

BACK PAIN

The spine of an adult consists of 24 bones, called vertebrae, plus the bones of the sacrum and coccyx. The job of these bones is to protect the spinal cord, a major column of nerve fibers connected to the brain, that runs through the vertebrae via the spinal canal. A disc, made of cartilage and filled with a gel-like material that acts like a shock absorber, is found between each vertebra. Ligaments, muscles, tendons, and small joints, called facets, hold the vertebrae together.

There are many reasons for back pain, but the following are the most common:

1) Disc pain

If one of the discs is pushed out of place, usually as a normal part of aging, it's called a 'bulging' disc. If a disc has some cracked cartilage due to an inherited trait, wear and tear, or sudden trauma, some of the gel inside the cartilage can protrude out. That's called a 'herniated' (or 'ruptured' or 'slipped') disc. Both bulging and herniated discs can cause severe pain.

2) Degenerative Disc Disease

It's not really a disease, but rather a catch-all term that refers to the condition of the discs, which lose their water content and sponginess with age, and can lead to osteoarthritis, herniated discs, or bulging discs.

3) Facet joint pain

Facet joints are supplied by two nerves, and if either becomes inflamed or pinched, it can be painful.

4) Pinched nerve

Discs pushed out of place may compress a nerve, causing severe pain, tingling, and numbness. Often, it's the sciatic nerve (which runs out of the lower spine and into the leg) that is compressed or inflamed. This causes shooting pain called sciatica in the lower back, legs, and buttocks.

5) Spinal stenosis

This occurs when the spinal canal becomes narrowed, most often due to arthritis, and impinges on nerves, causing pain.

6) Muscle or ligament strain

When we lift something too heavy, our muscles are recruited to manage the load. When the load or force exceeds the muscles' ability to cope, the force is shared with the ligaments. When ligaments are stressed beyond their strength, they can tear.

Local tissues swell when ligaments, muscles, tendons, or combinations become overstretched, overused, or torn. Swelling causes pain, tenderness, and stiffness, trying to protect the injured back by restricting movement.

7) Osteoarthritis

Osteoarthritis can make the spine unstable. In response, growths (called bone spurs) can form, causing the spine to stiffen.

Bio-Touch has been shown to relieve back pain. While not a substitute for standard medical care, Bio-Touch is an effective complement to medical protocols. Family members and friends can learn to help each other feel better using Bio-Touch, without being concerned about negative side effects.

This workbook includes the basic sets of points that you will need to address back pain. It is best used with the entire training manual, which is available on our website.

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Our Vision: to encourage all people to take responsibility for their own healthcare, empower them to assist others and create a community of people worldwide dedicated to service, self-awareness and recognizing the equality of all humanity—thus forming a chain which shall go on indefinitely.

What is Bio-Touch™?

Bio-Touch™ is a simple, hands-on healing technique that can be used to address all types of health concerns. Associates use the first two fingers of both hands to lightly touch specific points on the body. Over time, the combination of correct points and light touch seems to enhance the body's natural healing ability.

- **Bio-Touch™ is easy to learn – even children learn & practice effectively.**
- **Bio-Touch™ is a complement to any healthcare program.** It may safely and effectively be used in conjunction with any standard or alternative practices you and your family may be using.
- **Bio-Touch™ has no levels of ability – everyone is effective the first time they touch.** No special talent, training or knowledge is required. The first attempt made by anyone should be as effective as that performed by an associate with years of experience.
- **Bio-Touch™ requires no special preparation, belief or state of mind to be effective.** Everyone can assist in the healing process. No particular philosophy, spiritual predilection, religious belief, mental or emotional state is required of the associate or recipient to facilitate or experience results. Bio-Touch has been practiced under a variety of circumstances without jeopardizing its effectiveness.

Practicing Bio-Touch™



- **Wash your hands before every session.**
- **One person touches another.**
- **Begin every session with the Greeting.**
- **Use the first 2 fingers of each hand.**
- **Touch on the skin.**
- **Use a butterfly-like, light touch.**
- **Touch each point for 6-8 seconds.**
- **Can be practiced anywhere.**
- **More than one practitioner may work simultaneously.**

This manual is designed to make learning Bio-Touch™ as easy as possible. The name of the set, a diagram with numbered and lettered points and a synopsis of each set is on the left-hand page. On the right-hand page is a detailed description of how to locate each point, as well as photographs of many of the points. It is beneficial to watch the points being practiced on the DVD in conjunction with reading the manual.

