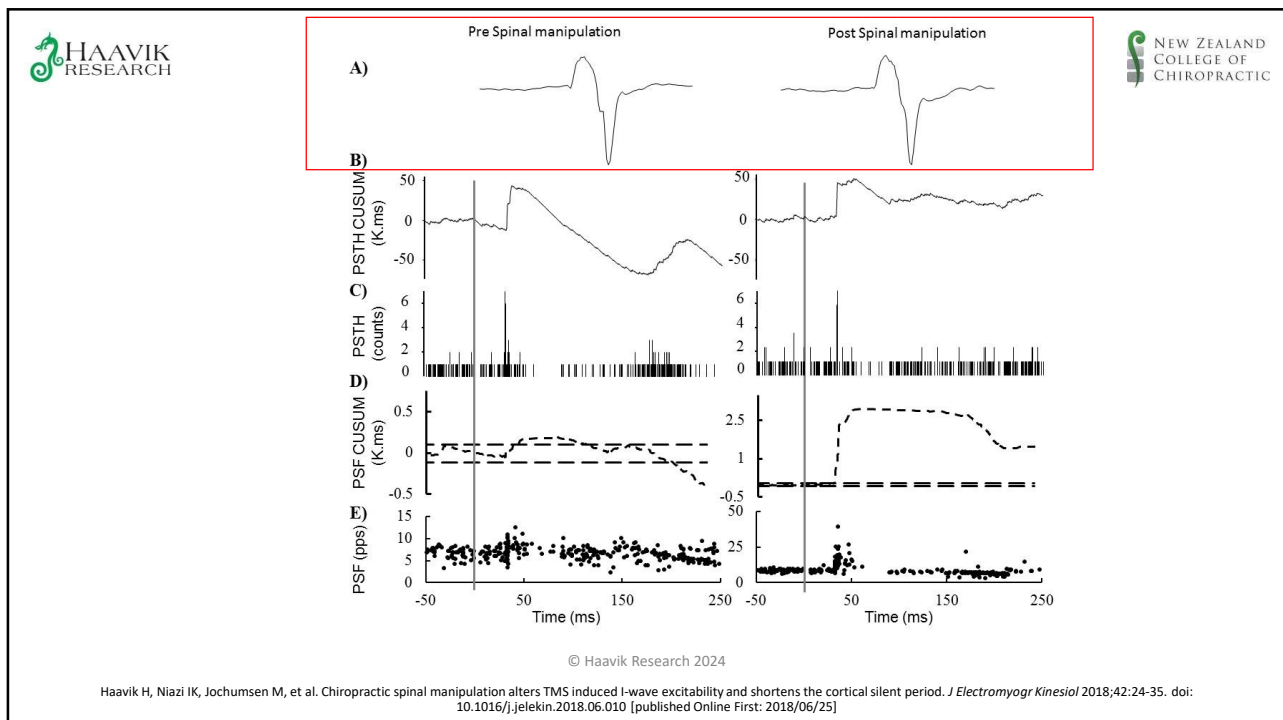
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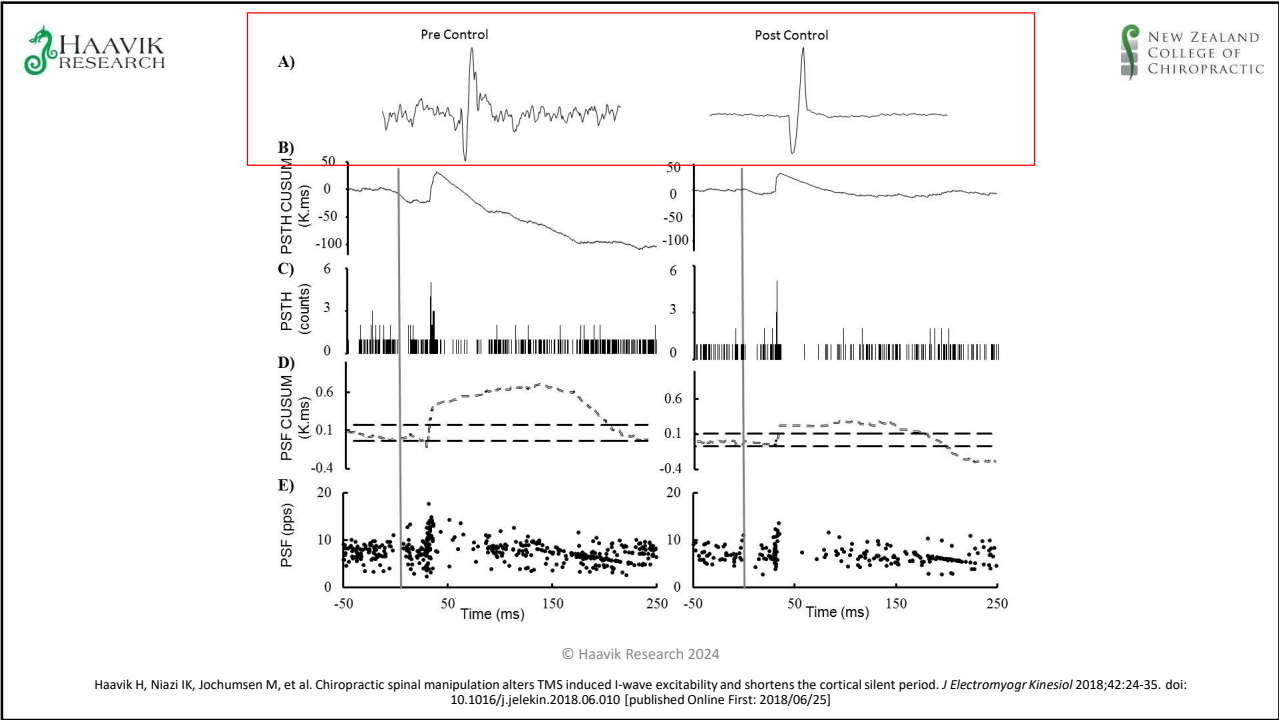
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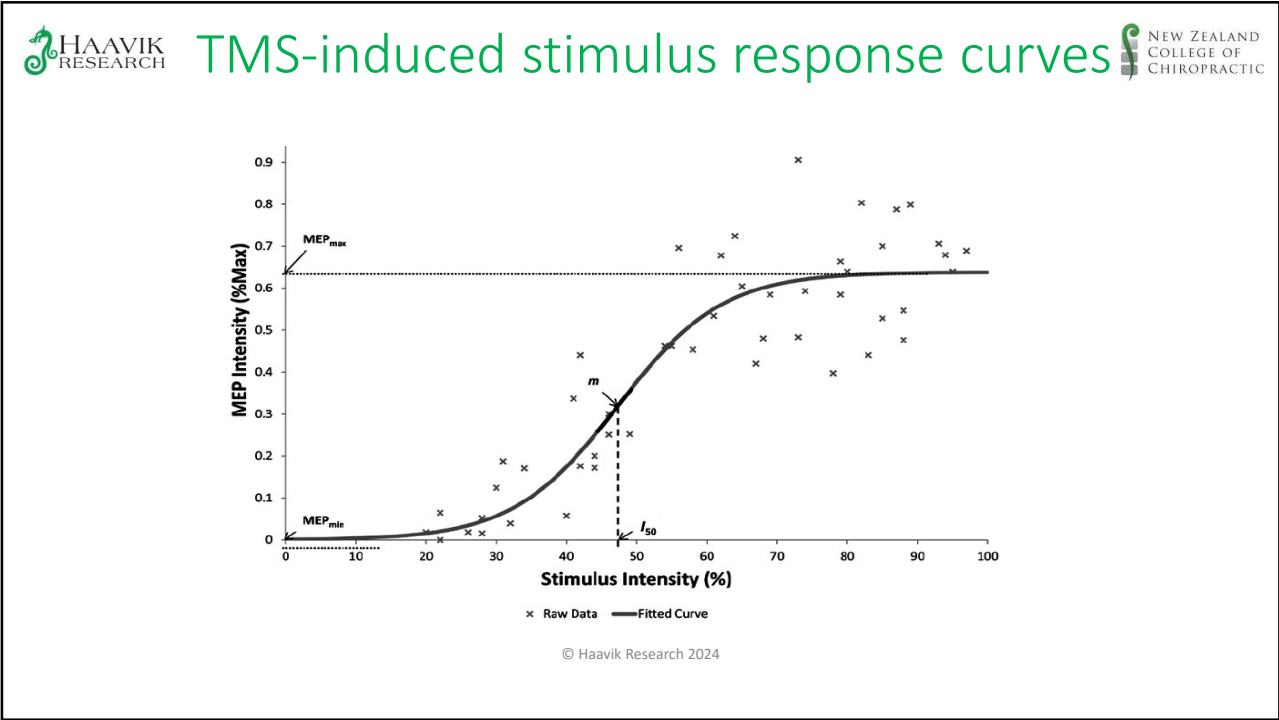
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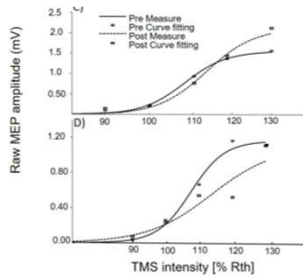


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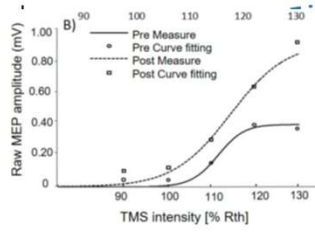


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TMS-induced stimulus response curves



Control Session
Cervical Adjustment
Both Upper limb muscle



Full Spine Adjustment
Lower limb muscle



Article

Impact of Spinal Manipulation on Cortical Drive to Upper and Lower Limb Muscles

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Abstract: This study investigates whether spinal manipulation leads to changes in motor control by measuring the recruitment patterns of motor units in both an upper and lower limb muscle and to see whether such changes may at least in part occur at the cortical level by recording movement related cortical potential (MRCP) amplitudes. In experiment one, transcranial magnetic stimulation input-output (TMS I/O) curves for an upper limb muscle (abductor pollicis brevis; APB) were recorded, along with P waves before and after either spinal manipulation or a control intervention for the same subjects on two different days. During two separate days, lower limb TMS I/O curves and MRCPs were recorded from tibialis anterior muscle (TA) pre and post spinal manipulation. Dependent measures were compared with repeated measures analysis of variance, with p set at 0.05. Spinal manipulation resulted in a 54.8% \pm 93.1% increase in maximum motor evoked potential (MEPmax) for APB and a 44.4% \pm 89.6% increase in MEPmax for TA. For the MRCP data following spinal manipulation there were significant differences for amplitude of early burst/early potential (EBP), late burst/late potential (LBP) and also for peak negativity (PN). The results of this study show that spinal manipulation leads to changes in cortical excitability, as measured by significantly larger MEPmax for TMS induced input-output curves for both an upper and lower limb muscle, and with larger amplitude of MRCP component post manipulation. No changes in spinal measures (i.e., P wave amplitude or persistence) were observed, and no changes were observed following the control condition. These results are consistent with previous findings that have suggested increases in strength following spinal manipulation were due to descending cortical drive and could not be explained by changes at the level of the spinal cord. Spinal manipulation may therefore be indicated for the patients who have lost some of their muscle and/or are recovering from muscle degenerating dysfunction such as stroke or orthopaedic operations, and/or may also be of interest to sports performers. These findings should be followed up in the relevant populations.

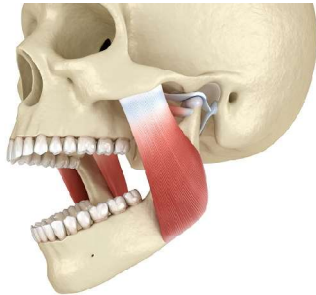
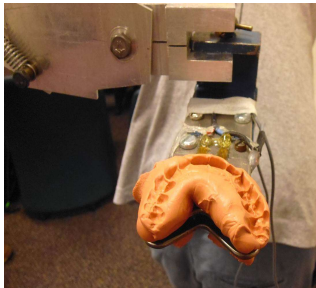
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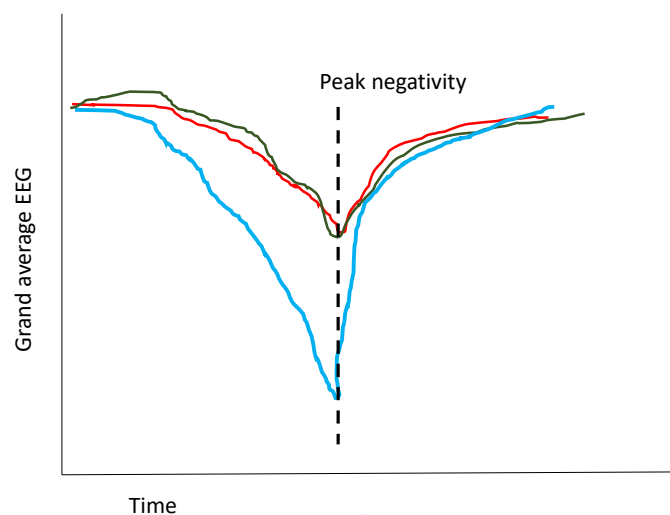
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Movement Related Cortical Potentials (MRCPs)

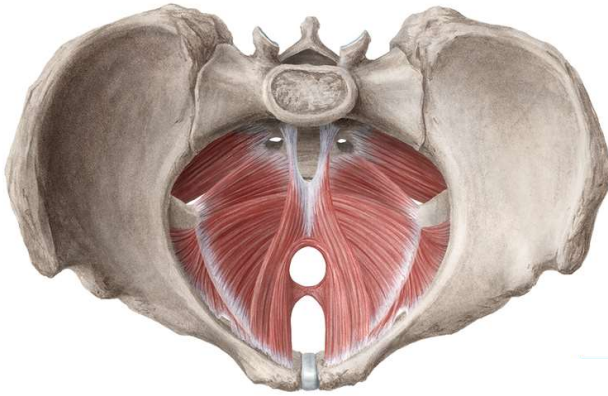


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Female Pelvic Floor muscle function



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Strength Changes with chiropractic adjustments

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Changes in H-reflex and V-waves following spinal manipulation

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Abstract This study investigates whether spinal manipulation leads to neural plastic changes involving cortical drive and the H-reflex pathway. Soleus evoked V-wave, H-reflex, and M-wave recruitment curves and maximum voluntary contraction (MVC) in surface electromyography

in afferents. Spinal manipulation appears to prevent fatigue developed during maximal contractions. Spinal manipulation appears to alter the net excitability of the low-threshold motor units, increase cortical drive, and prevent fatigue.



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16% increase in strength
No change H-reflex
Large increase in V wave



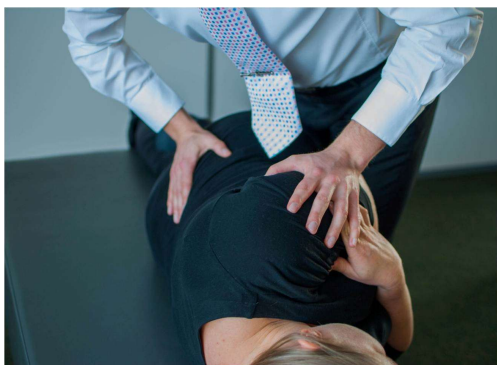
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No change H-reflex
Large increase in V wave

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One adjustment vs 3 weeks of strength training



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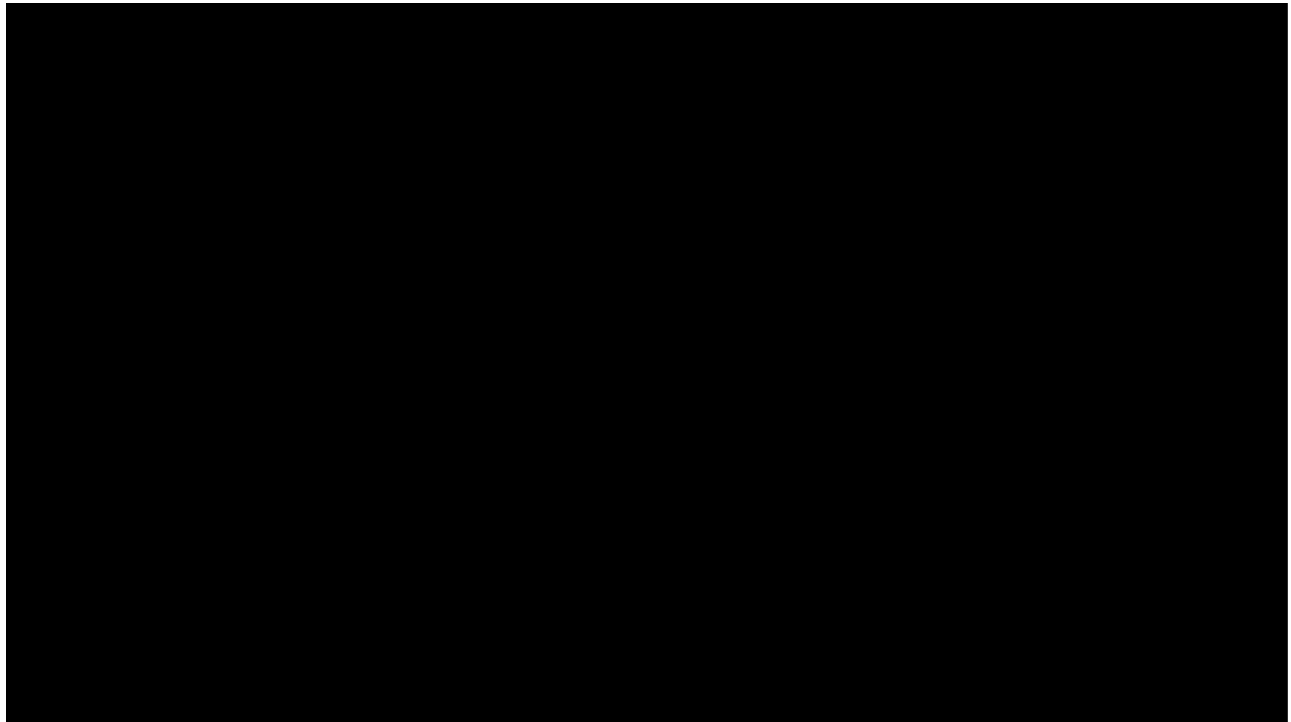
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<p>BS1.01 The Many Models of the...</p> <p>64 Minutes - An introduction into chiropractic neuroscience and the...</p> <p>Dr Heidi Haavik</p> <p>0% Complete 0/0 Steps</p> <p>See more...</p> <p>\$24.00</p>	<p>BS1.02 The Brain Model of the...</p> <p>76 Minutes - How a healthy and a dysfunctional spine communicates...</p> <p>Dr Heidi Haavik</p> <p>0% Complete 0/0 Steps</p> <p>See more...</p> <p>\$24.00</p>	<p>BS1.03 Your first visit to a Chiropractor</p> <p>45 Minutes - What to expect from your first visit and "what is that..."</p> <p>Dr Jenna Duehr</p> <p>0% Complete 0/0 Steps</p> <p>See more...</p> <p>\$24.00</p>	<p>BS1.04 Your first adjustment</p> <p>42 Minutes - What is an adjustment, how does it work and what to expect.</p> <p>Dr Jenna Duehr</p> <p>0% Complete 0/0 Steps</p> <p>See more...</p> <p>\$24.00</p>	<p>BS1.08 Adjustments Improve Strength</p> <p>46 Minutes - The effect of chiropractic on muscle strength and the latest...</p> <p>Dr Jenna Duehr</p> <p>0% Complete 0/0 Steps</p> <p>See more...</p> <p>\$24.00</p>	<p>BS1.09 The Prefrontal Cortex and...</p> <p>66 Minutes - Chiropractic studies have shown adjustments can change...</p> <p>Dr Alice Cade</p> <p>0% Complete 0/0 Steps</p> <p>See more...</p> <p>\$24.00</p>
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First Chronic Stroke Study



65% increase in strength
No change H-reflex
Large increase in V wave

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Article

The Effects of 4 Weeks of Chiropractic Spinal Adjustments on Motor Function in People with Stroke: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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Abstract: Chiropractic spinal adjustments have been shown to result in short-term increases in muscle strength in chronic stroke patients; however, the effect of longer-term chiropractic spinal adjustments on people with chronic stroke is unknown. This exploratory study assessed whether 4 weeks of chiropractic spinal adjustments, combined with physical therapy (chiro + PT), had a greater impact than sham chiropractic with physical therapy (sham + PT) on motor function (Fugl Meyer Assessment, FMA) in 63 subacute or chronic stroke patients. Secondary outcomes included health-related quality of life and other measures of functional mobility and disability. Outcomes were assessed at baseline, 4 weeks (post-intervention), and 8 weeks (follow-up). Data were analyzed using linear mixed-effects models or generalized linear mixed models. A post hoc responder analysis was performed to investigate the clinical significance of findings. At 4 weeks, there was a larger effect of chiro + PT, compared with sham + PT, on the FMA (difference = 6.1, $p = 0.04$). The responder analysis suggested the improvements in motor function seen following chiropractic spinal adjustments may have been clinically significant. There was also a modest improvement in both groups in most measures from baseline to the 4- and 8-week assessments, but between-group differences were no longer significant at the 8-week assessment. Four weeks of chiro + PT resulted in statistically significant improvements in motor function, compared with sham + PT, in people with subacute or chronic stroke. These improvements appear to be clinically important. Further trials, involving larger group sizes and longer follow-up and intervention periods, are required to corroborate these findings and further investigate the impacts of chiropractic spinal adjustments on motor function in post-stroke survivors. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03040794.

