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Chiropractic cranial treatment model and neuroplasticity in a post stroke 72-year-old male: A case report

Stroke is often associated with paralysis, leading to poor outcomes and quality of life as well as reduced activities-of-daily-living (ADL). The purpose of this presentation is to illustrate how chiropractic care can be used to facilitate neuroplasticity of the brain as a means to reduce/reverse any secondary stroke paralysis. This novel manner of multidisciplinary care incorporates the fields of allopathy, chiropractic, psychology, neurorehabilitation and nutrition. Care was measured with videotaping of progress, monitoring of ADLs and work capacity levels along with standard biomechanical orthopedic, neurological and chiropractic evaluation studies. Treatment included sacro occipital technique (SOT) which incorporated cranial manipulative care while simultaneously performing normal side extremity specific range of motion and then immediately following with performing the same range of motion activities on the abnormal side. Pre/post-videotaping of patient found continued progress over years, with showing walking 18-years later even though CT-scan illustrated the same area of initial brain tissue damage. Generally treatment of similar cases requires a minimum of six-month treatment followed-up with life-long wellness treatment, for the once compromised areas. Finding low risk therapeutic options to help a patient recover from brain trauma is a challenging endeavor. This presentation addresses the success of SOT chiropractic care and suggests that neuroplasticity may have a biomechanical-neurological connection pathway. Further studies are needed to identify if a subset of stroke patients might be responsive to chiropractic cranial manipulation to help facilitate biomechanical neuroplasticity. This may offer a low-risk, low-cost option for successful care of a post-stroke patient.

Biography

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