Before beginning a Bio-Touch session, an associate should wash their hands, as skin to skin contact is necessary. It is recommended that the recipient remove the clothing above the waist to

allow access to the sets of points, but it is not necessary to remove the brassiere. After performing the *Greeting*, simply apply the sets of points necessary for the conditions being addressed. For example, an allergic reaction may be addressed by applying the *Greeting*, *Allergy* and *Sinus* sets; for a cut, bruise, or injury, perform the *Greeting* and *Local Work* around the affected area. If points are touched exactly as described in this manual, effects should be noted. Eliminating any of these points may hinder desired effects. While learning, an associate may wish to find on themselves the indentations, bones and ridges used to describe the points. When working with a recipient, however, touching in the general area within an inch or so of the point indicated has proven beneficial when no specific point can be determined. Regardless of the condition being addressed, an associate is encouraged to apply as many or as few sets of points as guidance provides.



Keep in mind that it is only through the marvelous capacity of the recipient's own body to heal itself that any procedure is effective. An associate only acts as an instrument to enhance the natural healing process. An associate who wishes to pursue the procedures outlined in this manual is inspired to relieve distress and to be of genuine service to humanity. Yet, if only one other person is helped, an associate will achieve an understanding of a greater purpose in life than may have otherwise been experienced.

In any situation, **“Just Touch!”™**

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Terms Used In This Manual

An understanding of the terms used to describe the procedures outlined in this manual will aid an associate in learning to apply Bio-Touch™.



“Matching-fire”



“Through-fire”