Keywords: stroke; motor function; chiropractic spinal adjustment; physical therapy; health-related quality of life; recovery of function


1. Introduction

Stroke can result in persistent impairments of structure and function, which can lead to limitations of activity and a negative impact on quality of life [1,2]. Due to long-term disability, many stroke survivors are dependent on their caregivers for assistance with activities of daily life, such as dressing, bathing, and toileting, which imposes an additional burden on the caregiver.

Functional Clinical Outcomes also improved!

- 4 weeks Chiropractic/Control Randomised controlled trial
- Physical Therapy + sham vs Physical Therapy + Chiro
- Motor Function (Fugl Meyer Assessment)
- 63 subacute stroke victims
- Quality of Life
- Measures week 0, week 4, week 8
- At week 4 – LARGE effect in chiro group vs sham
- Appear to be clinically important improvement!
- Both groups improved at 8 weeks

Holt, Niazi, Amjad, Kumari, Rashid, Duehr, Navid, Shafique, Haavik. (2021) The effects of 4 weeks of chiropractic care on motor function in chronic stroke: A randomized controlled trial. *Brain Sci.* 2021, 11, 676. <https://doi.org/10.3390/brainsci11060676>



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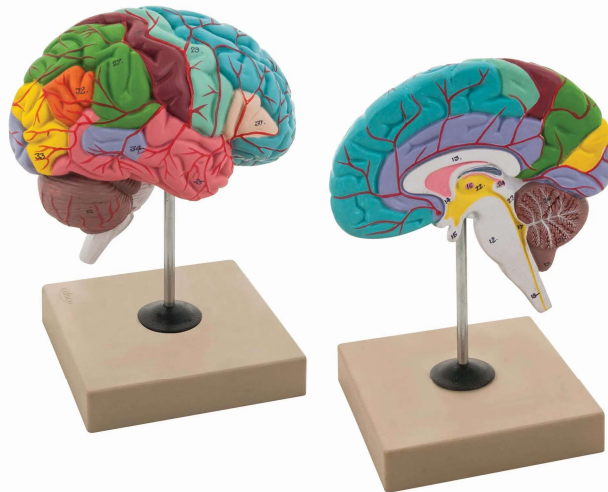
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How many of
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How many of you have a brain model in your practice?




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Motor Control changes with adjustments



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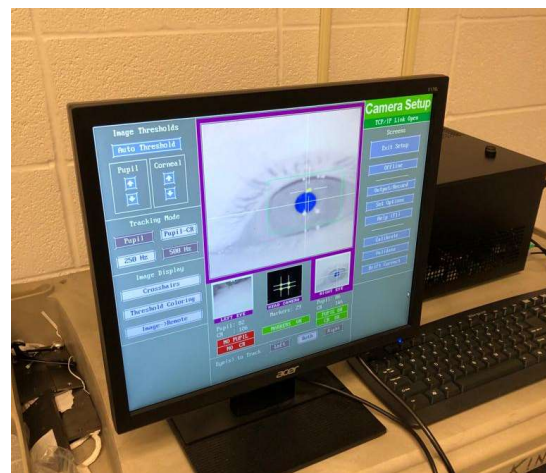
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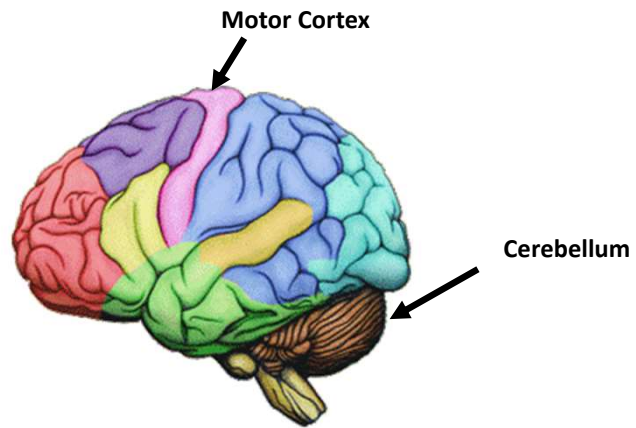


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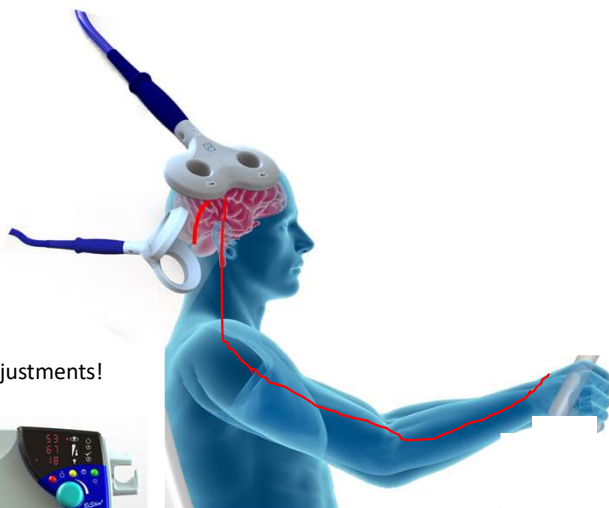


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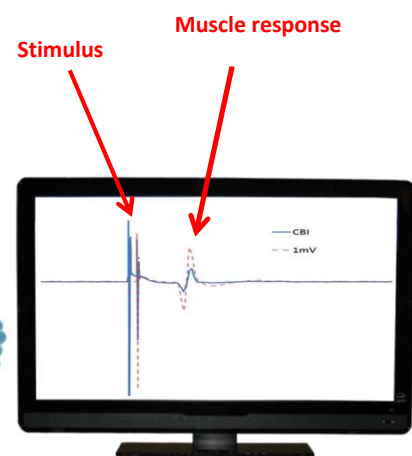
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Cerebellum- M1 Inhibition with TMS

SCNP have poor CBI
Increase CBI after adjustments!



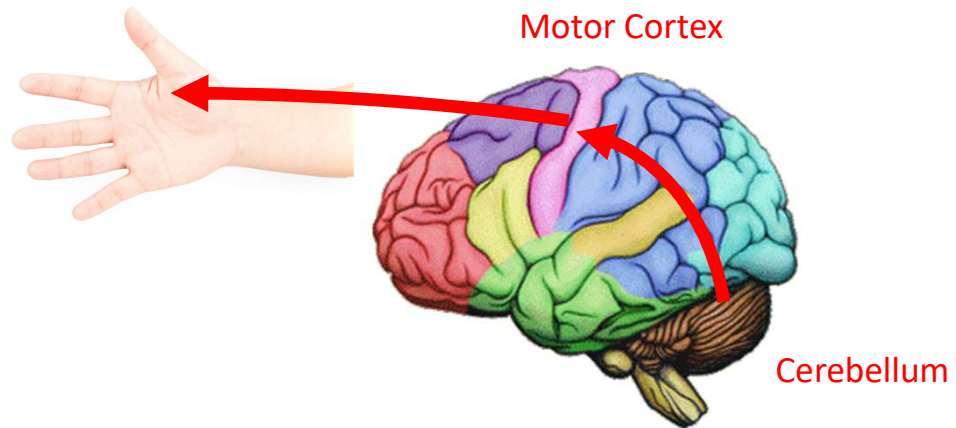
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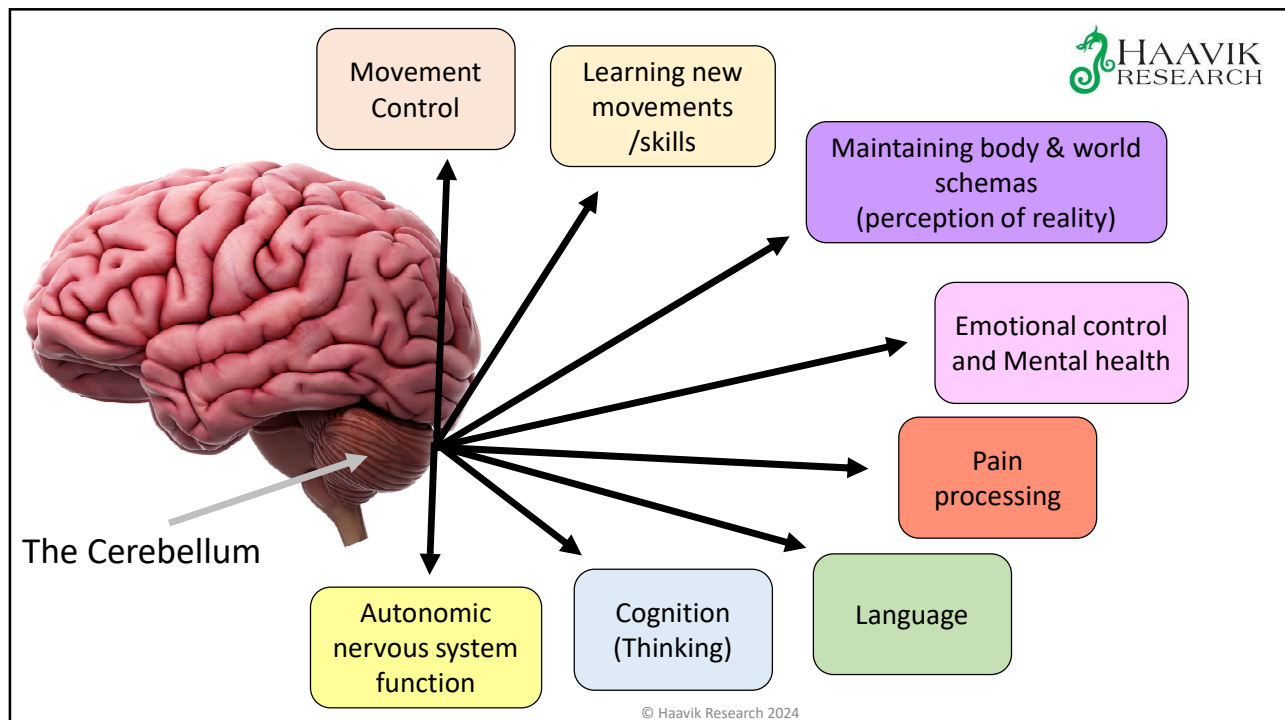
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What does this mean?



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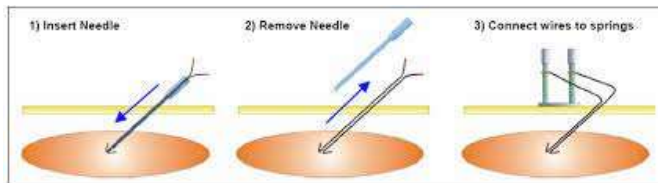
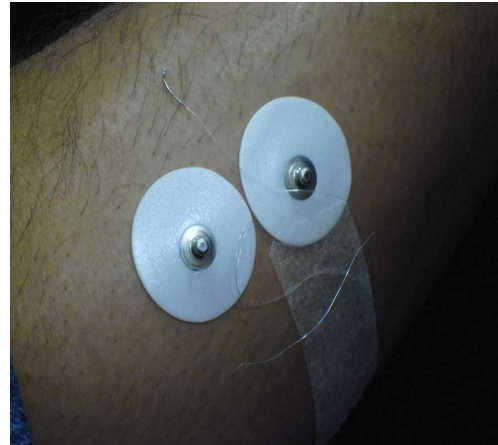
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Our Intramuscular EMG studies



we were able to record 85 single motor units (using the needle-based technique) across 19 participants



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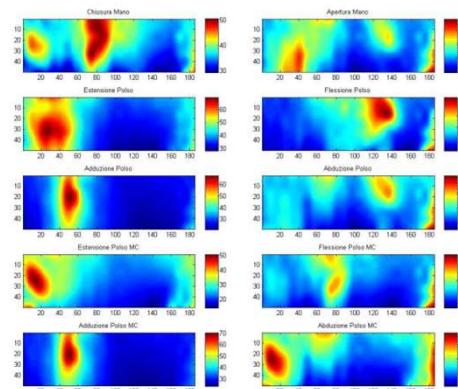
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HDsEMG electrodes

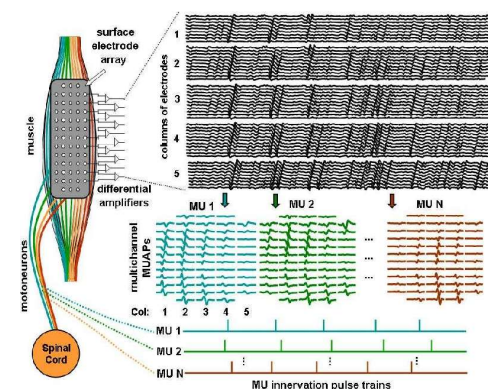


64 channels

Activation MAP



EMG Decomposition



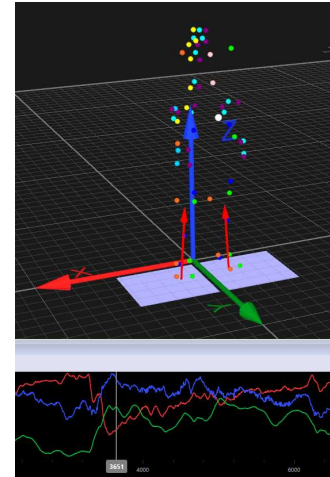
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500 channel HDsEMG and 3D motion capture



- Biomechanics by using 3D motion analysis system
- 500 High Density EMG over erector spinae muscles



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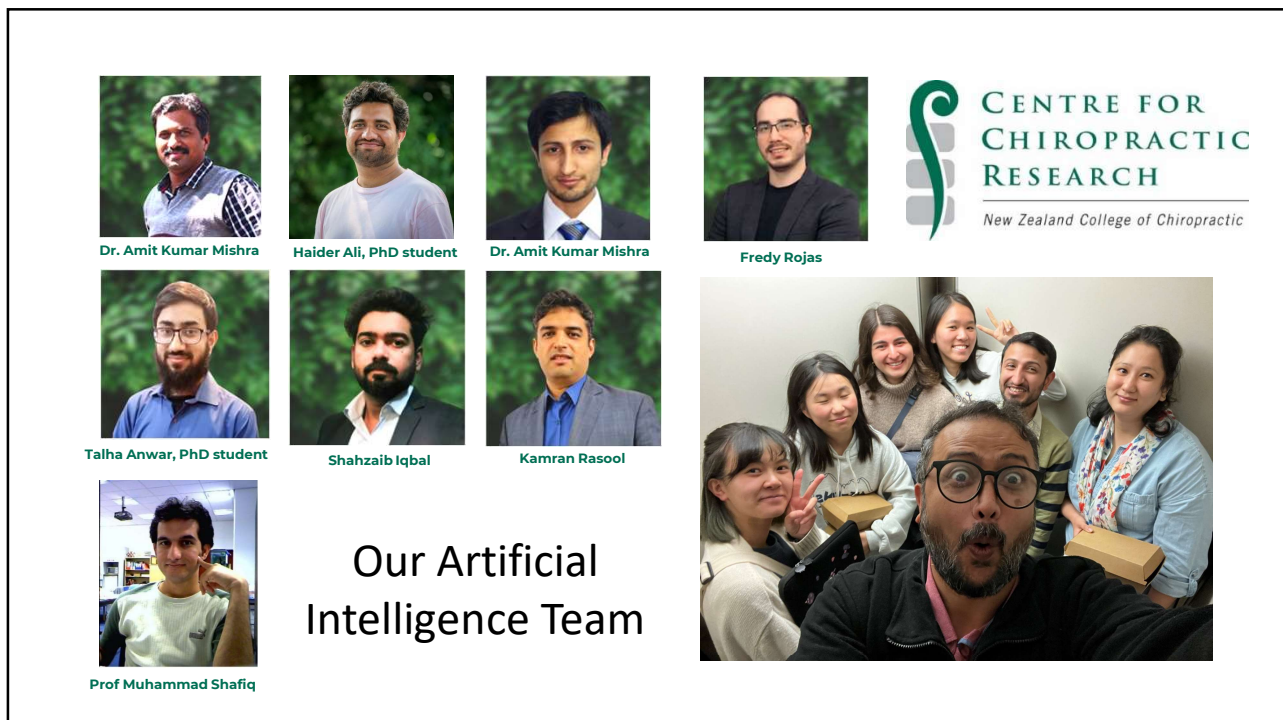
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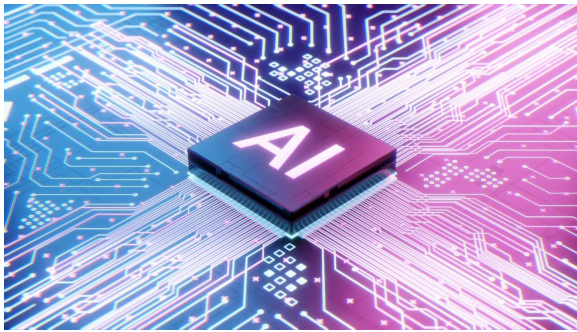


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Artificial Intelligence



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3D Data Visualisation



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What is Vitalism?

What is a vitalistic research approach?

- Self aware
- Self organising
- Self developing
- Self healing



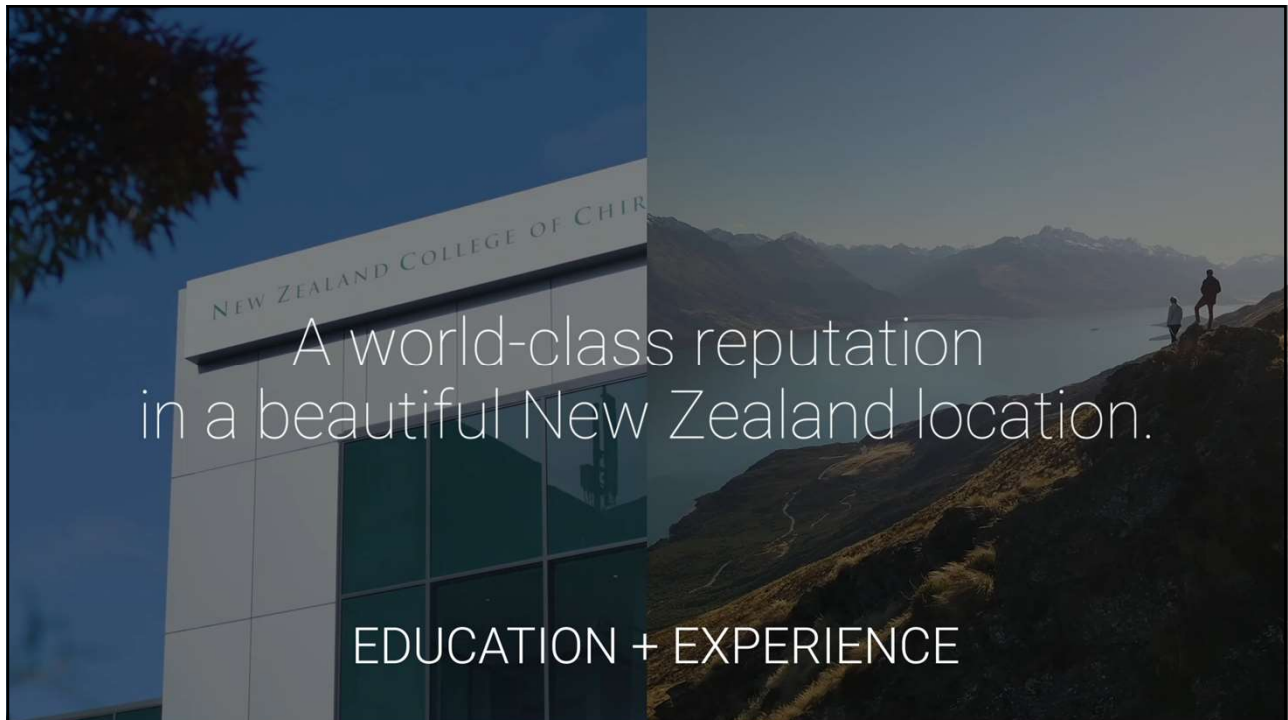
- Together, each of us working to our strengths, collaboratively, we can outperform the sum of what each of us could do on our own individually
- We share the work, we share the credit, we share the outputs (grants, publications, etc)

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Please send us your best students!