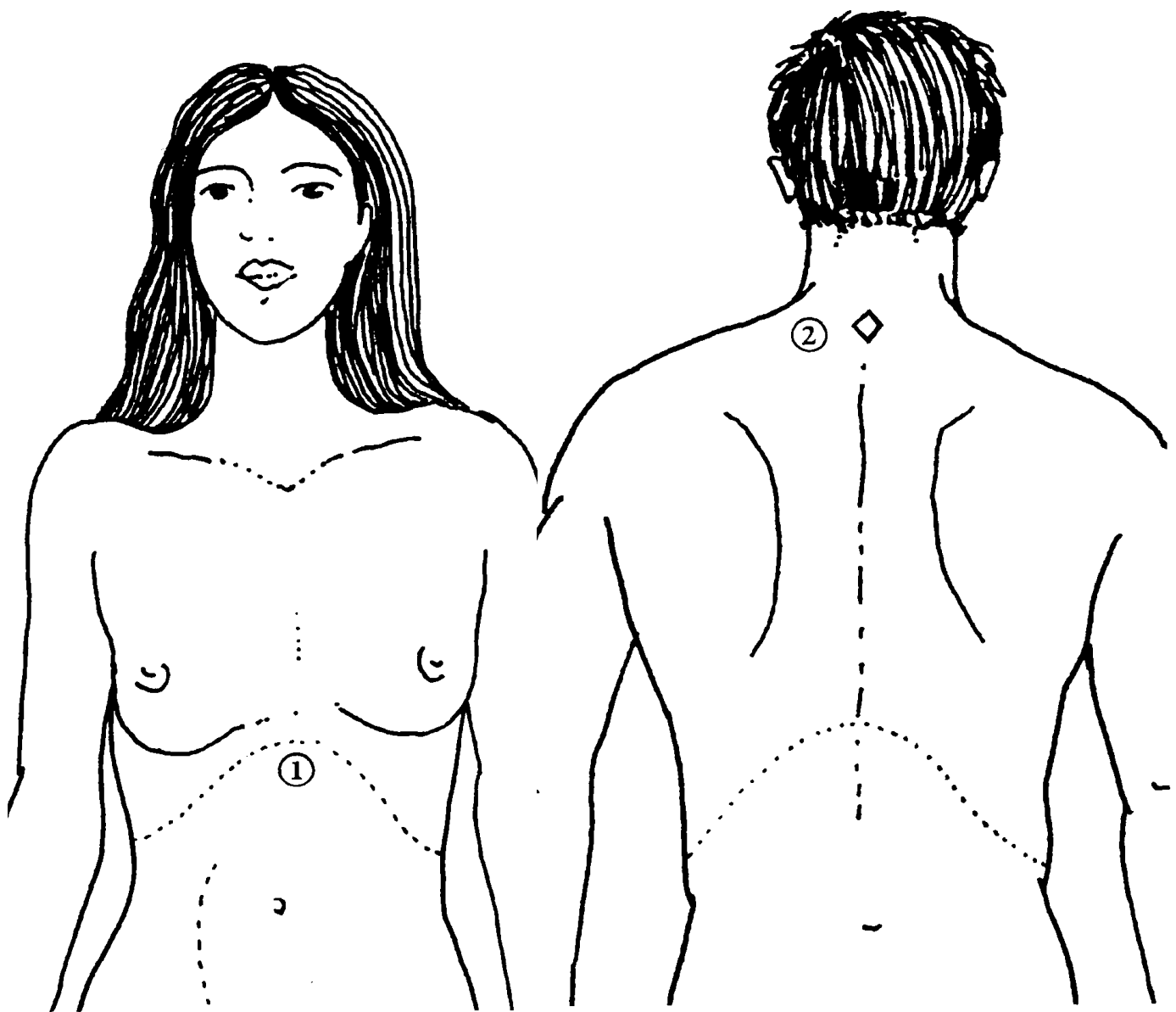


“Cross-fire”

- The **“Associate”** is the person who performs the procedures in this manual. The term “associate” is used as a matter of convenience; however the dictionary describes the role of one who is inspired to pursue this work as: (1) one often in company with another, implying intimacy or equality, (2) one having an interest in common with another.
- The **“Recipient”** is the beneficiary of the procedures outlined in this manual.
- A **“Hold Point”** is when the first two fingers of one hand are held in constant contact with the skin while the first two fingers of the other hand move to touch other points or to sweep.
- **“Matching-fire”** indicates the process of simultaneously touching points which are symmetrical in relation to a particular area of the body. Examples are found in the *Neck*, *Metabolism*, and *Abdomen* sets.
- **“Through-fire”** indicates touching points on opposite sides of the body, either from front to back or from side to side. Examples of this are found in the *Abdomen* sets.
- **“Cross-fire”** indicates holding a point on one side of the body while touching points diagonal to the hold point on the opposite side of the body. Examples of this may be found in the *Sinus* and *Ear* sets.
- **“Sweep”** refers to a slow and deliberate movement of the first two fingers across a particular area of the body while the fingers maintain continuous contact with the skin of the recipient, such as in the *Shoulders* set.
- **“Local work”, “enhancements”, and “extra work”** refer to using any combination of “Hold points”, “Sweeps”, “Matching-fire”, “Cross-fire” or “Through-fire” in an area of the body where there is no specific set of points described. See the section on *Enhancements & Local Work* on page 28 for more specific instructions.
- Each **“Set”** of points is composed of one or more **“Steps”**. Each Step follows a particular sequence of points to touch. Once the associate has become proficient in touching all the points of a set, it is not necessary to always touch the points in sequence, but it is necessary to touch all the points in a particular set. A ministrations or **“Session”** is the coming together of an associate and recipient to practice Bio-Touch™.
- **“Miss-fire”** occurs when the hands touch each other or cross each other, or when a procedure as described in this manual is not clear and explicit. If the hands do cross or touch, simply move the hands apart and continue the procedure. There is no need to start the session over again.
- **Metric equivalents:** Measurements are described in inches throughout this manual. One inch equals approximately 2.5 centimeters.

The Greeting

The *Greeting* is always performed at the *beginning* of each session, prior to addressing any other area of the body. It seems to establish a harmony between the associate and the recipient.



Use dominant hand to touch both points.

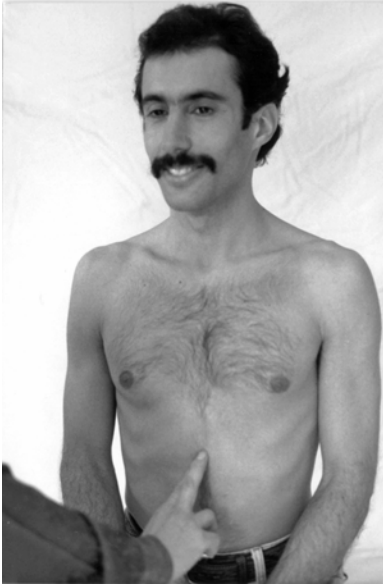
Touch point 1.

Then touch point 2.

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The *Greeting* is the only set of points which uses only one hand and the only set which indicates which hand the associate will use. The *Greeting* is performed with the *dominant* hand. If an associate is naturally right handed, use the first two fingers of the right hand to perform the *Greeting*. If left-handed, use the first two fingers of the left hand. If ambidextrous, pick one hand and use this for both points.



Point 1



- Wash your hands before every session.
- Begin every session with the *Greeting*.
- Use only ONE hand - your dominant hand - to perform the *Greeting*.
- Use the first 2 fingers.
- Touch on the skin.
- Use a butterfly-like, light touch.
- Touch each point for 6-8 seconds.

Touch Point “1”

Point "1" is in the fleshy area just below the bottom of the breastbone, or sternum.

Then touch Point “2”

Use the SAME fingers to touch Point “2”.

Point "2" is on the back approximately 1 to 1½ inches to the left of the big bone at the base of the neck. The big bone is shown as a ◇ on the drawing.



Point 2

More than one associate may work simultaneously with a recipient once each associate has completed the *Greeting*. However, if someone who has not performed the *Greeting* touches the recipient or associate, simply perform the *Greeting* again and proceed with the session from where it was interrupted. Follow this same procedure for any other interruption, such as answering the telephone or doorbell.



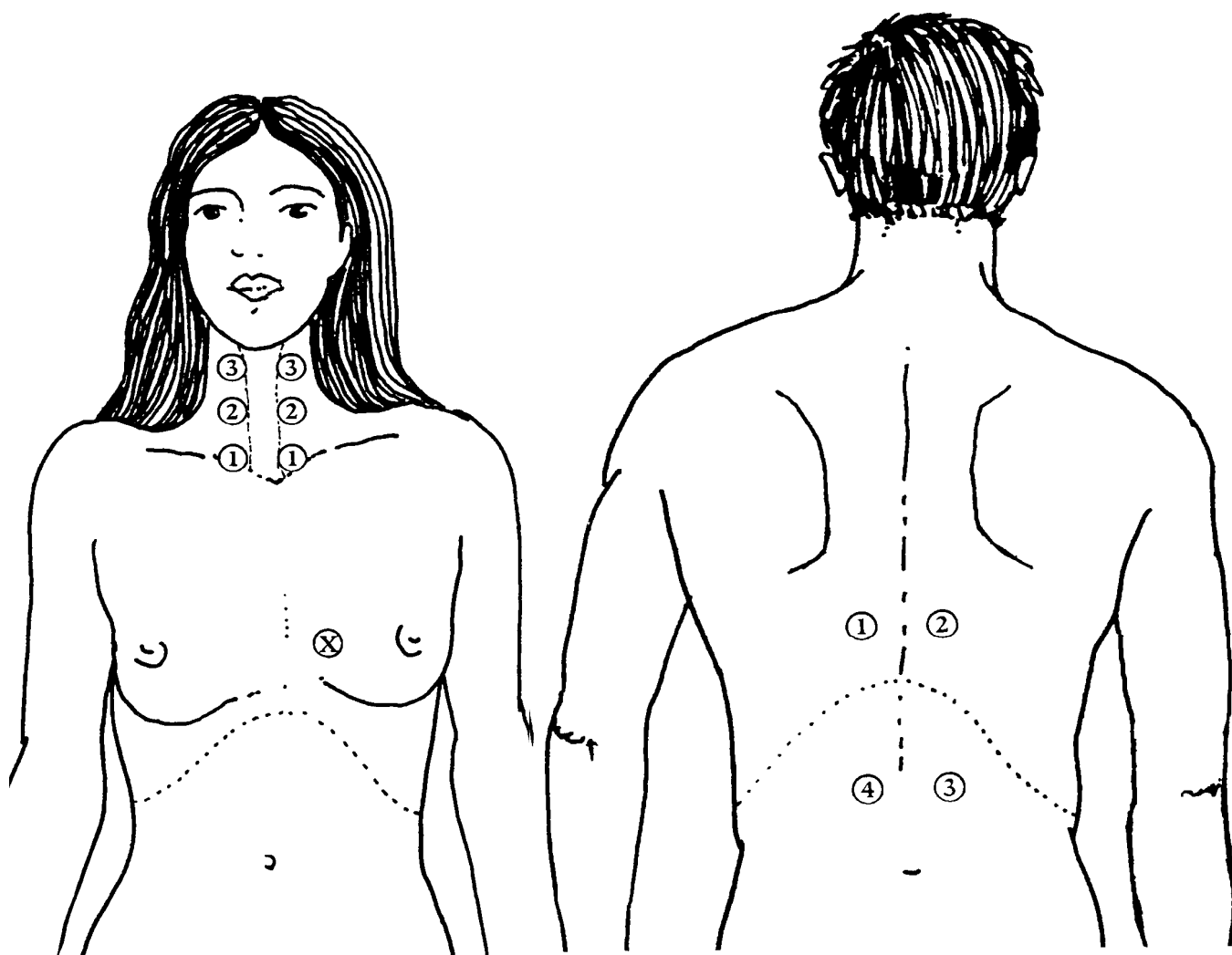
You are responsible for your actions. The procedures in this manual are employed to address the physical health and well being of the recipient. An associate is careful to assess their capacities and not interfere with the mind or attitude of the recipient. When confronted with any intractable problem beyond the scope of the associate, a competent specialist should be employed.