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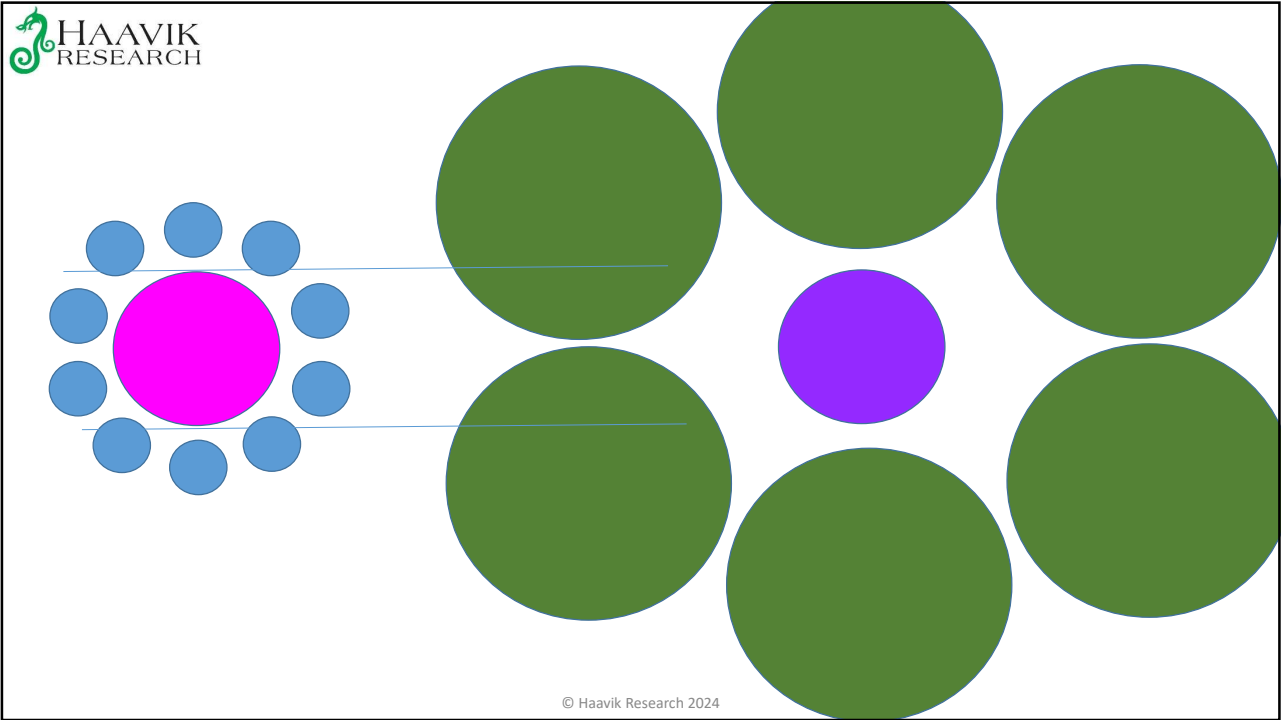


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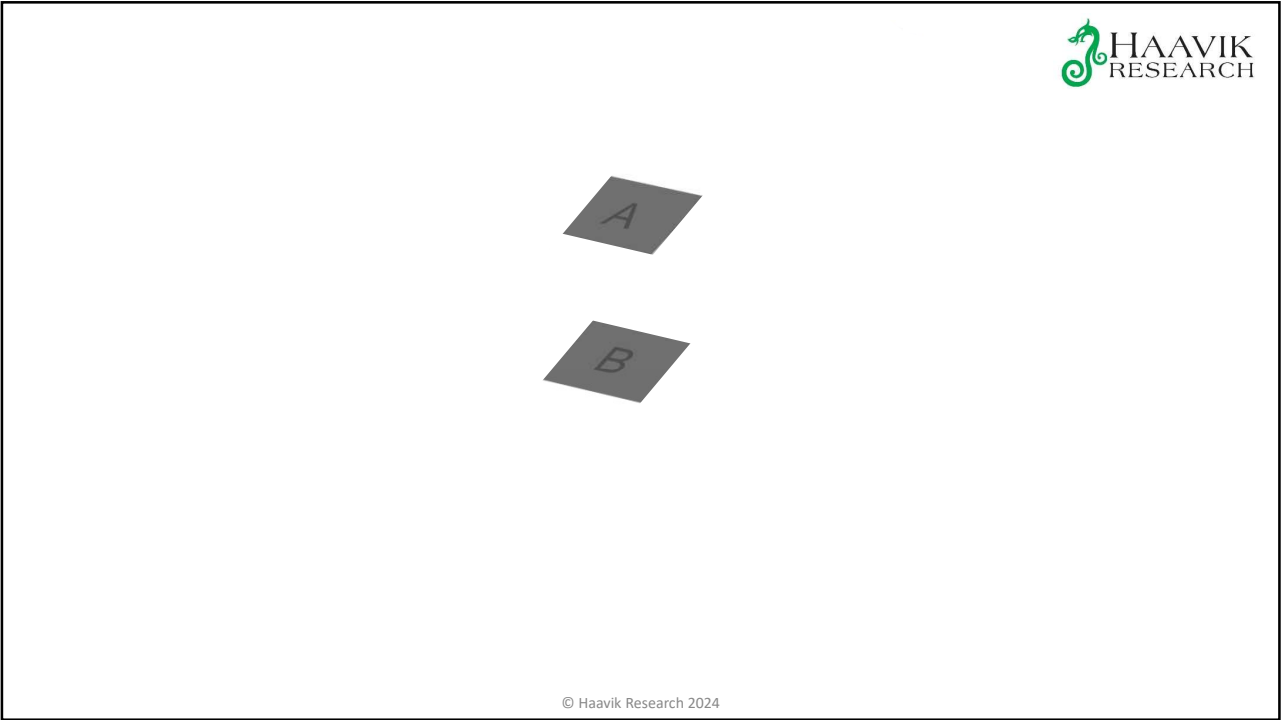
Do you know your brain does not tell you exactly what it sees, hears, feels, tastes and smells? It **INTERPRETS** what its sensing, integrates this with your past memories and future expectations, **AND** is influence by the functioning of your spine!!

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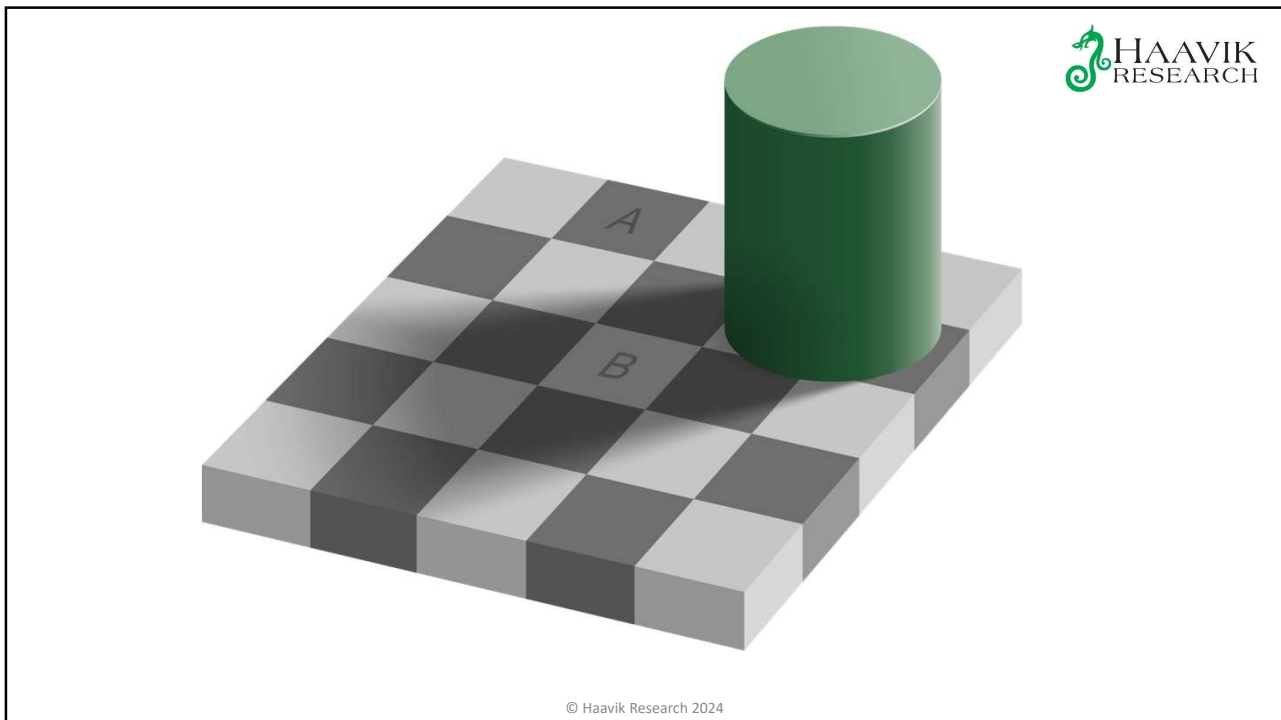
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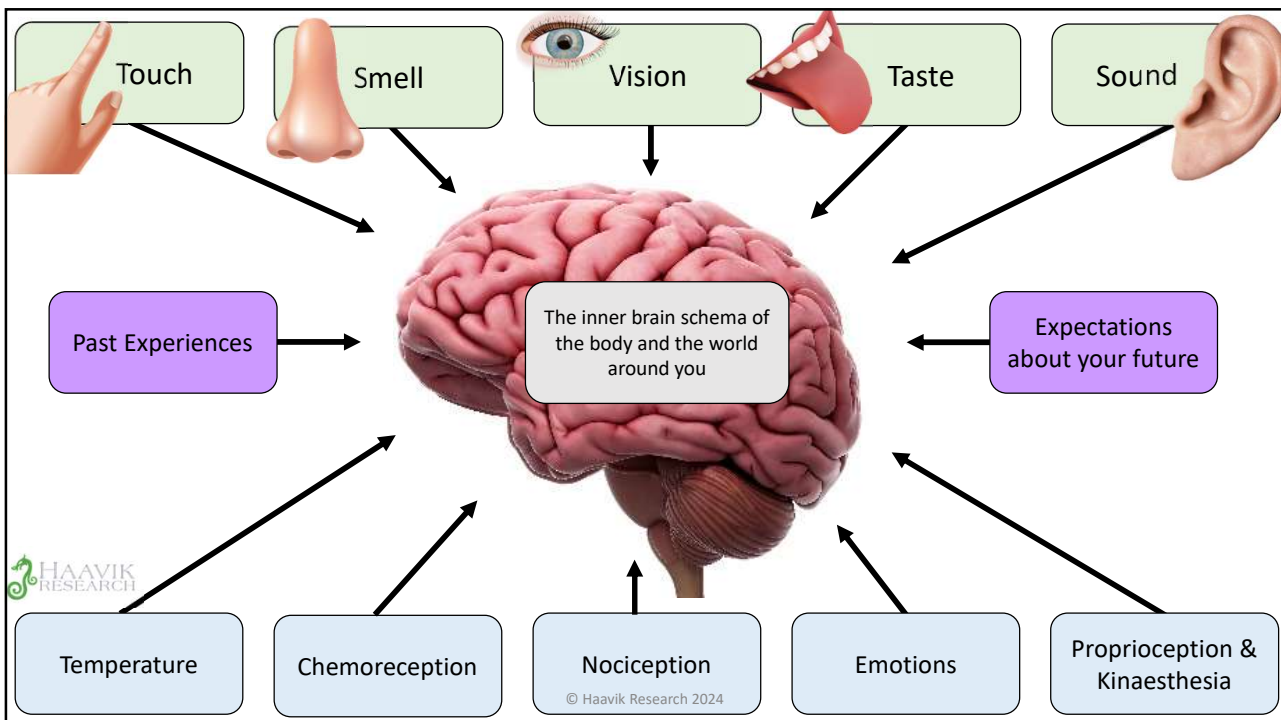
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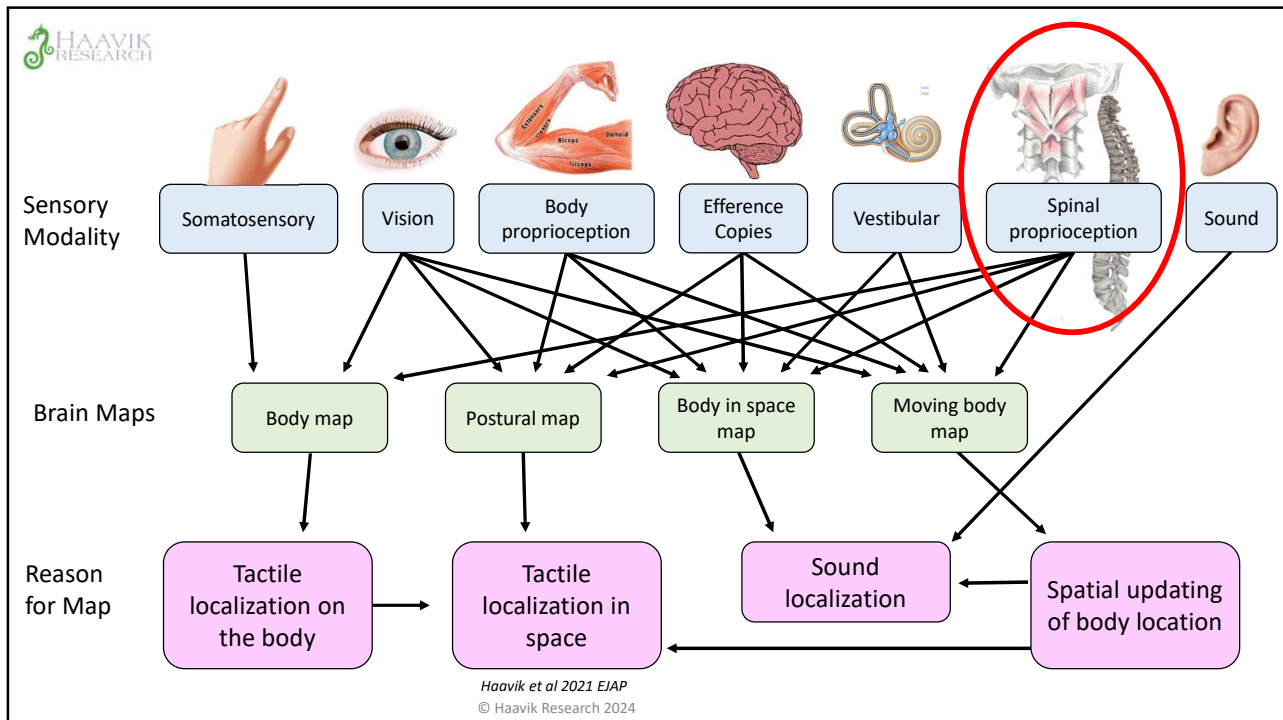
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Also in pamphlet:



Your Brain Fills in the Gaps

...and/or alters your reality based on past expectations,
surrounding information and intentions.

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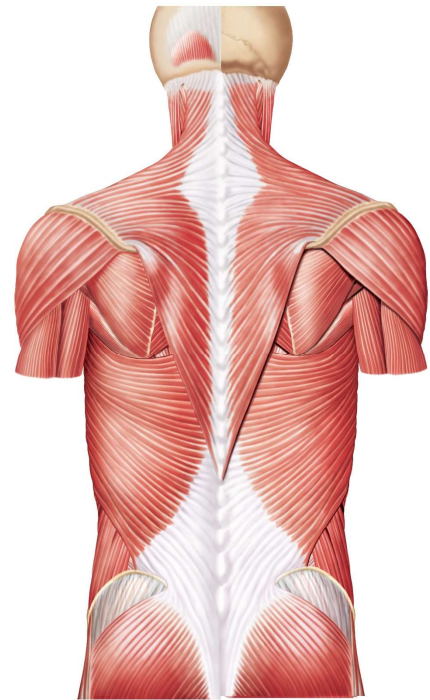
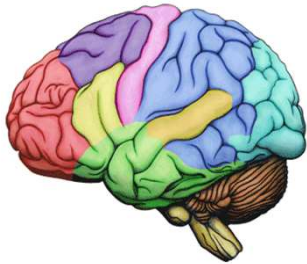
Essential Spinal Functions



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Spinal bones don't
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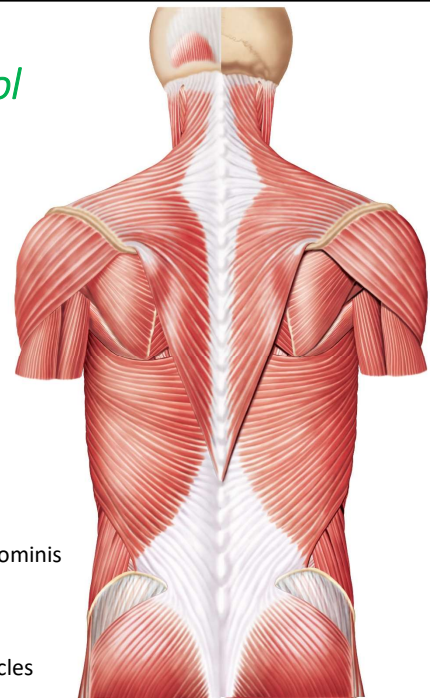
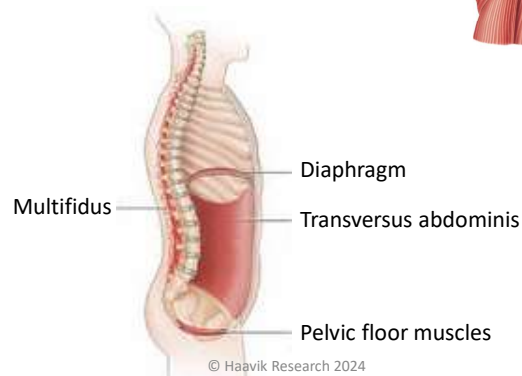
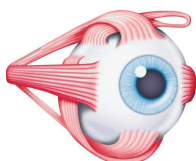
The complexity of spinal movement control

Multiple tissue layers:

Muscles
Skin
Fat
Fascia
Ligaments
tendons

CNS Strategies:

Anticipatory
Reactive
Tonic



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Postural Control Systems

Movement Strategies

- Reactive
- Anticipatory
- Voluntary
- Gait

Cognitive Processes

- Attention
- Learning



Sensory Strategies

- Sensory Integration
 - Somatosensory (70%)
 - Visual (10%)
 - Vestibular (20%)
- Sensory Reweighting

Biomechanical constraints

- Strength
- Ligaments
- tendons

Internal Framework

- Internal maps
- gravity

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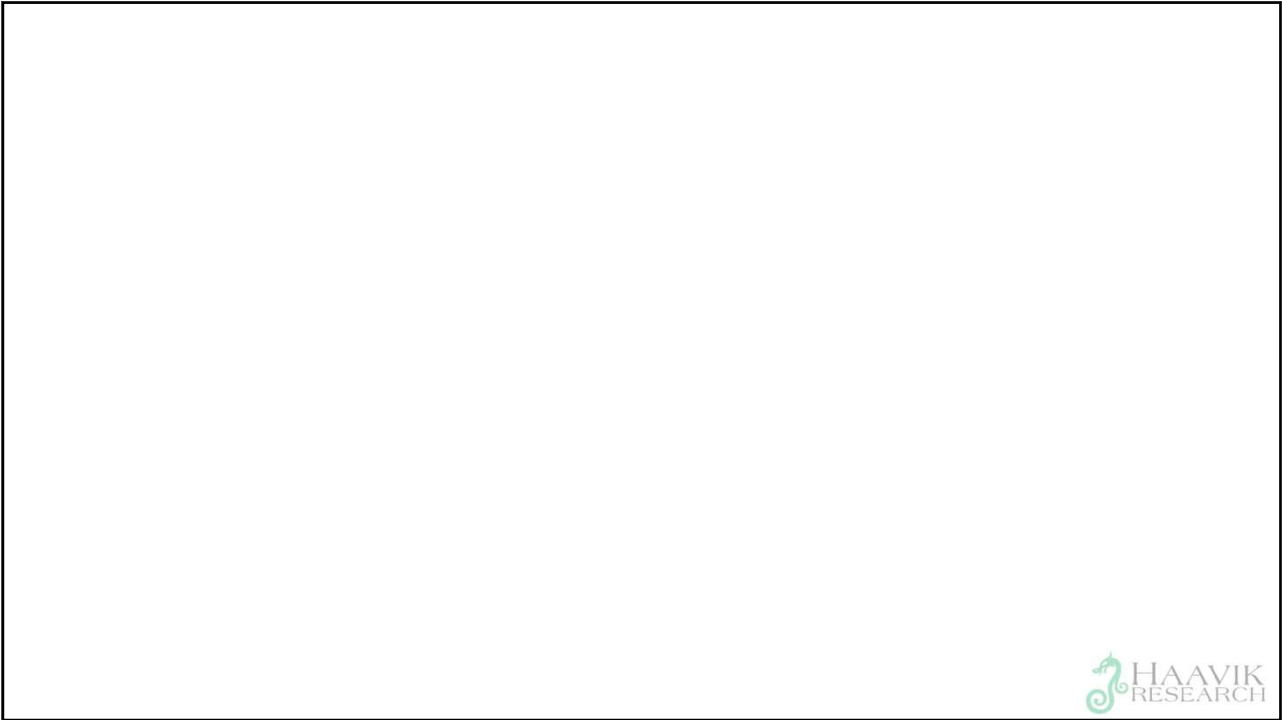
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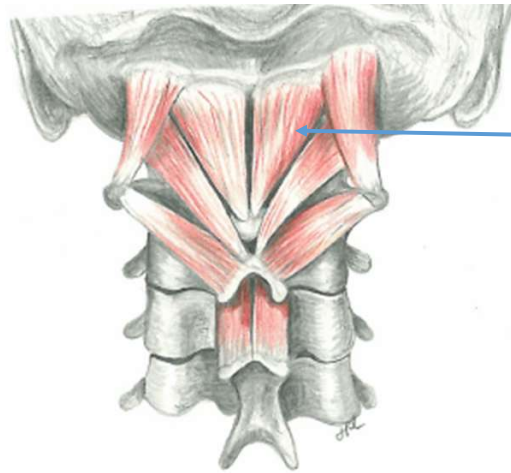
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Small Intervertebral Paraspinal muscles are primarily sensors



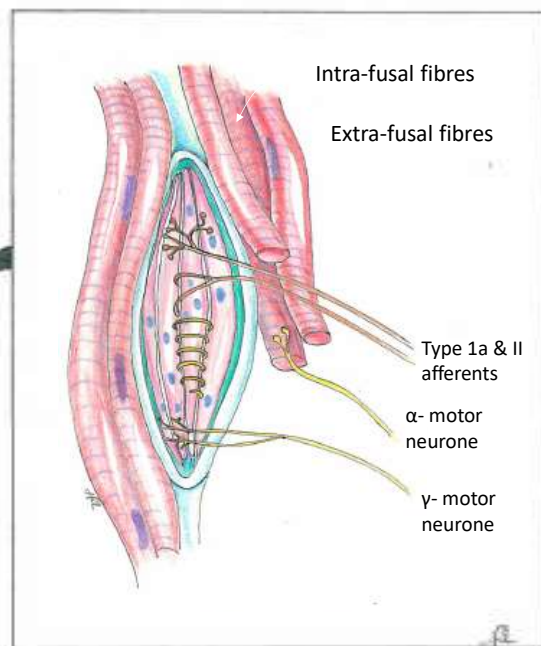
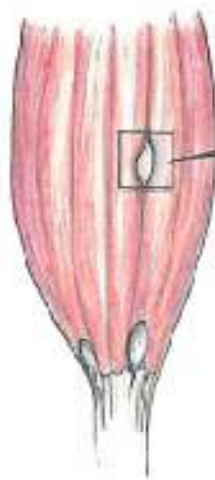
Sense change in position
(accelerometers)



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MUSCLE SPINDLES



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Research literature suggests at least 3 causes of the vertebral subluxation



Physical Trauma

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Chemical Trauma / inflammation

TOXINS



Psychological, social and/or spiritual stress

THOUGHTS

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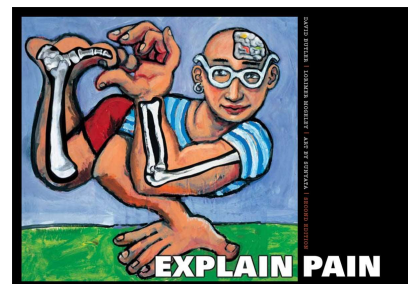
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Biologically plausible mechanisms for how you get subluxated

STRESS (emotional, chemical or structural)

“However, if the long muscles are turned on, the shorter ones, for example the stabilizing muscles between vertebrae, ***go to sleep*** – there is no need for them if you are trying to avoid danger.”