Metabolism

The *Metabolism* set can be used to help the body assimilate what it needs and eliminate what it does not need. This may include such conditions as abnormal growths in the body, weight loss or gain, fluid retention, broken bones, arthritis, increasing tissue growth, etc. This set of points may also be used to address blood sugar problems.



The natural healing processes of the body may begin to exert an influence on the body's need for insulin or other medications. Therefore, a recipient should be encouraged to work with their health care provider to keep abreast of their need for medications.



Step 1: In “Matching-fire” touch points “1” and “1”, “2” and “2”, then “3” and “3”.

Step 2: Hold “X” and in “Through-fire” touch points “1” through “3” on the back.

Add point “4” to address blood sugar.



Step 1: Points 2 and 2



- Use the first 2 fingers of each hand.
- Touch on the skin.
- Use a butterfly-like, light touch.
- Touch each point for 6-8 seconds.

Step 1:

In “Matching-fire” touch points “1” and “1”, “2” and “2”, then “3” and “3”.

Points “1”, “2” and “3” are located along the large muscles on the front of the neck.

Points “1” are located above the collar bone in the soft indentation on both sides of the notch which is at the top of the breastbone. Points “2” are halfway up the neck in front of the large muscle. Points “3” are at the top of the neck in front of the large muscle.

The throat and neck are very sensitive for most individuals. Remember to touch very lightly and to be gentle.

Step 2:

Hold “X” and in “Through-fire” touch points “1” through “3” on the back.

Hold point “X” is on a line directly between where the nipples would be on a youth and 1 to 2 inches to the left of the breastbone. Another description of this point is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way up the breastbone from *Greeting* point “1”, and 1 to 2 inches to the left of the breastbone.

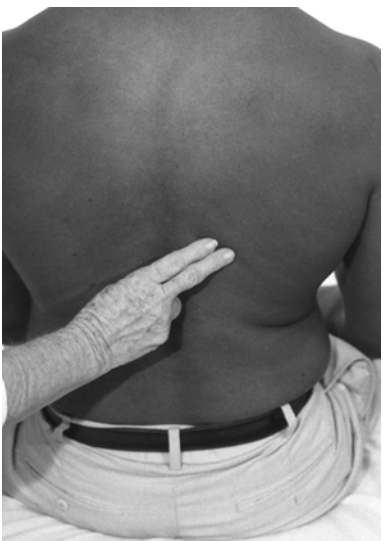
Points “1”, “2”, and “3” are located on the back around the “break-over” point. Remember from page 11 that the “break-over” point is where the bottom of the ribcage joins the spine, directly through the body from *Greeting* point “1”.

Point “1” is approximately 1 to 2 inches above the “break-over” point on the left spine muscle. Point “2” is directly across from “1” on the right spine muscle. Both points “1” and “2” are below the bottom of the shoulder blade. Point “3” is 2 to 3 inches below the “break-over” point on the right spine muscle.

Point “4” is used in conjunction with the other *Metabolism* points when addressing blood sugar problems and is located across from point “3” on the left spine muscle.



Step 2: Hold Point X



Step 2: Point 2



Step 2: Point 4

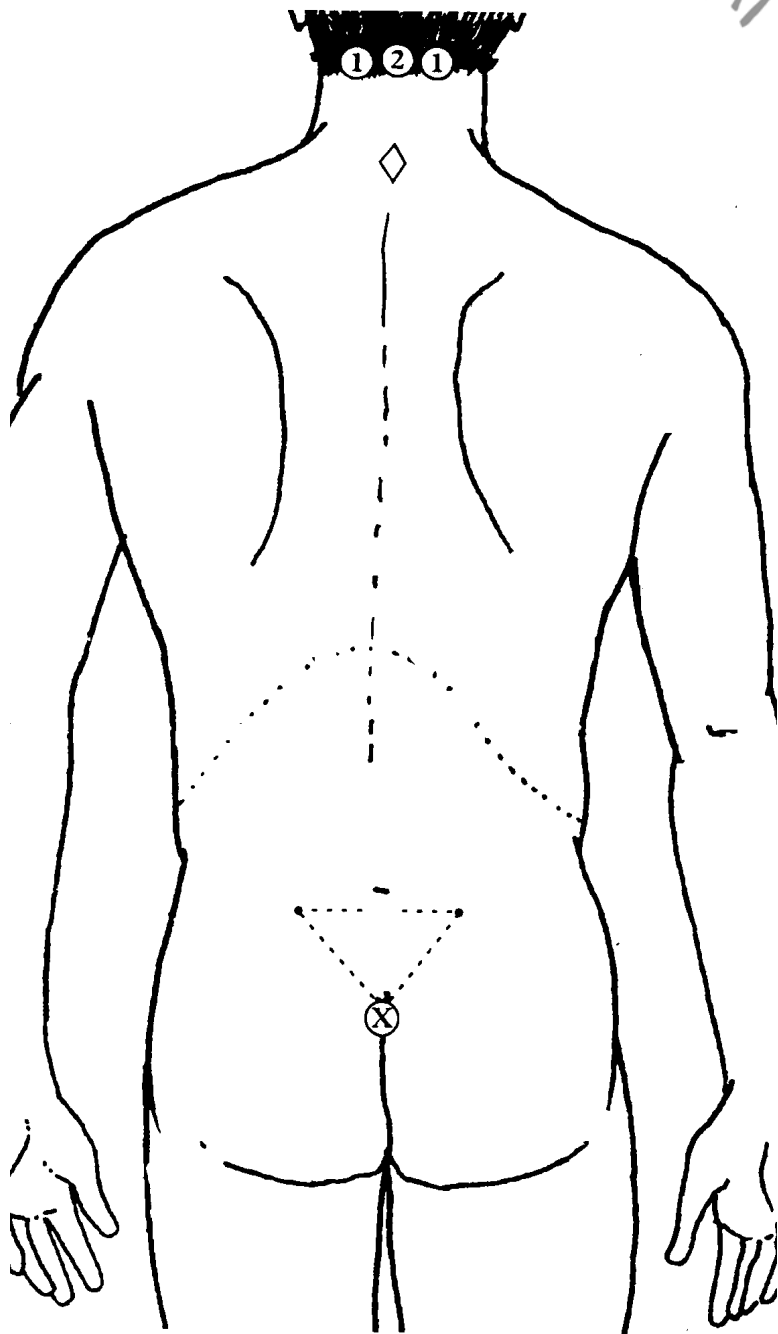
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The *Back* is usually the last set to be worked in a session, although it is not mandatory to do so. Whenever possible the recipient should be made comfortable - lying on a couch or bed on their stomach, on their side, sitting upright, or standing - with the entire backbone accessible down to and including the tailbone.