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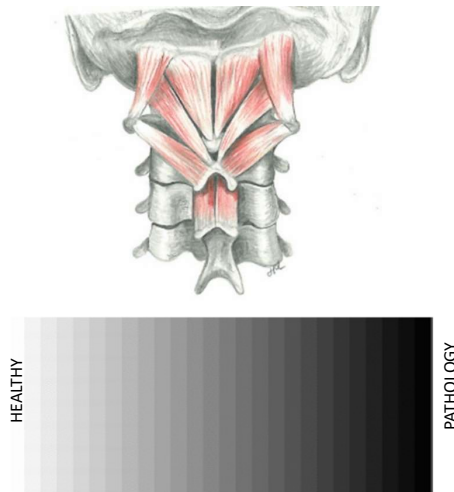
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What happens when the spine dysfunctions?

Deep paraspinal muscles around a **'healthy' segment** are:

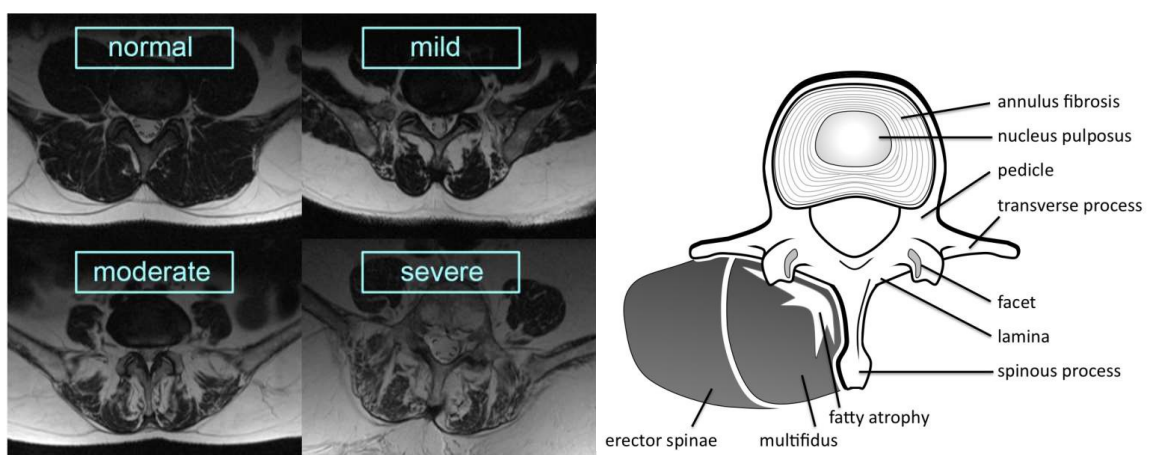
- Plump
- Larger in size
- Slow-twitch fibre type
- No fatty infiltration
- Healthy muscle spindles
- Move freely



Subluxated segment deep paraspinal muscles over time become:

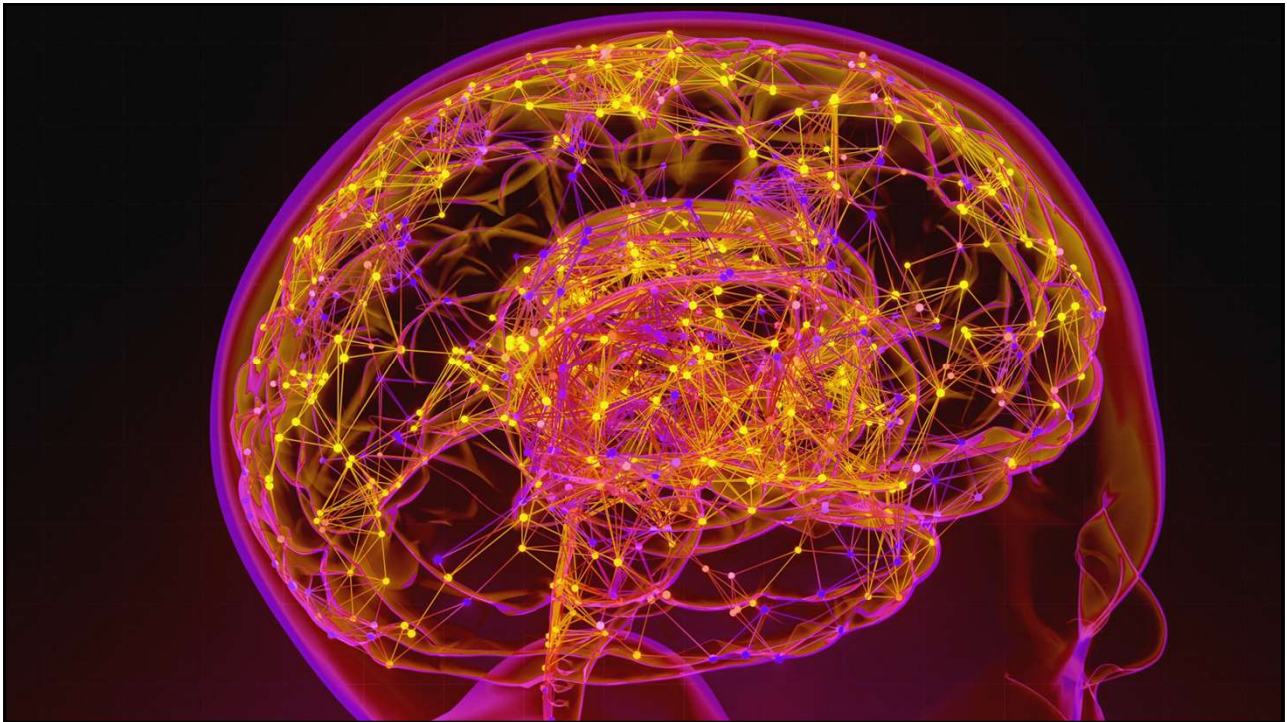
- Fibrotic
- Atrophied
- Fatty infiltration
- Change fibre type (slow to fast)
- Muscle spindles dysfunction
- DJD around joint

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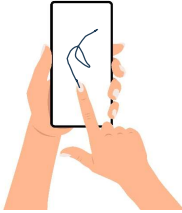



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Spinal dysfunction vs Healthy people





Normal Orientation							
R	↗	↘	↖	↙	↘	↗	↖
0°	45°	90°	135°	180°	225°	270°	315°



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Why are these functions important?



But do we know for sure we reduce car accident?

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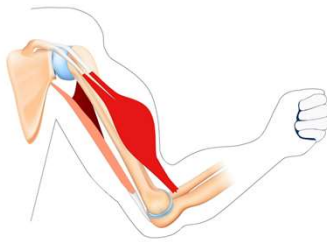
A person comes in and you discover they have recurring mild ache pain or tension in their spine...

What MIGHT be going on for this person:	How MIGHT this be expressed for this person ? What questions could you ask?
Poor shoulder proprioception	Might bump into things
Poor elbow proprioception	Might knock elbow on door frames
Poor multimodal integration of sound and visual information	May have more falls (as slower to identify surroundings and respond to them appropriately), may find it hard to function in noisy sensory-rich surroundings, may struggle to identify objects fast
Poor arm movements	May be clumsy, miss objects they are trying to grasp, put cup down so falls off table (as missed table edge), etc
Poor cerebellar-cortex communication	Clumsiness, poor motor learning, struggling to learn instrument, sport, work tasks, shaky, poor fine motor control,
Neck muscle fatigue	Gets sore neck, feels head is too heavy for their body, needs to rest often

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Microtrauma



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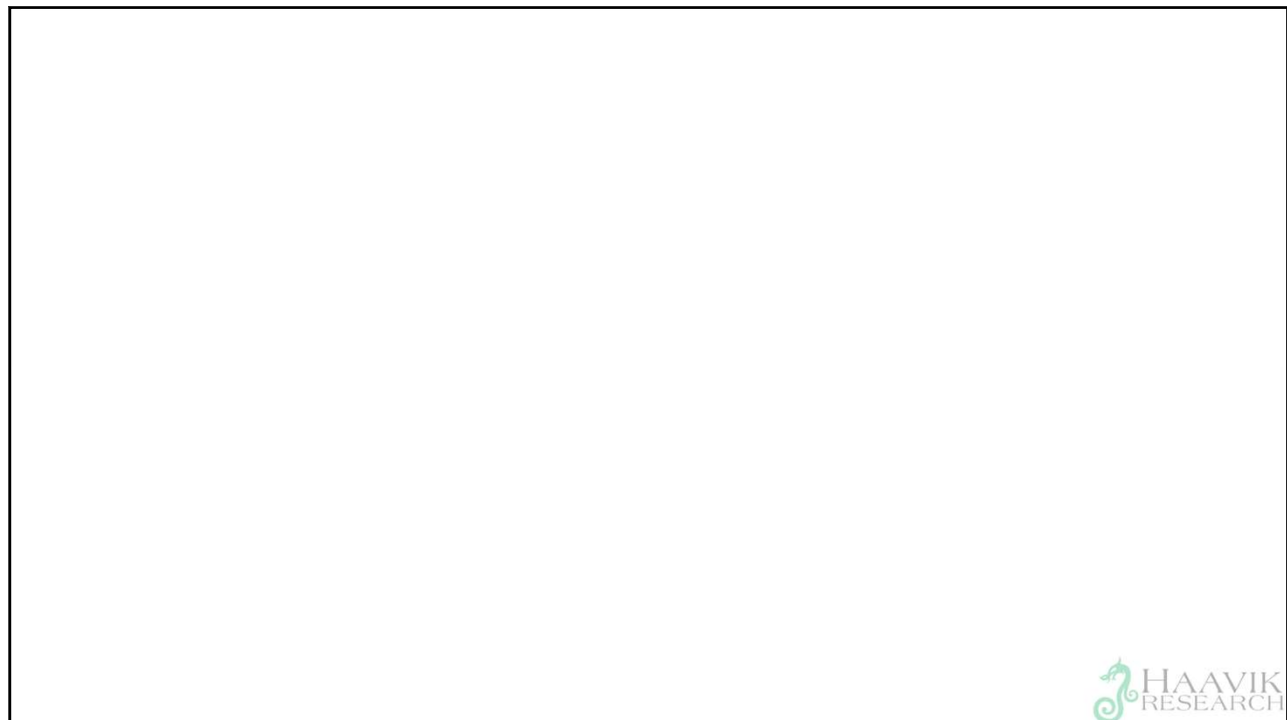
PA24: mild dysfunction brain change

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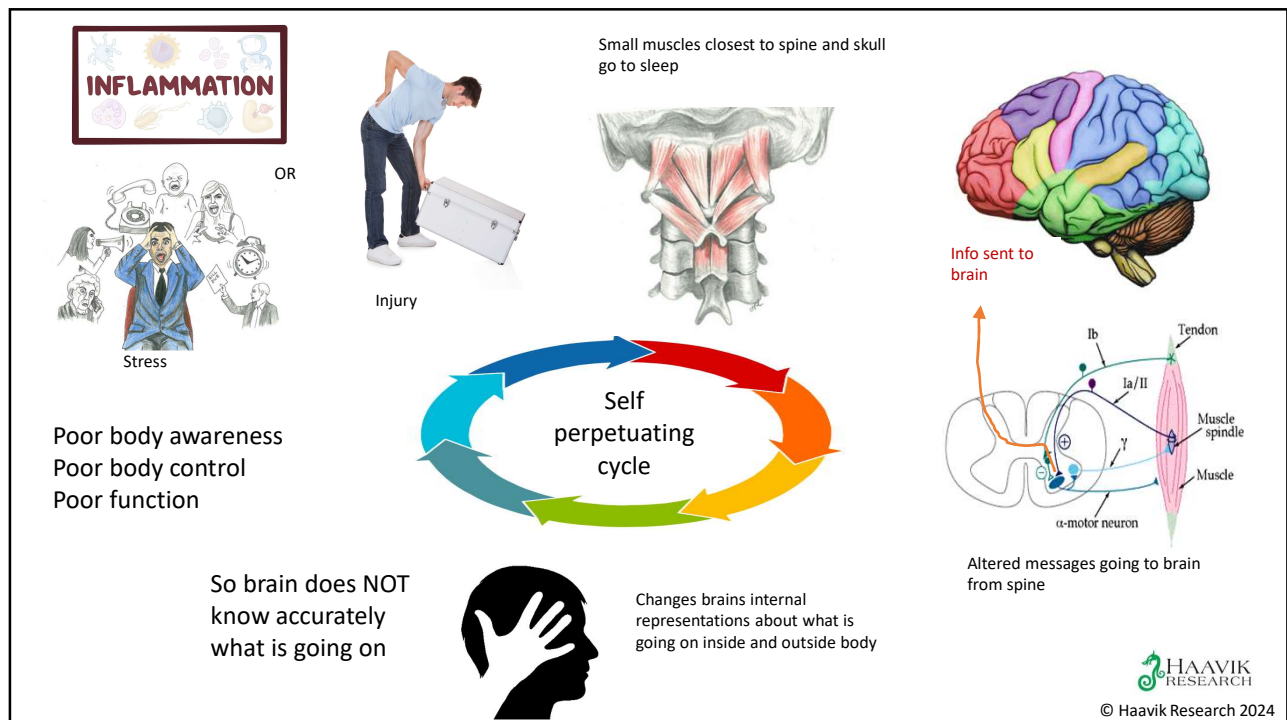


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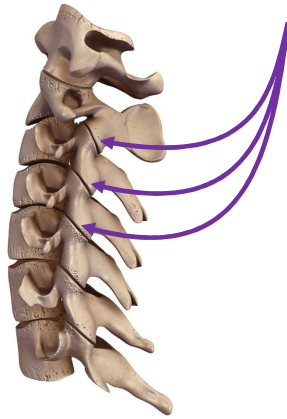


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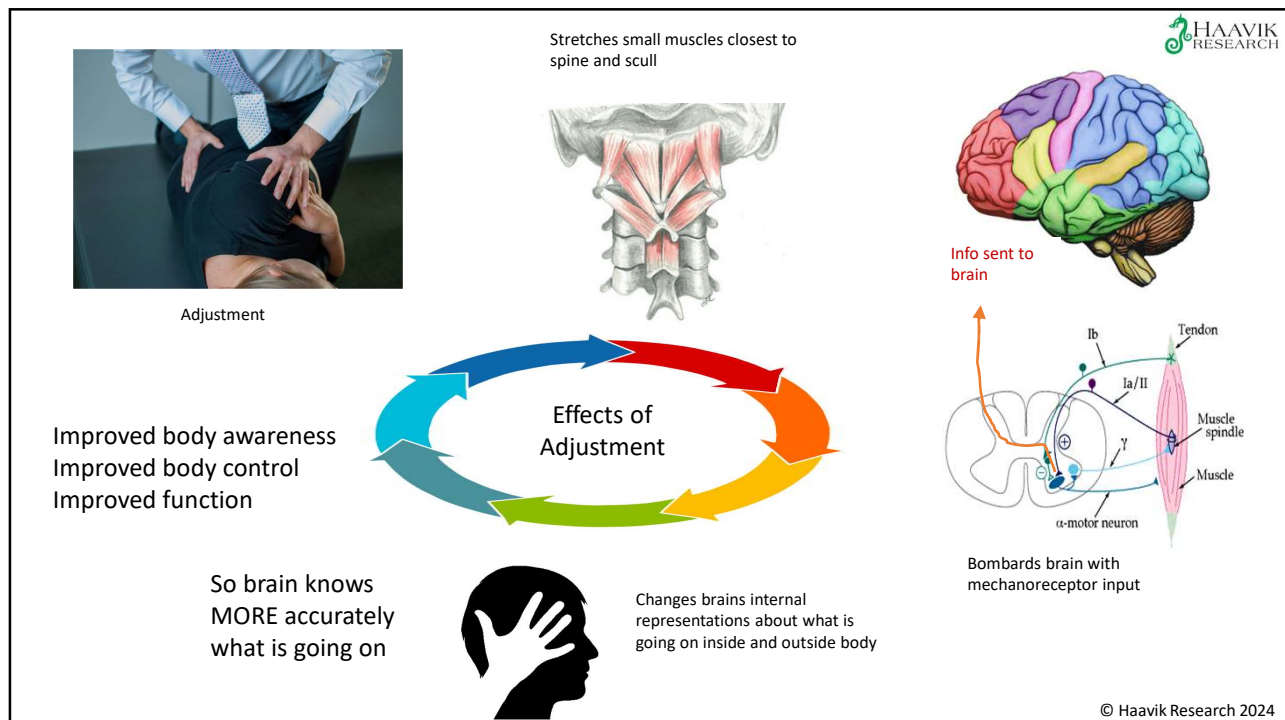
The facet joints gap during a thrust and you get increased intersegmental ROM!



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Implications

- The brain model is FAR MORE impactful that the structural pathology MOPI model ever could be
- Because EVERY adjustment impacts the BRAIN!!! (Prefrontal cortex and Cerebellum)



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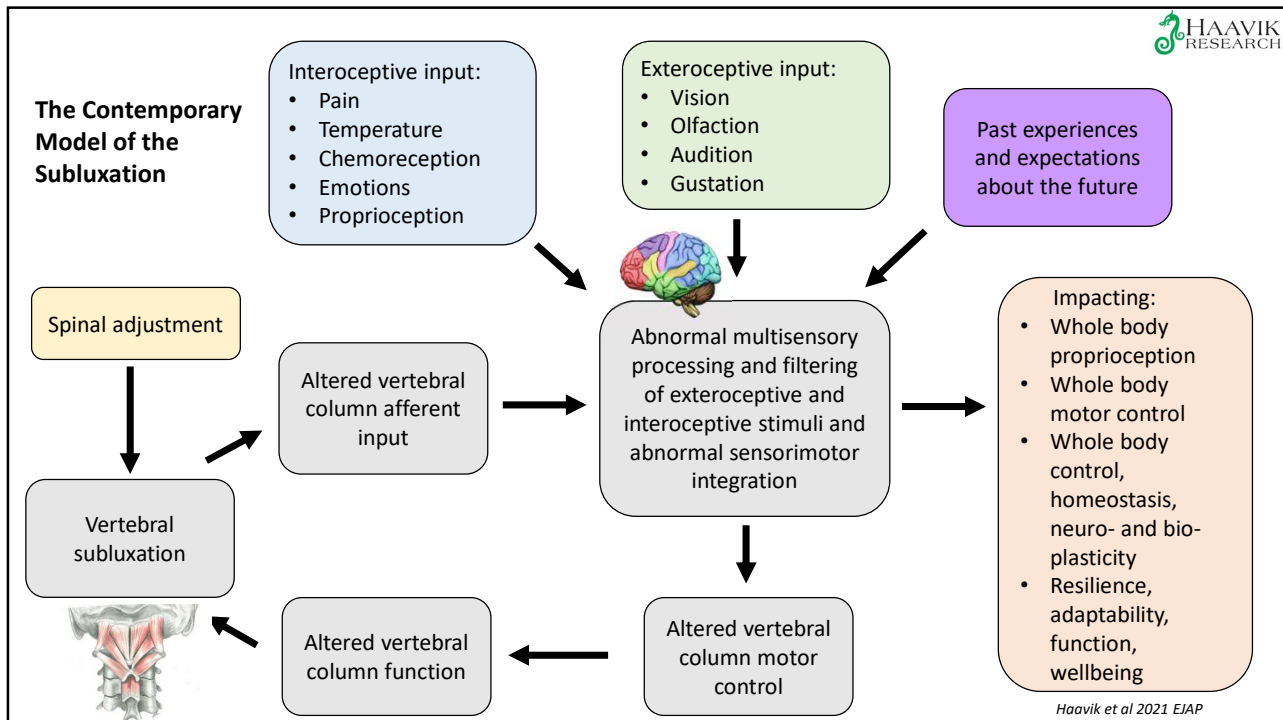
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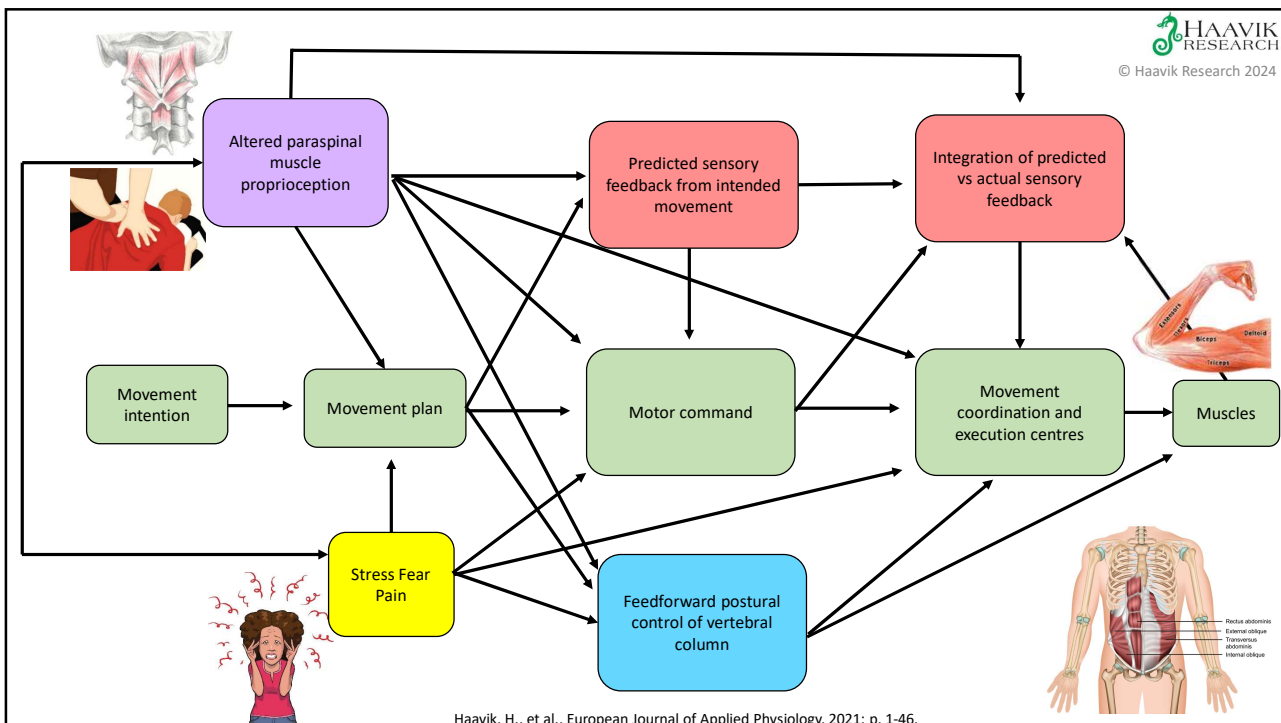
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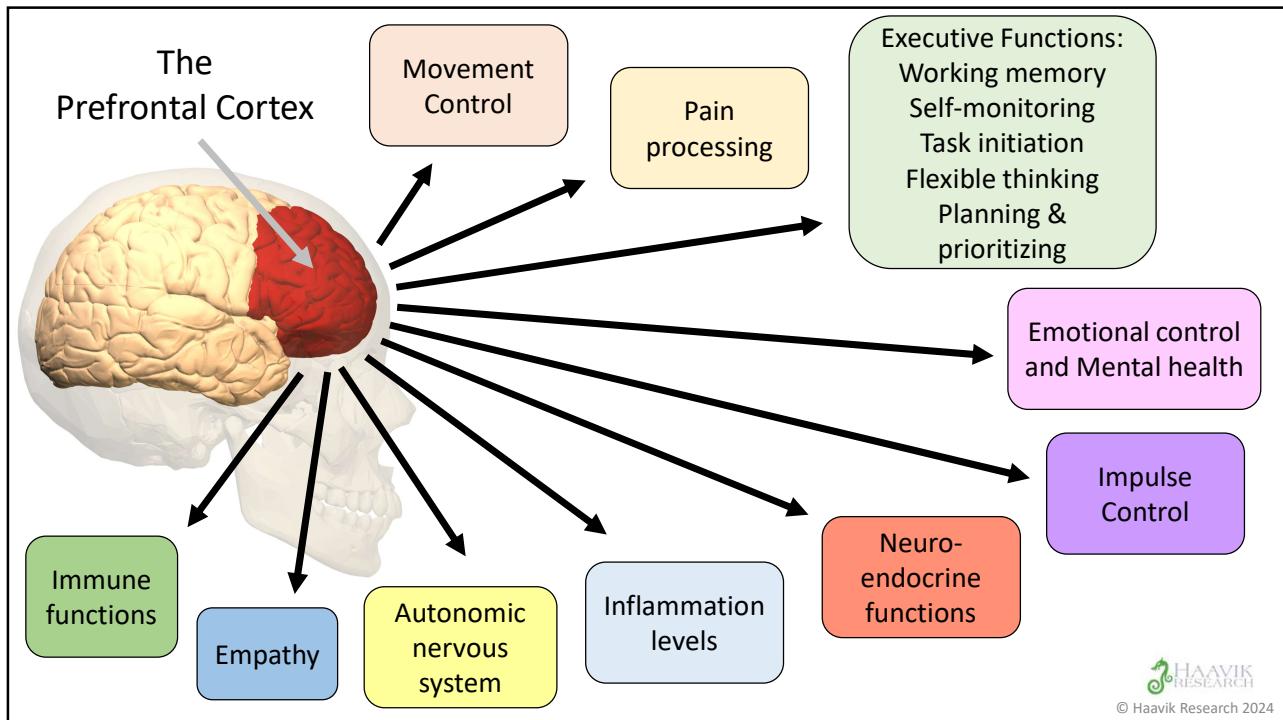
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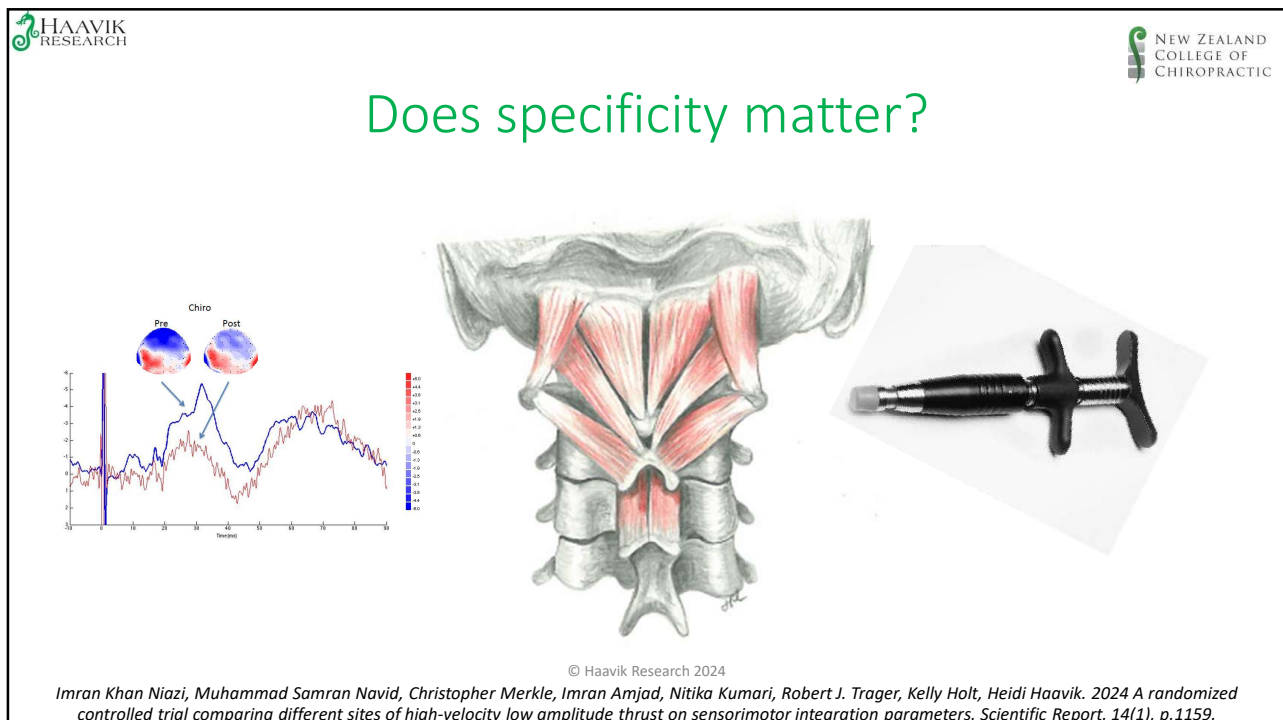
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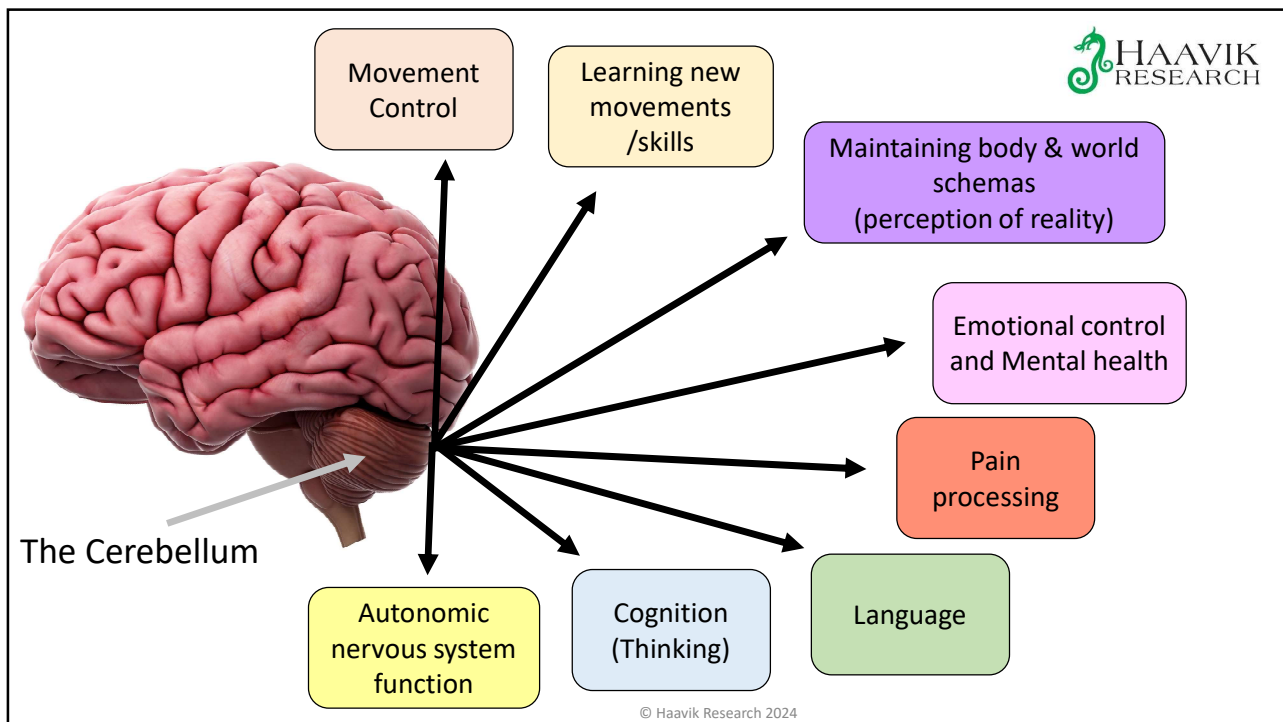
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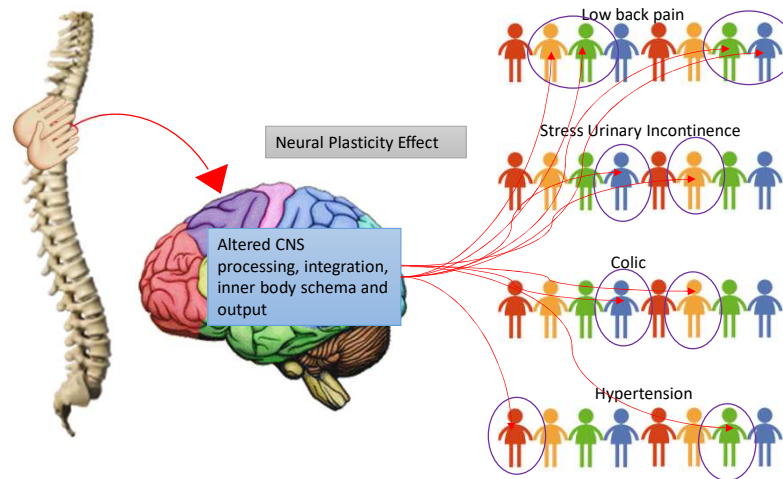
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Responders vs Non-responders



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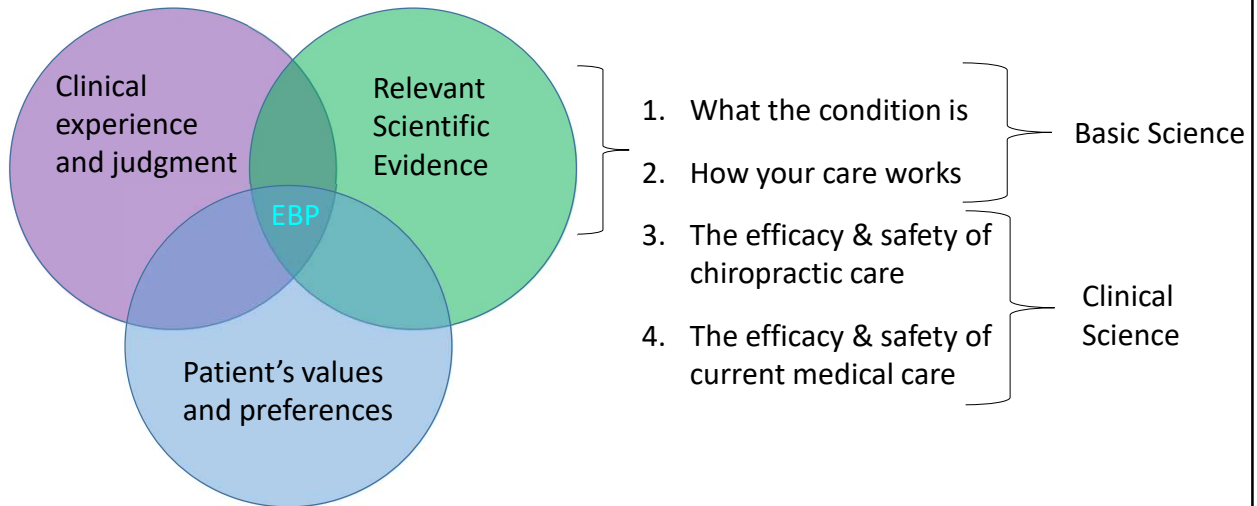
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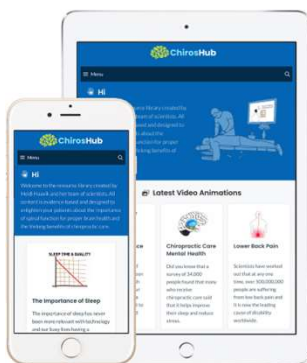


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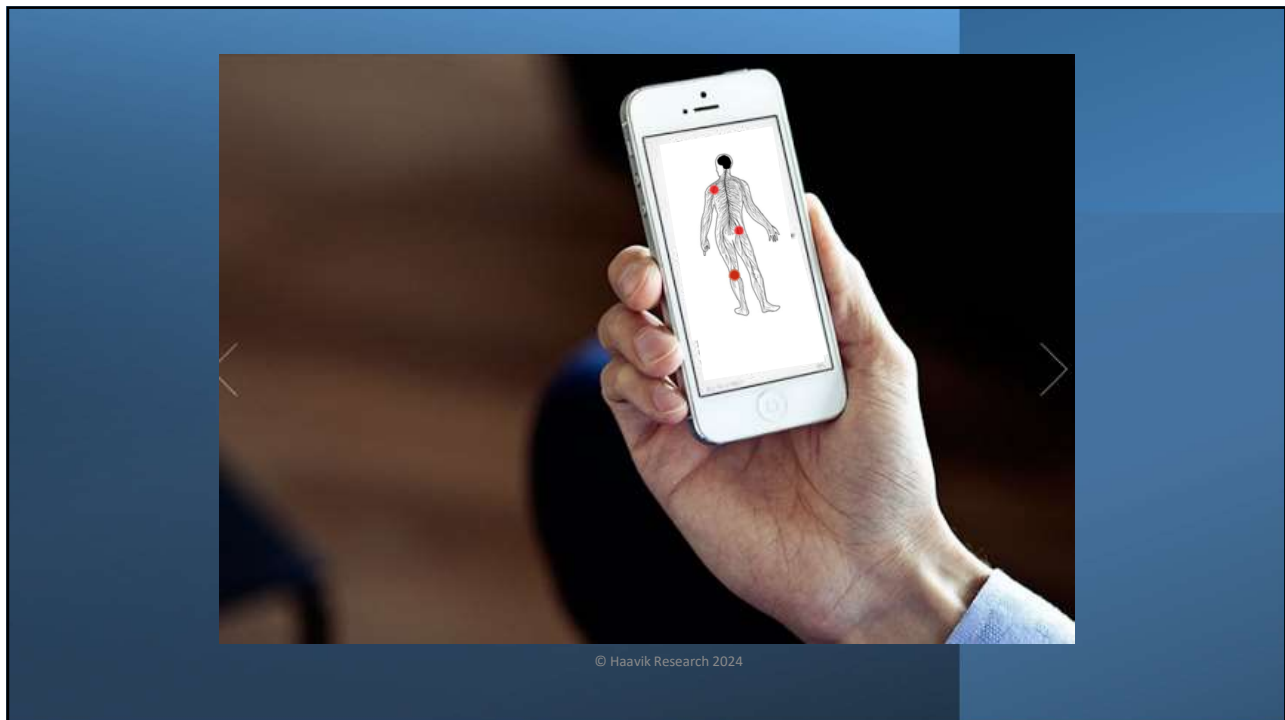
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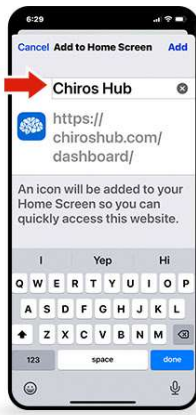
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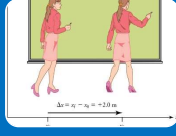
Searching the Literature

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Spine Talk Prone

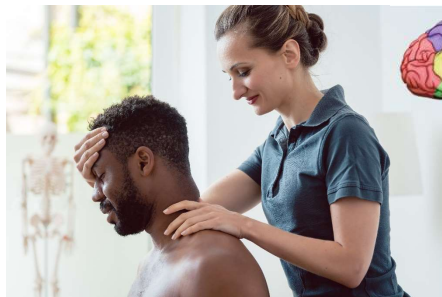


- When checking the spine prone, talk spine, discuss paraspinal deep muscles and what occurs over time
- Do some 'did you know questions'



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Brain talk supine/sitting



- When checking their neck either sitting or supine, talk brain, talk how the muscles from the spine impact the brain and that adjustments change the way the brain perceives what is going on inside them and even around them.
- Do some 'did you know questions'

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Did you know.....