Note: The Back has 5 steps...



- Use the first 2 fingers of each hand.
- Touch on the skin.
- Use a butterfly-like, light touch.
- Touch each point for 6-8 seconds.



Step 1:

Hold "X" and use the first two fingers and thumb of the other hand to touch points "1" and "1".

Hold point "X" is on the end of the tailbone, or *coccyx*.

Points "1" and "1" are in the indentations beside the neck muscles at the base of the skull. To touch these points, place the first two fingers on one side of the neck and the thumb on the other side of the neck as shown in the photo.



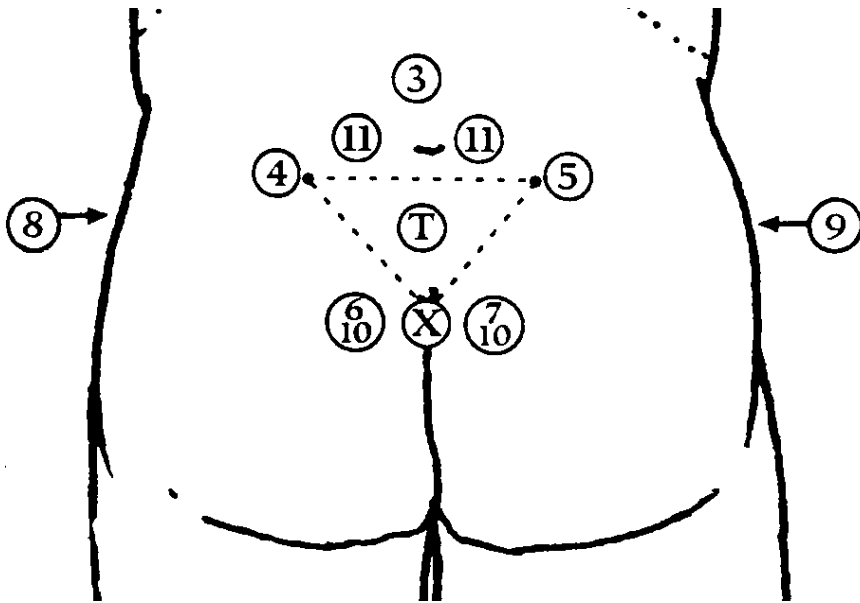
Step 1: X and Points 1 & 1

Step 2:

Hold "X" and touch point "2".

Point "2" is at the center of the neck at the base of the skull.

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Step 3 involves touching points on the lower back around the sacrum region which may be identified by a triangle formed by dimples (located below the normal belt-line) and the tailbone. This area is shown on the diagram as a dotted triangle at the base of the spine. The dimples are indicated by bold dots adjacent to points "4" and "5" which, with "X" (or the "tailbone"), form the sacrum triangle.

Step 3:

Hold "T" and touch points "3" through "9".

Hold point "T" is in the center of the triangle. Point "3" is on the spine above the triangle. Points "4" and "5" are outside the corners of the triangle, adjacent to the dimples. Points "6" and "7" are on either side of the tailbone. Points "8" and "9" are in line with point "T" and on the side of the hips.