The latest science is showing us that more frequent adjustments early on when you start care leads to better outcomes up to a year later for people like you with these kinds of headaches that come from your neck

Science is showing us that regular adjustments means less days in pain for you, as opposed to letting it build back up and you only come back in when it hurts

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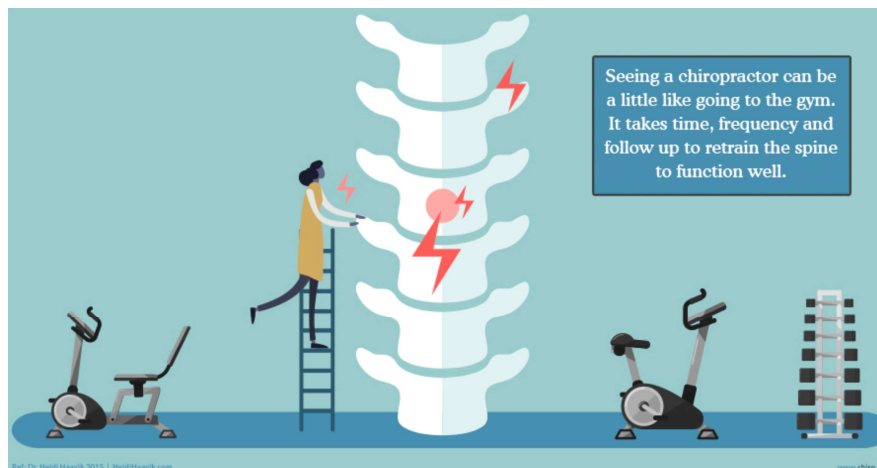
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Exploring the neurophysiological effects of chiropractic care on preterm infants

- Dr Jenna Duher's PhD project at Auckland University
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- Infant babies
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- EEG
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Jenna Duehr



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As seen on YouTube in Russell Brand Interview



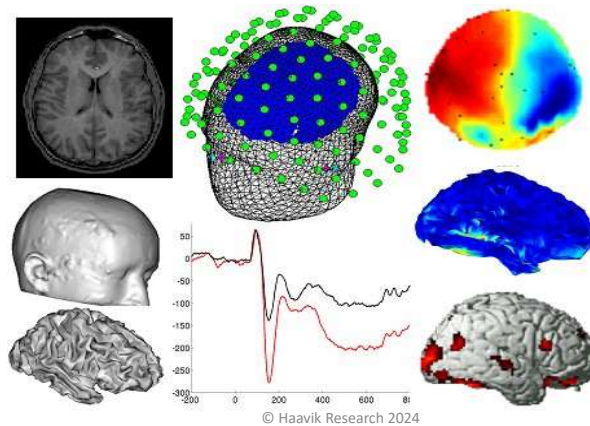
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Electroencephalography (EEG)

- Resting State (5 minutes)
- Source localization analysis (both)



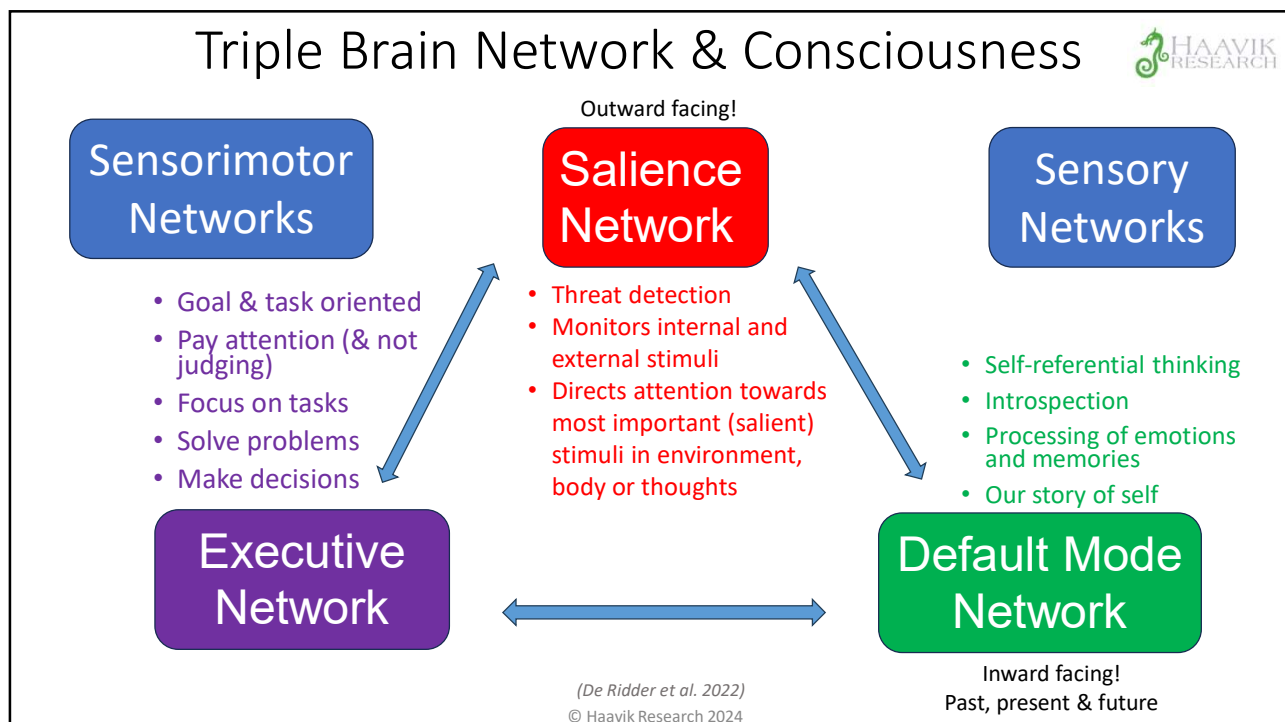
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Tripple Brain Network and Psychopathology

(Menon 2011)

The science of large-scale brain networks offers a powerful paradigm for investigating cognitive and affective dysfunction in psychiatric and neurological disorders. This review examines recent conceptual and methodological developments which are contributing to a paradigm shift in the study of psychopathology. I summarize methods for characterizing aberrant brain networks and demonstrate how network analysis provides novel insights into dysfunctional brain architecture. Deficits in access, engagement and disengagement of large-scale neurocognitive networks are shown to play a prominent role in several disorders including schizophrenia, depression, anxiety, dementia and autism. Synthesizing recent research, I propose a triple network model of aberrant saliency mapping and cognitive dysfunction in psychopathology, emphasizing the surprising parallels that are beginning to emerge across psychiatric and neurological disorders.

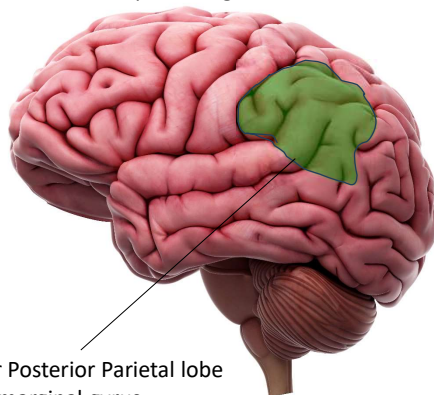
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Default Mode Network

Understanding thoughts, intentions and feelings of others, and predicting behavior

Inferior Posterior Parietal lobe
- Supramarginal gyrus
- Angular Gyrus



Emotional understanding & regulation of past, present and future

Medial PFC
- vm PFC
- Orbitofrontal cortex
- Ventral ACC

Constructing sense of self

Precuneus

PCC

Cerebellum

Hippocampus and parahippocampal cortex

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Questionnaire Study Results

Control Group

NO significant changes at all

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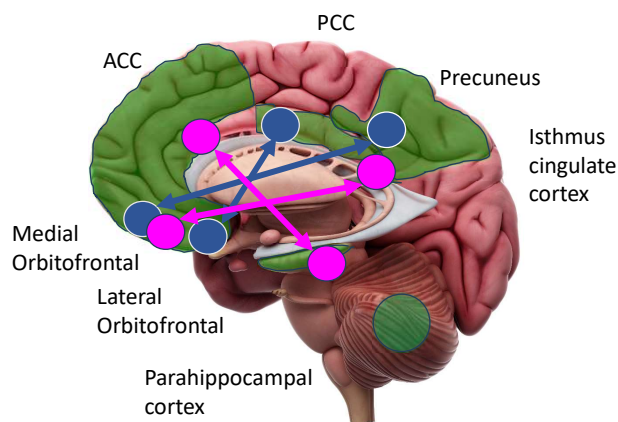
- Improved QOL overall
- Improved Physical function
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- Less pain interference
- Less pain intensity



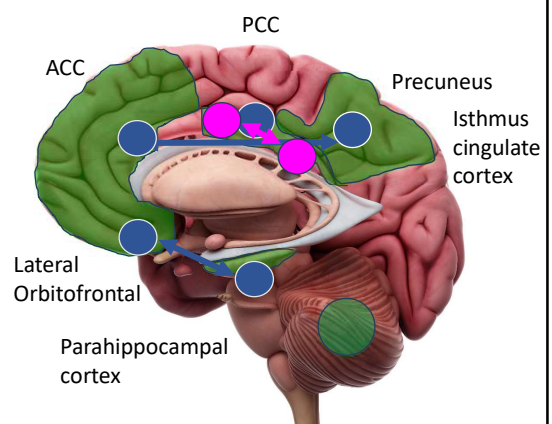
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SEPs DMN changes

Pre and Post Chiro



Pre and Post 4 weeks Chiro

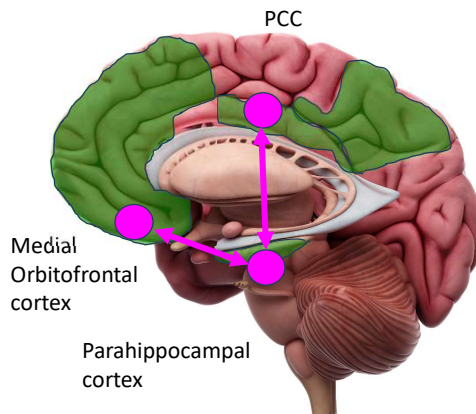


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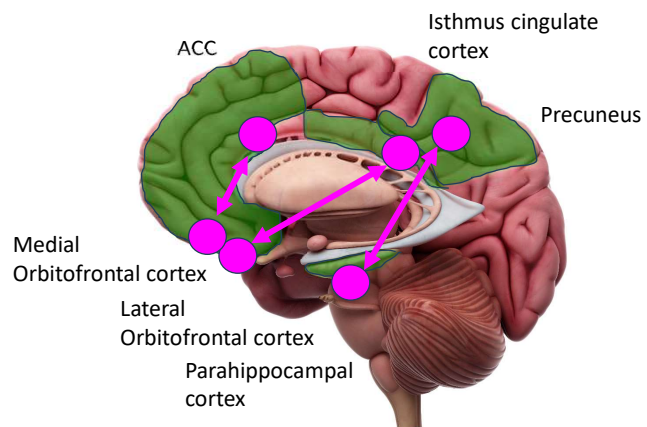
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Resting EEG DMN changes

Pre and Post Chiro



Pre and Post 4 weeks Chiro



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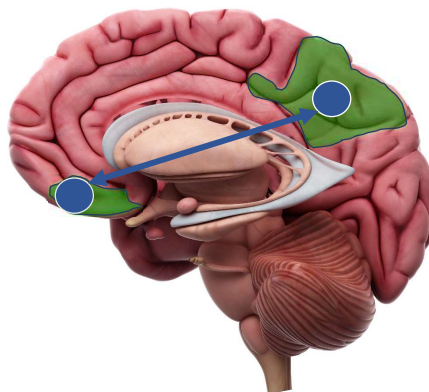
PRE vs POST First Adjustment Session

SEPs Beta ↓ R Medial-orbitofrontal - L Precuneus

May reflect the changes in body schema (and external world schema) from the spinal adjustments also altering the participants mental states, introspection and their constructed sense of self

Medial orbitofrontal

- Processing information about own mental states, beliefs, intentions and desires
- Introspection
- Construction of the narrative sense of self
- Is activated by rewarding and subjectively pleasant stimuli
- Has reduced functional connectivity in depression
- Imagines future events



Precuneus

- Self-awareness, self-referential processing and self-reflection
- Constructing sense of self
- Visuospatial integration
- Anterior Precuneus = THE HUB of Body Schema
- INCREASED in disc herniations
- Decreased following SM in disc herniation patients (Du et al 2024)

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PRE vs POST First Adjustment Session

rEEG Alpha ↑ R Parahipp – R PCC Alpha ↑ L Parahipp – R mOFC

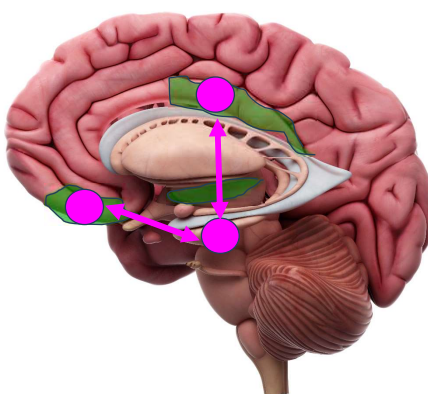
Most likely reflects a state of heightened introspection, emotional and spatial awareness or internally directed cognition, and improved mood after the adjustment.

• Medial Orbitofrontal cortex

- Processing info about own mental state, beliefs, intentions & desires
- Introspection and sense of self
- REDUCED in depression
- REDUCED in disc herniations

• Parahippocampus

- Memory formation & retrieval
- Emotional modulation of memories
- Spatial navigation, object recognition & scene perception.



• Posterior Cingulate Cortex

- Navigation & spatial memory
- Emotional awareness and regulation
- Construction of narrative sense of self
- Internal, self-referencing thoughts

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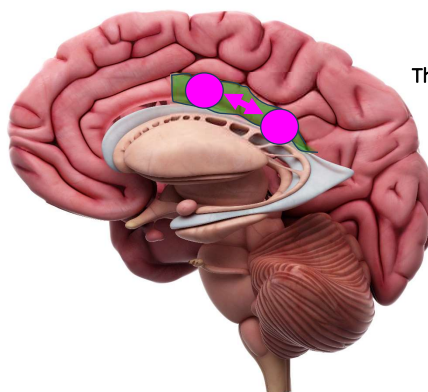
PRE vs POST 4 weeks of chiropractic care

SEPs Alpha ↑ L isthmus-cingulate- R PCC SEPs Alpha ↓ L PCC – R PCC

Thus, may reflect altered narrative sense of self in a manner that is reducing symptoms of depression and improvements in fatigue

• The Posterior Cingulate Cortex

- internally focused, self-referential processing
- implicated in depression
- In depression there is asymmetry in the thickness of PCC (↑ cortical thickness in left vs right)
- Depressed individuals with higher somatic symptoms (e.g. sleep disturbance, appetite disturbance, and fatigue or loss of energy) have greater asymmetry in PCC thickness



The isthmus cingulate

- introspection and self-referential processing
- construction of the narrative sense of self, including autobiographical memories

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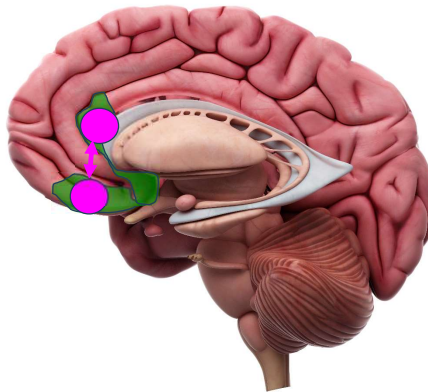
PRE vs POST 4 weeks of Chiropractic care

rEEG Alpha ↑ L rostral ACC – R Medial-orbitofrontal Alpha ↑ L rostral ACC - L Medial-orbitofrontal

Most likely reflects the reduction in pain and improved cognition about their own mental states and improved mood.

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- REDUCED in depression
- REDUCED in disc herniations

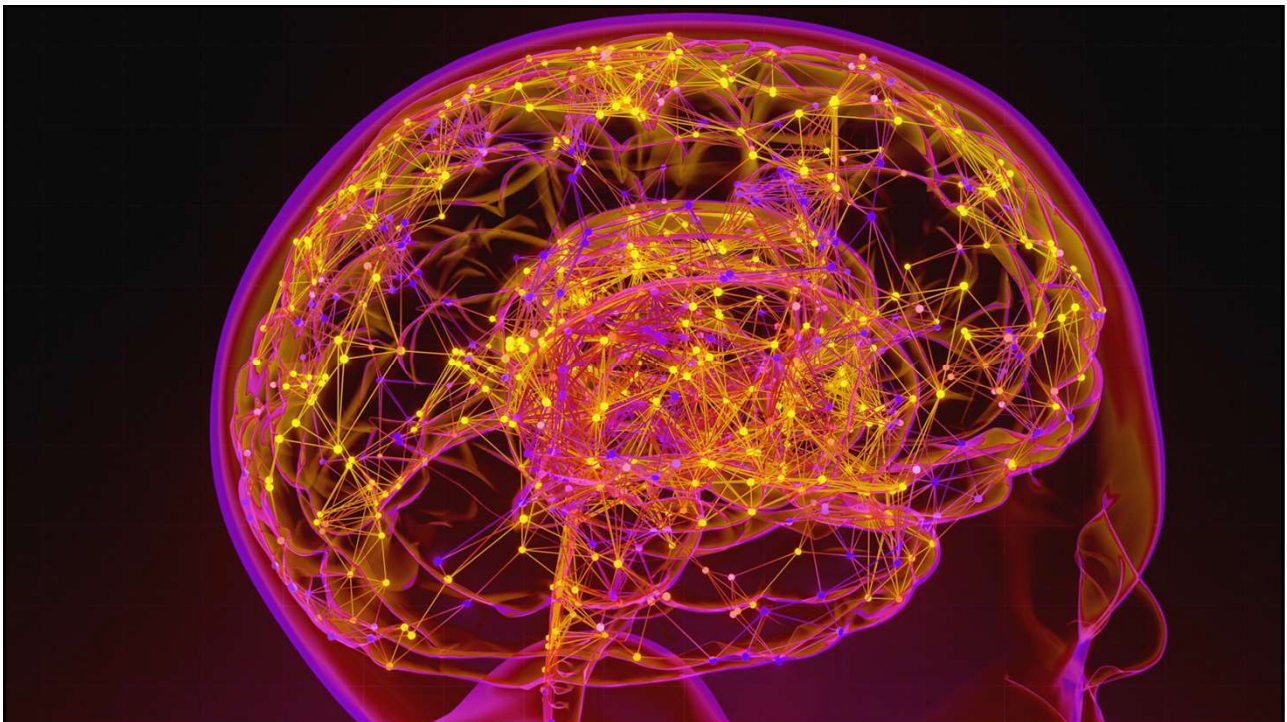


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• Rostral Anterior Cingulate Cortex

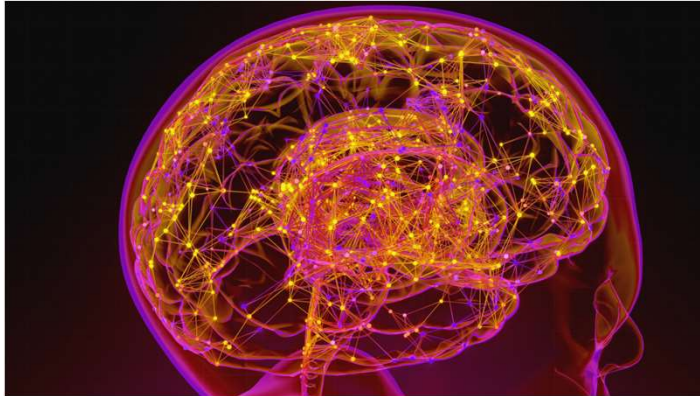
- Recognizing, understanding and regulating own emotions
- Appraising Interoceptive signals (visceral, emotions, pain sensations)
- Driving physical arousal
- Descending pain inhibitory pathway
- ACC involved in both the Salience and DMN and they have abnormal functional connectivity in people with chronic pain, depression and anxiety.

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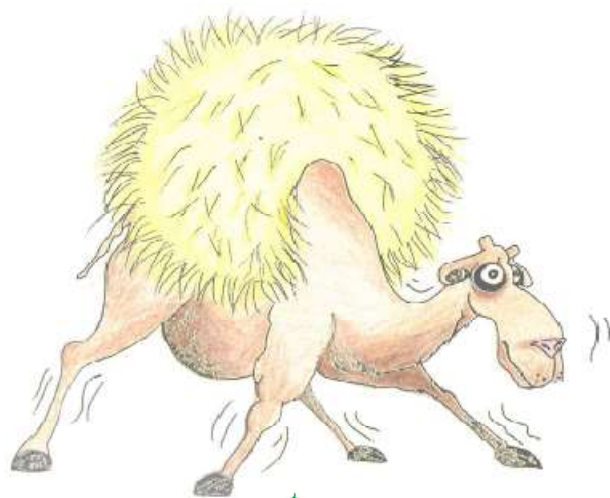
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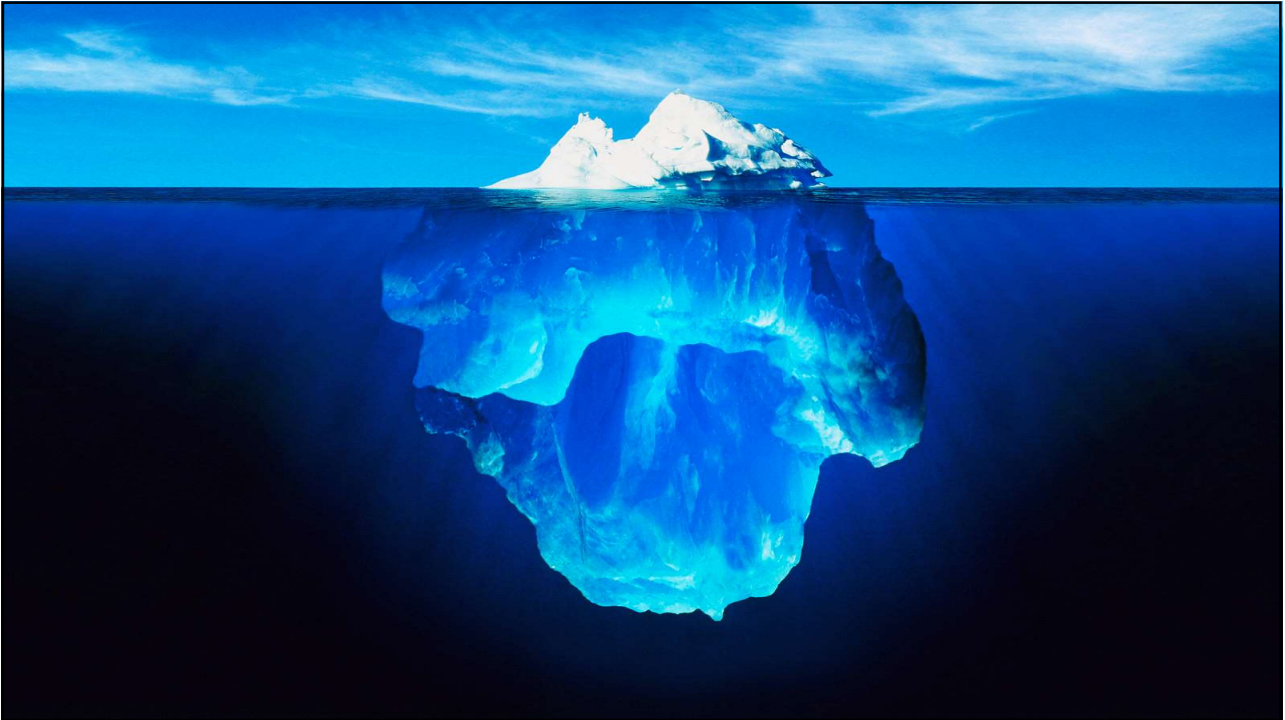
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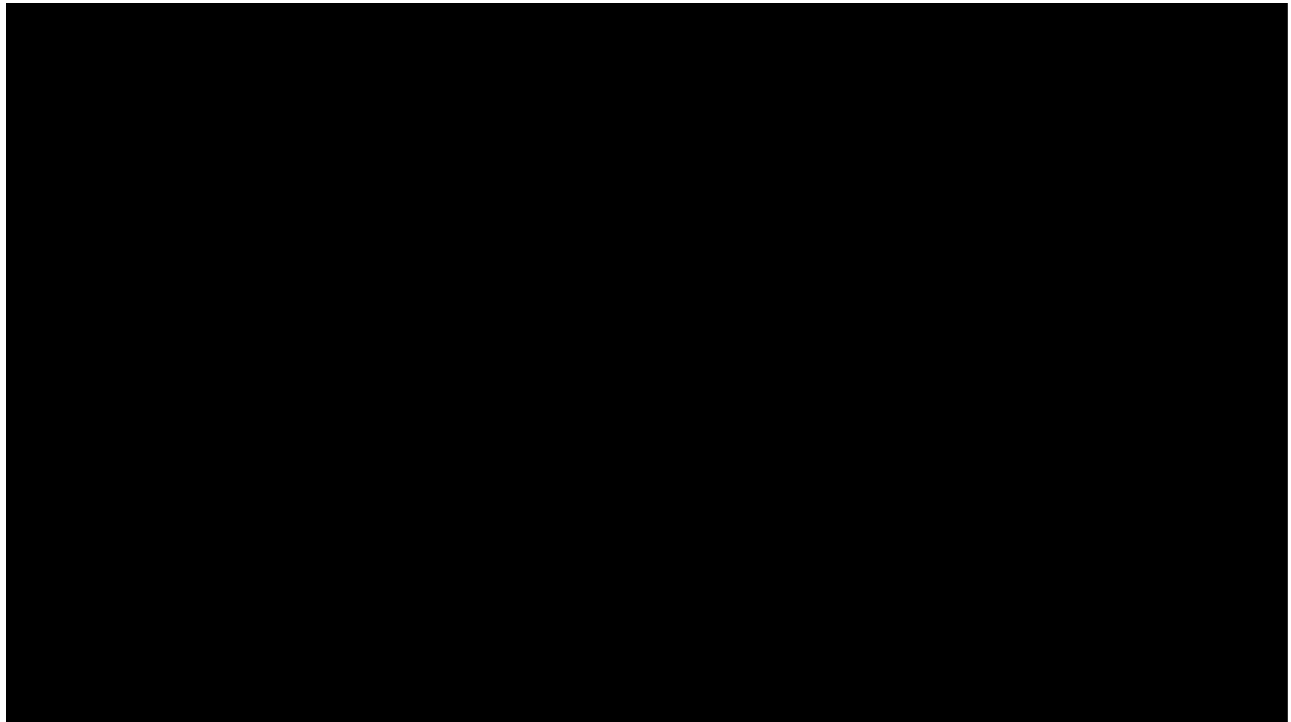
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Another example of faulty inner body schema/maps
and maladaptive neural plastic changes
(Caused by subluxations if you look at the literature!!!)



Chronic Pain



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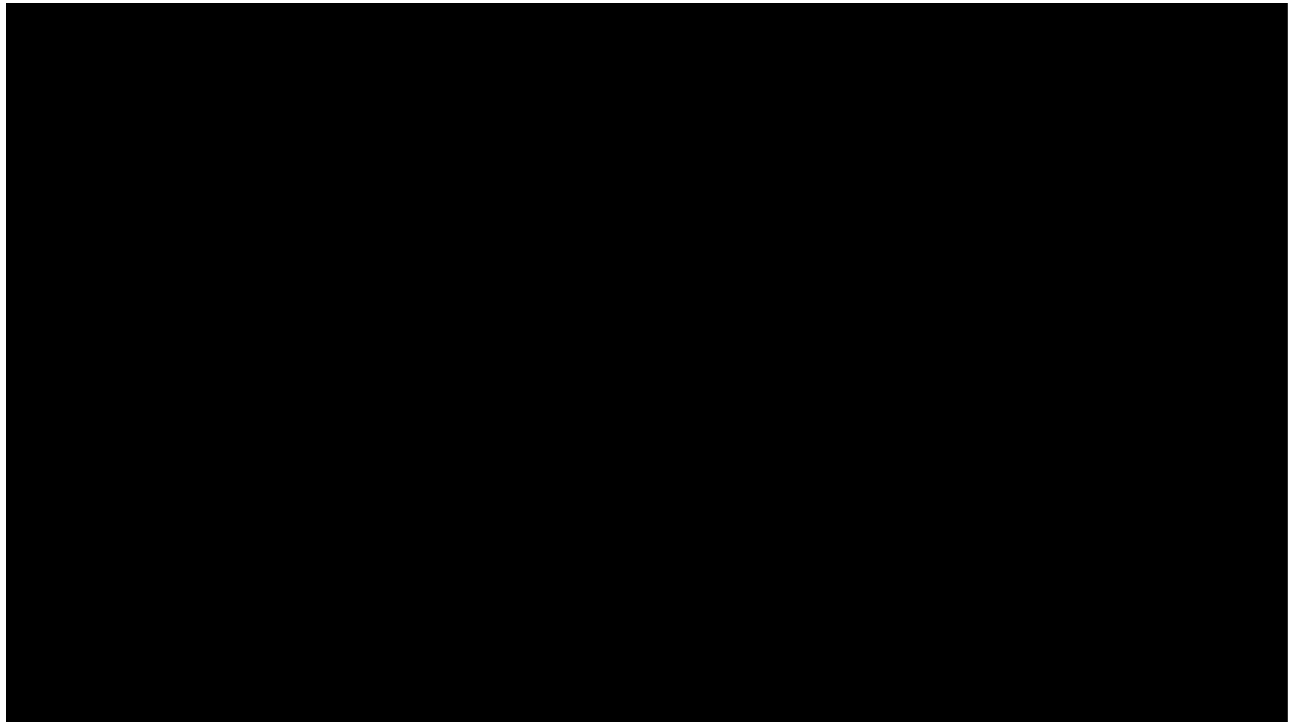
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SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

The Effect of Neuroscience Education on Pain, Disability, Anxiety, and Stress in Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain

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ABSTRACT. Louw A, Diener I, Butler DS, Puentedura EJ. The effect of neuroscience education on pain, disability, anxiety, and stress in chronic musculoskeletal pain. Arch Phys Med Rehabil 2011;92:2041-56.

Objective: To evaluate the evidence for the effectiveness of neuroscience education (NE) for pain, disability, anxiety, and stress in chronic musculoskeletal (MSK) pain.

Data Sources: Systematic searches were conducted on Biomed Central, BMJ.com, CINAHL, the Cochrane Library, NLM Central Gateway, OVID, ProQuest (Digital Dissertations), PsycInfo, PubMed/Medline, ScienceDirect, and Web of Science. Secondary searching (PEARLing) was undertaken, whereby reference lists of the selected articles were reviewed for additional references not identified in the primary search.

Study Selection: All experimental studies including randomized controlled trials (RCTs), nonrandomized clinical trials, and case series evaluating the effect of NE on pain, disability, anxiety, and stress for chronic MSK pain were considered for inclusion. Additional limitations: studies published in English, published within the last 10 years, and patients older than 18 years. No limitations were set on specific outcome measures of pain, disability, anxiety, and stress.

Data Extraction: Data were extracted using the participants, interventions, comparison, and outcomes (PICO) approach.

Data Synthesis: Methodological quality was assessed by 2 reviewers using the Critical Review Form-Quantitative Studies. This review includes 8 studies comprising 6 high-quality RCTs, 1 pseudo-RCT, and 1 comparative study involving 401 subjects. Most articles were of good quality, with no studies rated as poor or fair. Heterogeneity across the studies with respect to participants, interventions evaluated, and outcome measures used prevented meta-analyses. Narrative synthesis of results, based on effect size, established compelling evidence that NE may be effective in reducing pain ratings, increasing function, addressing catastrophization, and improving movement in chronic MSK pain.

Conclusions: For chronic MSK pain disorders, there is compelling evidence that an educational strategy addressing neurophysiology and neurobiology of pain can have a positive effect on pain, disability, catastrophization, and physical performance.

Key Words: Education; Musculoskeletal System; Neurophysiology; Neurosciences; Pain; Rehabilitation.
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PAIN IS A POWERFUL motivating force that guides treatment-seeking behaviors in patients.¹⁻³ Patient education has long been explored in the management of pain, anxiety, and stress associated with low back pain (LBP).⁴⁻⁷ In the orthopedic domain, there are a number of studies on the effect of patient education on pain, with outcomes ranging from "excellent"⁸ to "poor."^{9,10} The study by Udermann et al⁸ demonstrated that introduction of an individualized educational booklet on back biomechanics can result in decreased pain and frequency of LBP episodes in patients with chronic LBP (CLBP). In contrast to those findings, 2 systematic reviews^{9,10} on the effect of individualized and/or group education for LBP and mechanical neck pain showed little efficacy for such education.

Most education programs for orthopedic patient populations have used anatomic and biomechanical models for addressing pain,^{4,11,14} which not only have shown limited efficacy,^{4,11,12,15,16} but may even have increased patient fears, anxiety, and stress, thus negatively impacting their outcomes.^{1,12,17-19} Several educational strategies are advocated for patients with LBP, including biomechanical/back school type of education, evidence-based guideline education (ie, *The Back Book*²⁰), cognitive behavioral therapy, and recently, neuroscience education (NE).

NE can be best described as an educational session or sessions describing the neurobiology and neurophysiology of pain, and pain processing by the nervous system. Instead of a

List of Abbreviations

BPPT	brachial plexus provocation test
CFS	chronic fatigue syndrome
CLBP	chronic low back pain
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
LBP	low back pain
MSK	musculoskeletal
NE	neuroscience education

Louw, A., Diener, I., Butler, D. S., & Puentedura, E. J. (2011). The effect of neuroscience education on pain, disability, anxiety, and stress in chronic musculoskeletal pain. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 92(12), 2041-2056.

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Neuroscience education about pain helps on its own!!

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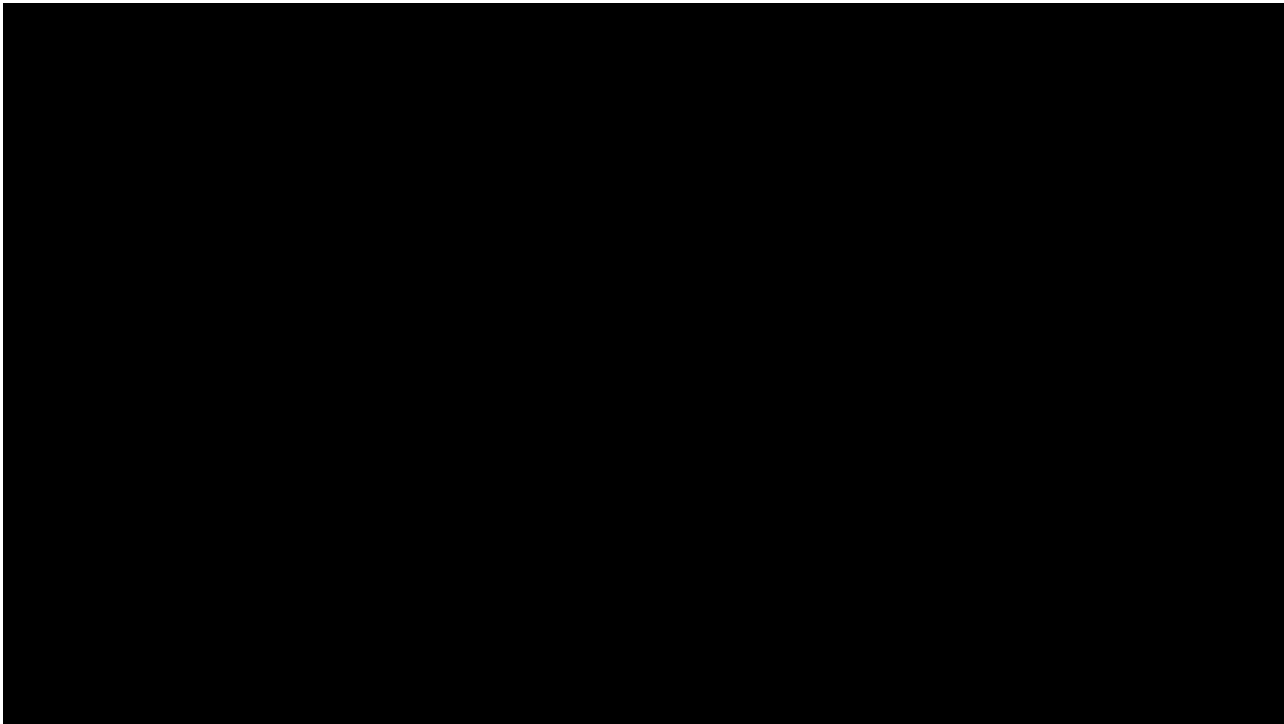
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The effect of manual therapy and neuroplasticity education on chronic low back pain: a randomized clinical trial

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ABSTRACT
Objective: To determine if a neuroplasticity educational explanation for a manual therapy technique will produce a different outcome compared to a traditional mechanical explanation.
Methods: Sixty-two patients with chronic low back pain (CLBP) were recruited for the study. Following consent, demographic data were obtained as well as pain ratings for low back pain (LBP) and leg pain (Numeric Pain Rating Scale), disability (Cowestry Disability Index), fear-avoidance (Fear-Avoidance-Beliefs Questionnaire), forward flexion (fingertips-to-floor), and straight leg raise (SLR) (inclinometer). Patients were then randomly allocated to receive one of two explanations (neuroplasticity or mechanical), a manual therapy technique to their lumbar spine, followed by post-intervention measurements of LBP, leg pain, forward flexion, and SLR.
Results: Sixty-two patients (female 35 [56.5%]), with a mean age of 60.1 years and mean duration of 9.26 years of CLBP participated in the study. There were no statistically significant interactions for LBP ($p = .325$), leg pain ($p = .172$), and trunk flexion ($p = .818$) between the groups, but SLR showed a significant difference in favor of the neuroplasticity explanation ($p = .041$). Additionally, the neuroplasticity group were 7.2 times (95% confidence interval = 1.8–28.6) more likely to improve beyond the MDC on the SLR than participants in the mechanical group.
Discussion: The results of this study show that a neuroplasticity explanation, compared to a traditional biomechanical explanation, resulted in a measureable difference in SLR in patients with CLBP when receiving manual therapy. Future studies need to explore if the increase in SLR correlated to changes in cortical maps of the low back.

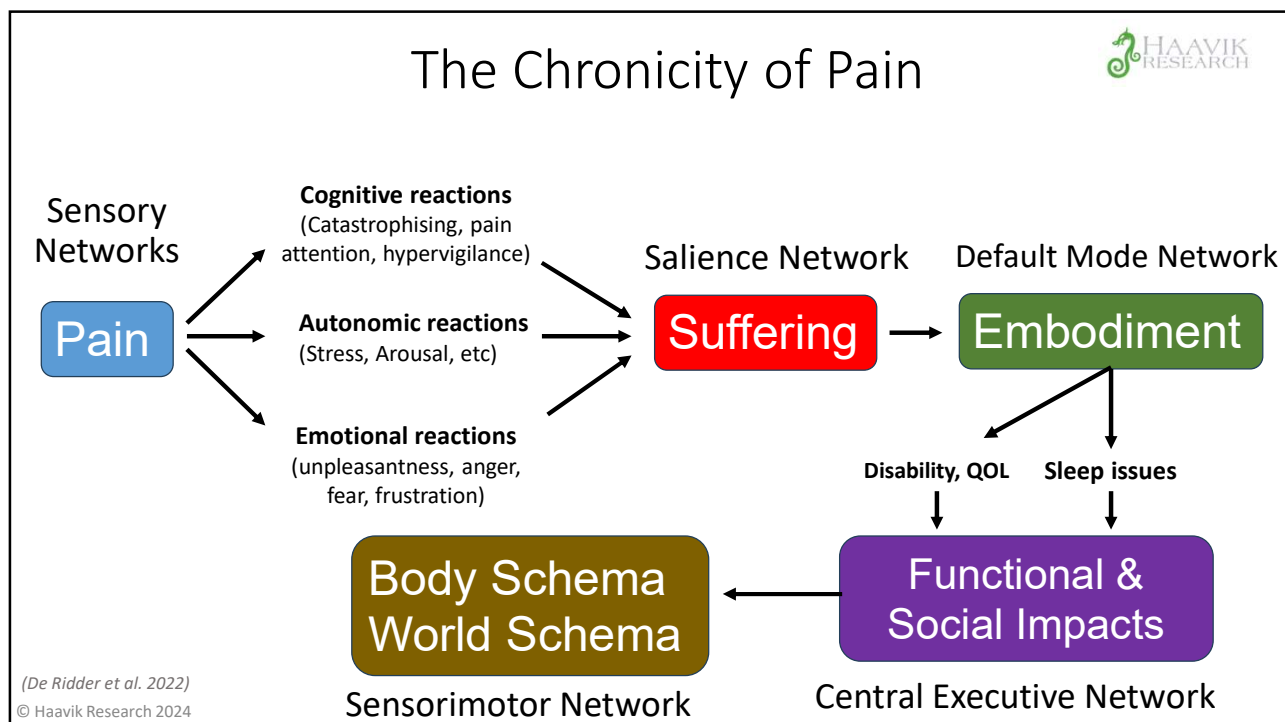
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Pain; brain; plasticity; education; manual therapy; straight leg raise; remapping

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Simulating sensory–motor incongruence in healthy volunteers: implications for a cortical model of pain

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Objectives. Conflict between motor–sensory central nervous processing has been suggested as one cause of pain in those conditions where a demonstrable or local nociceptive aetiology cannot be convincingly established (e.g. complex regional pain syndrome type I, repetitive strain injury, phantom limb pain and focal hand dystonia). The purpose of this study was to discover whether pain could be induced in pain-free healthy volunteers when this conflict was generated transiently in a laboratory setting.

Methods. Forty-one consecutively recruited healthy adult volunteers without a history of motor or proprioceptive disorders performed a series of bilateral upper and lower limb movements whilst viewing a mirror/whiteboard, which created varied degrees of sensory–motor conflict during congruent/incongruent limb movements. A qualitative method recorded any changes in sensory experience.

Results. Twenty-seven subjects (66%) reported at least one anomalous sensory symptom at some stage in the protocol despite no peripheral nociceptive input. The most frequent symptoms occurred when incongruent movement was performed whilst viewing the reflected limb in the mirror condition, the time of maximum sensory–motor conflict. Symptoms of pain were described as numbness, pins and needles, moderate aching and/or a definite pain. Other sensations included perceived changes in temperature, limb weight, altered body image and disorientation. There were indications that some individuals were more susceptible to symptom generation than others.

Conclusions. Our findings support the hypothesis that motor–sensory conflict can induce pain and sensory disturbances in some normal individuals. We propose that prolonged sensory–motor conflict may induce long-term symptoms in some vulnerable subjects.

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Did you know.....

Pain that you have had for more than 3 months means that your brain has learnt to be in pain, and my job is to retrain your brain out of pain. Because we know that the dysfunction of the spine plays a major role in both causing and maintaining these brain changes.

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Why is all this important to understand?

Review

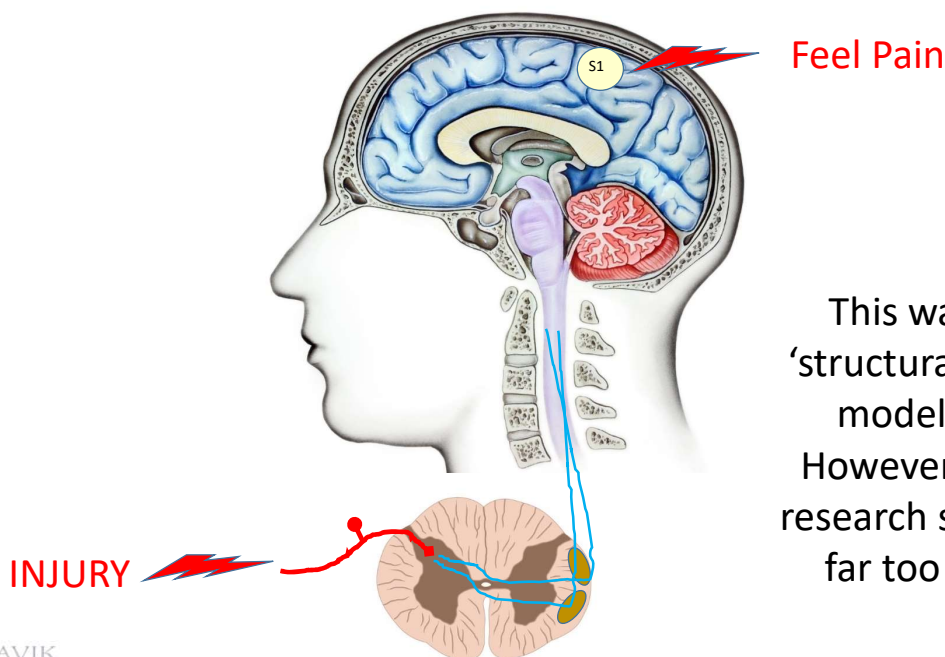
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Abstract

Motor control, which relies on constant communication between motor and sensory systems, is crucial for spine posture, stability and movement. Adaptions of motor control occur in low back pain (LBP) while different motor adaption strategies exist across individuals, probably to reduce LBP and risk of injury. However, in some individuals with LBP, adapted motor control strategies might have long-term consequences, such as increased spinal loading that has been linked with degeneration of intervertebral discs and other tissues, potentially maintaining recurrent or chronic LBP. Factors contributing to motor control adaptations in LBP have been extensively studied on the motor output side, but less attention has been paid to changes in sensory input, specifically proprioception. Furthermore, motor cortex reorganization has been linked with chronic and recurrent LBP, but underlying factors are poorly understood. Here, we review current research on behavioral and neural effects of motor control adaptations in LBP. We conclude that back pain-induced disrupted or reduced proprioceptive signaling likely plays a pivotal role in driving long-term changes in the top-down control of the motor system via motor and sensory cortical reorganization. In the outlook of this review, we explore whether motor control adaptations are also important for other (musculoskeletal) pain conditions.

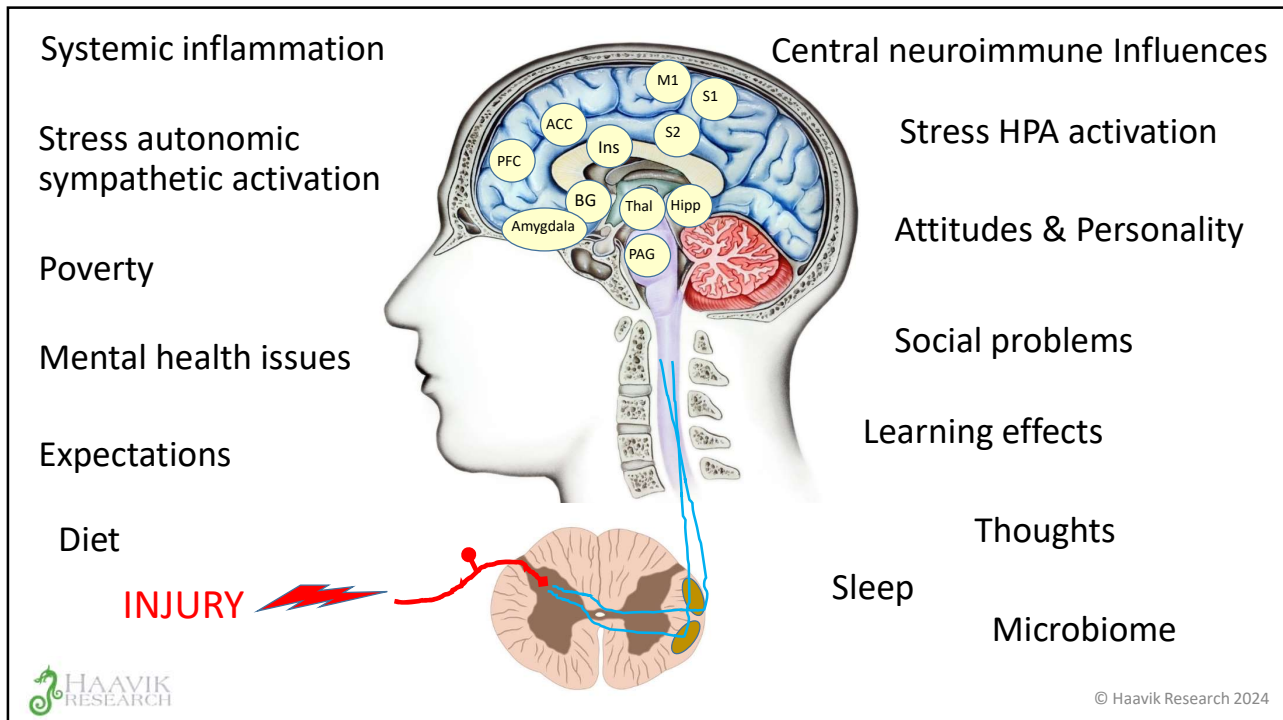
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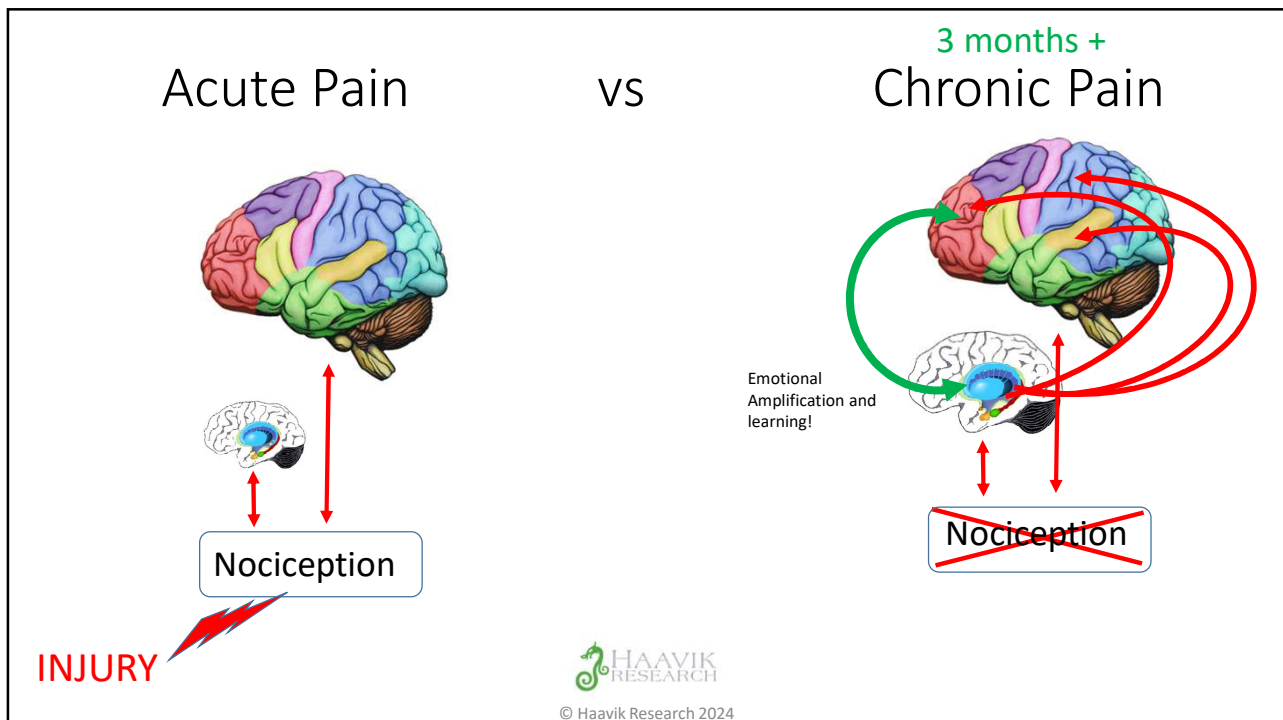


This was the old
'structural pathology
model' of pain.
However, the latest
research shows this is
far too simplistic

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Did you know...



Current scientific understanding is showing us that how your spine “talks” to your brain is vitally important to enable your brain to control and accurately move your head, neck and back properly.

If your spine is not working properly, it does not “talk” to the brain properly, and this is known to both cause and maintain neck and back pain.

My job as a chiropractor is to train your spine back into proper function, so it can “talk” to you brain properly.




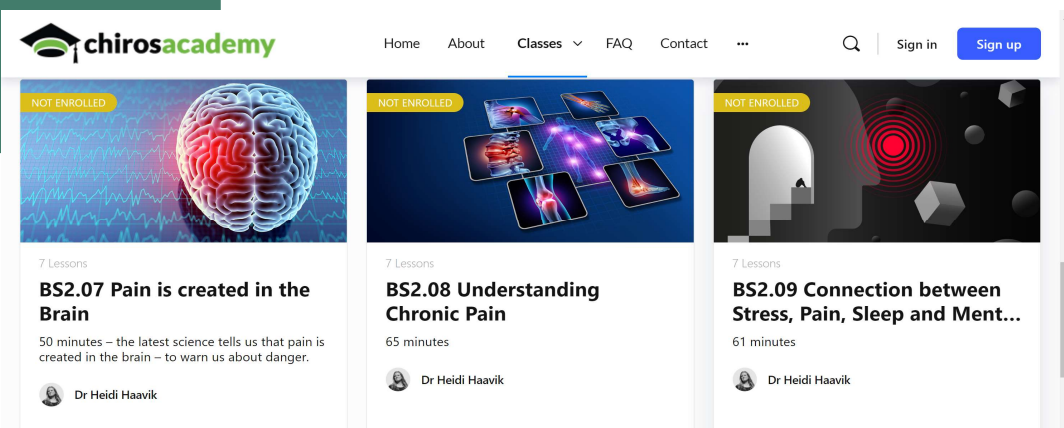
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Are you concerned you do not know enough to answer Questions?






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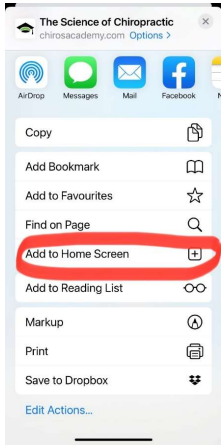
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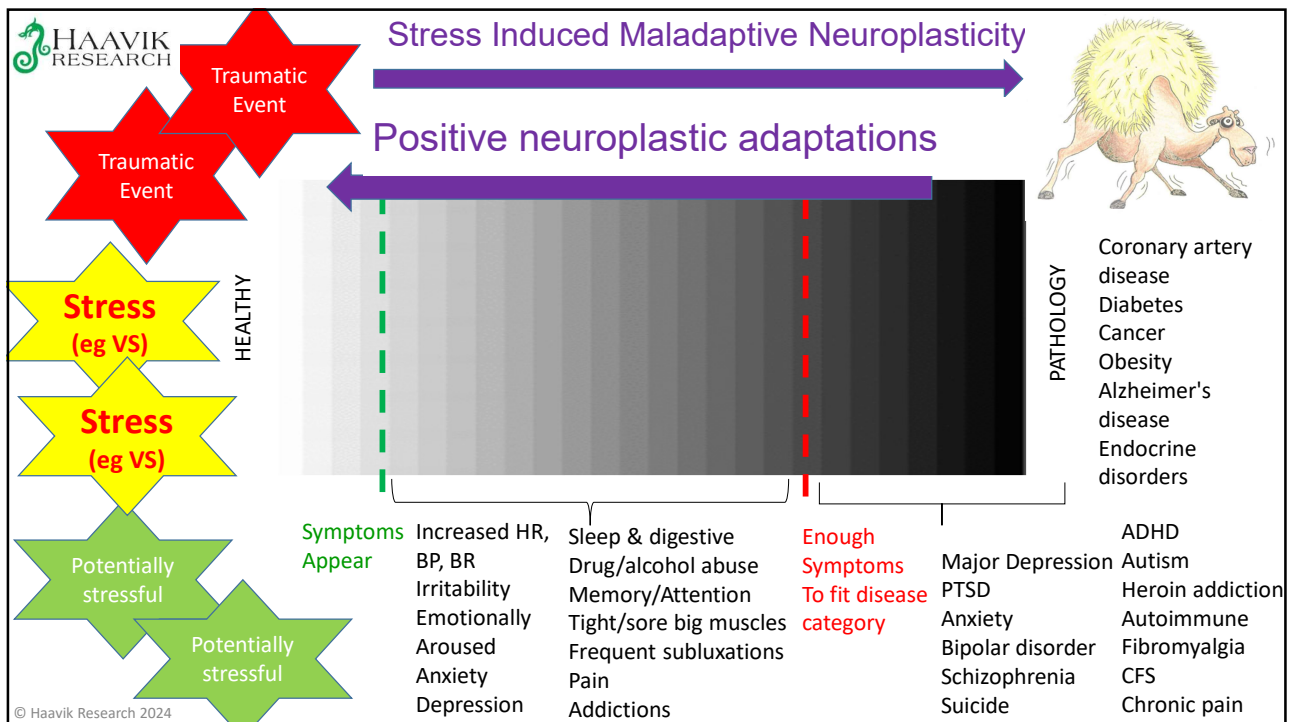
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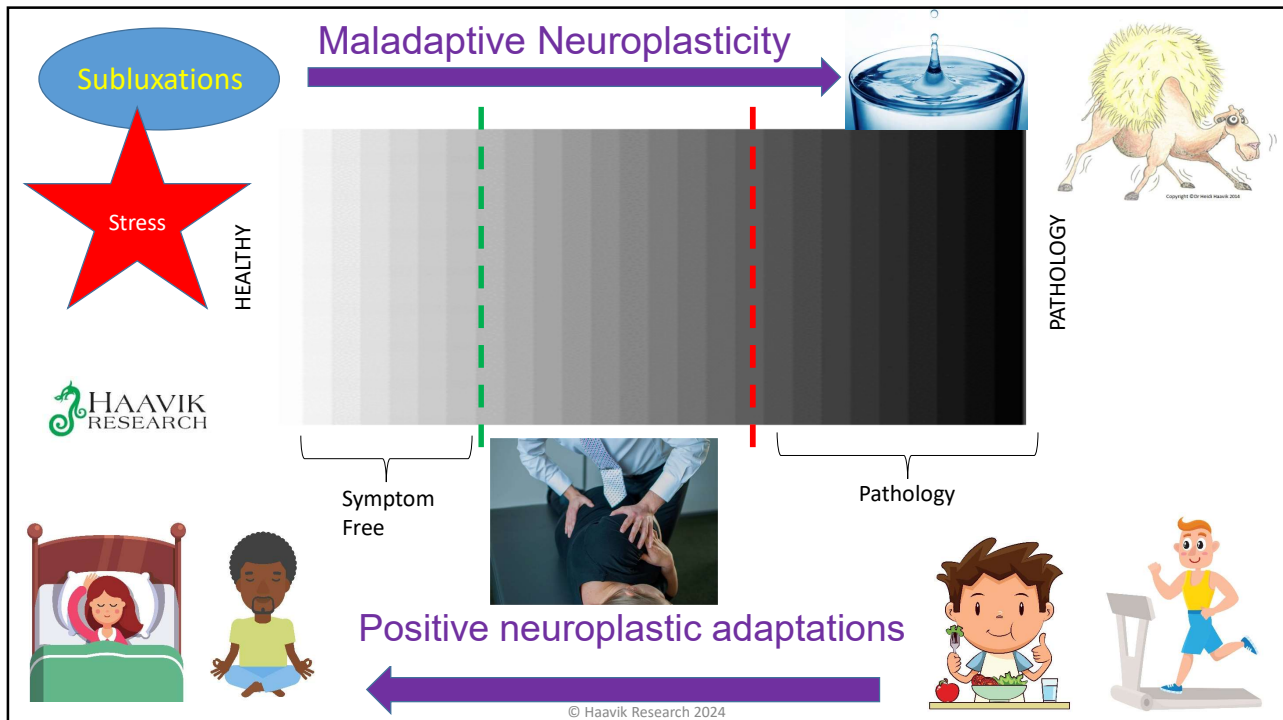
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Did you know.....

Science is showing us that stress is far more detrimental to your health (and spinal function) that we ever realised. There are things you can do to help what I'm doing to get you back towards much better health

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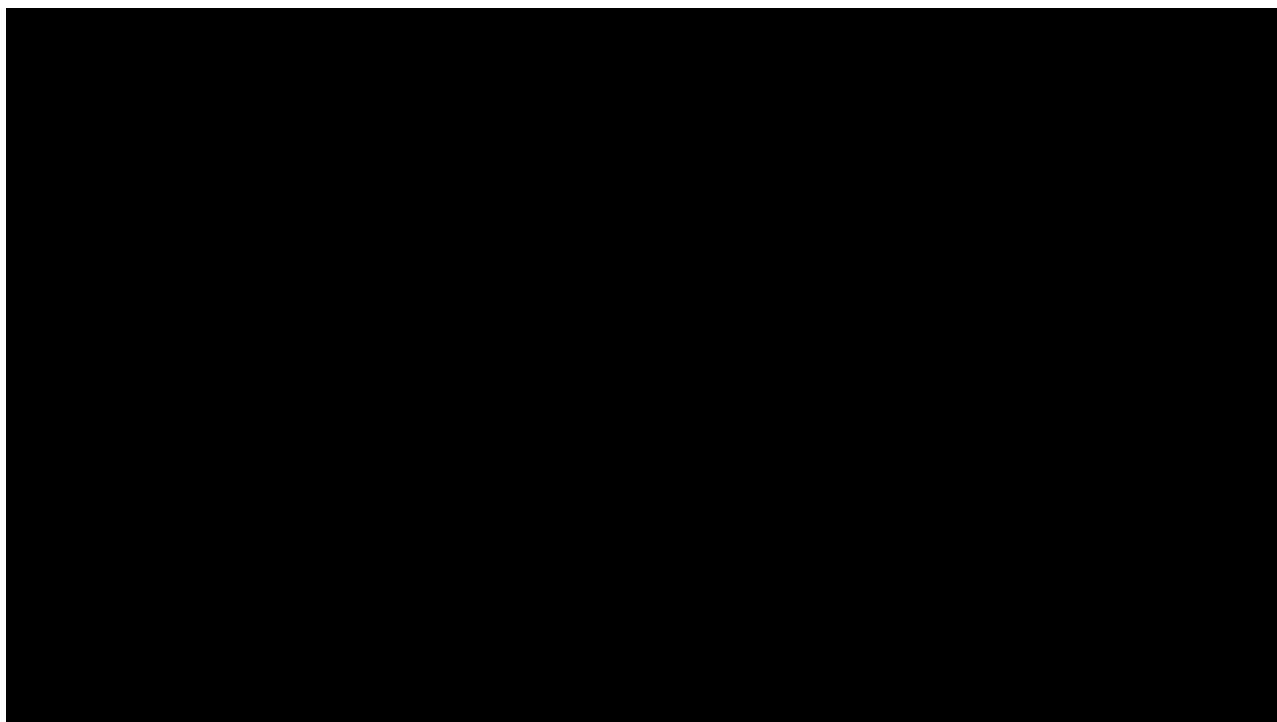
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Implications for question answers

- Chiropractors' role is to exercise the spine back into proper function
- Science shows it's better for you to see me more often early on in care, and this even gives you long term benefits (CGHAs and LBP)
- Science shows maintenance care gives you less days of pain compared to coming back only when it hurts



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Implications for question answers

- You do not need to adjust where they hurt, but instead where the subluxation is



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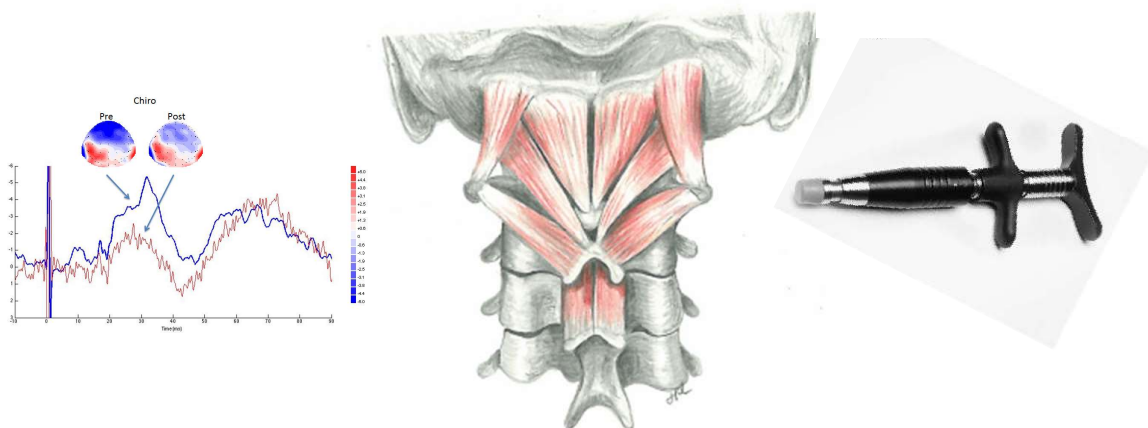
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Implications for question answers

- Pain is a danger warning system, not necessarily reflective of where the problem is.



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