Step 3: T and Point 4



Step 3: T and Point 9

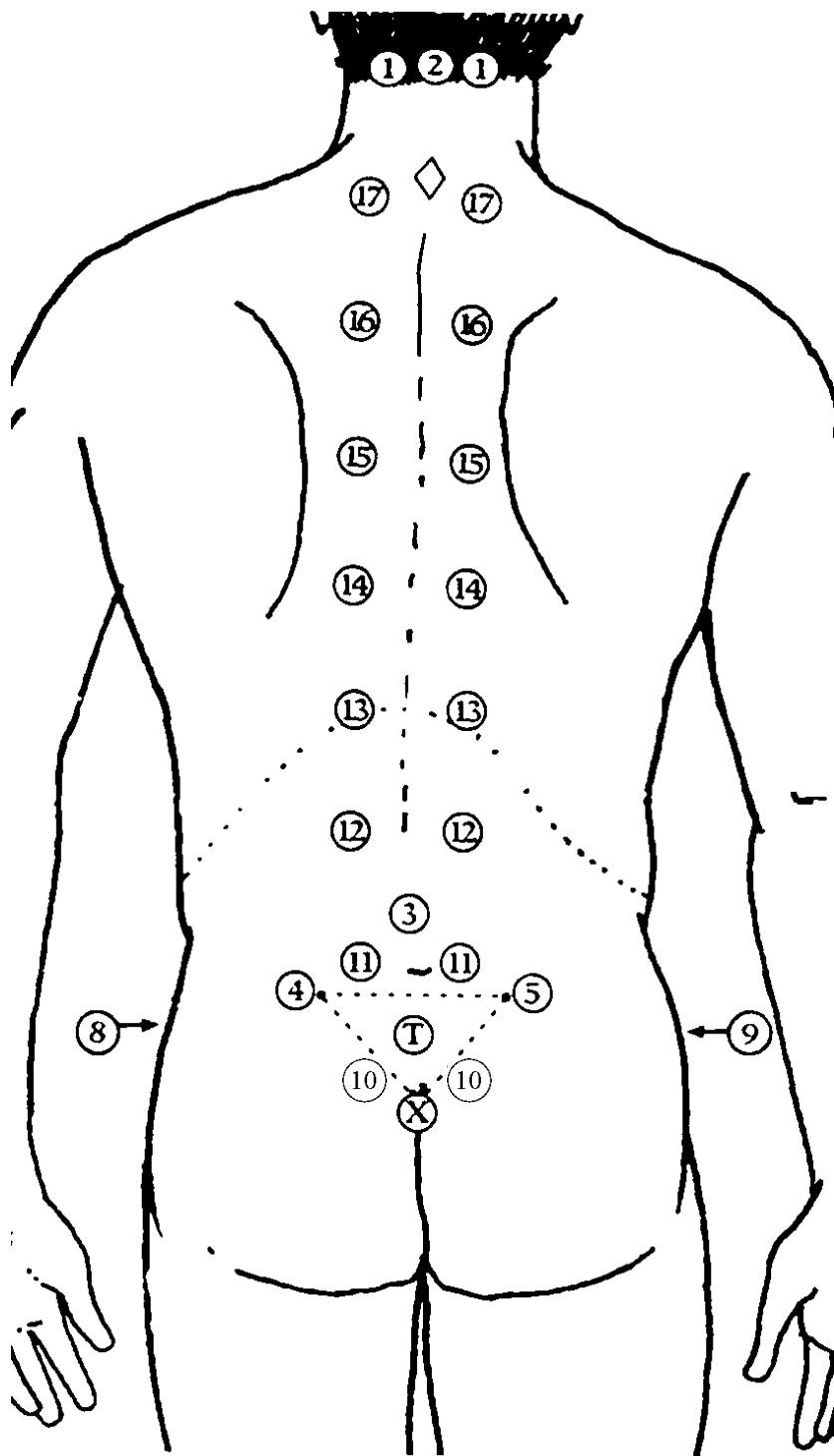
This is a good time to perform enhancements and local work:

After completing Step 3, an associate may perform enhancements and local work on and around specific areas of the spine. The information presented on page 11 of the *Back* set and on pages 28 & 29 should be sufficient to provide guidance in performing these enhancements.

(More *Back* on next page...)

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Step 4:

In “Matching-fire” touch points “10” through “17”.

Points “10” and “10” are on both sides of the tailbone. Points “11” through “17” are on top of the large muscles on both sides of the spine, approximately every other vertebra. These points may be gauged by moving the fingers up the spine the same distance as the hands are apart. Points “17” are alongside the big bone at the base of the neck.

Remember, to be effective, hold each point for 6-8 seconds.



Step 4: Points 10 and 10

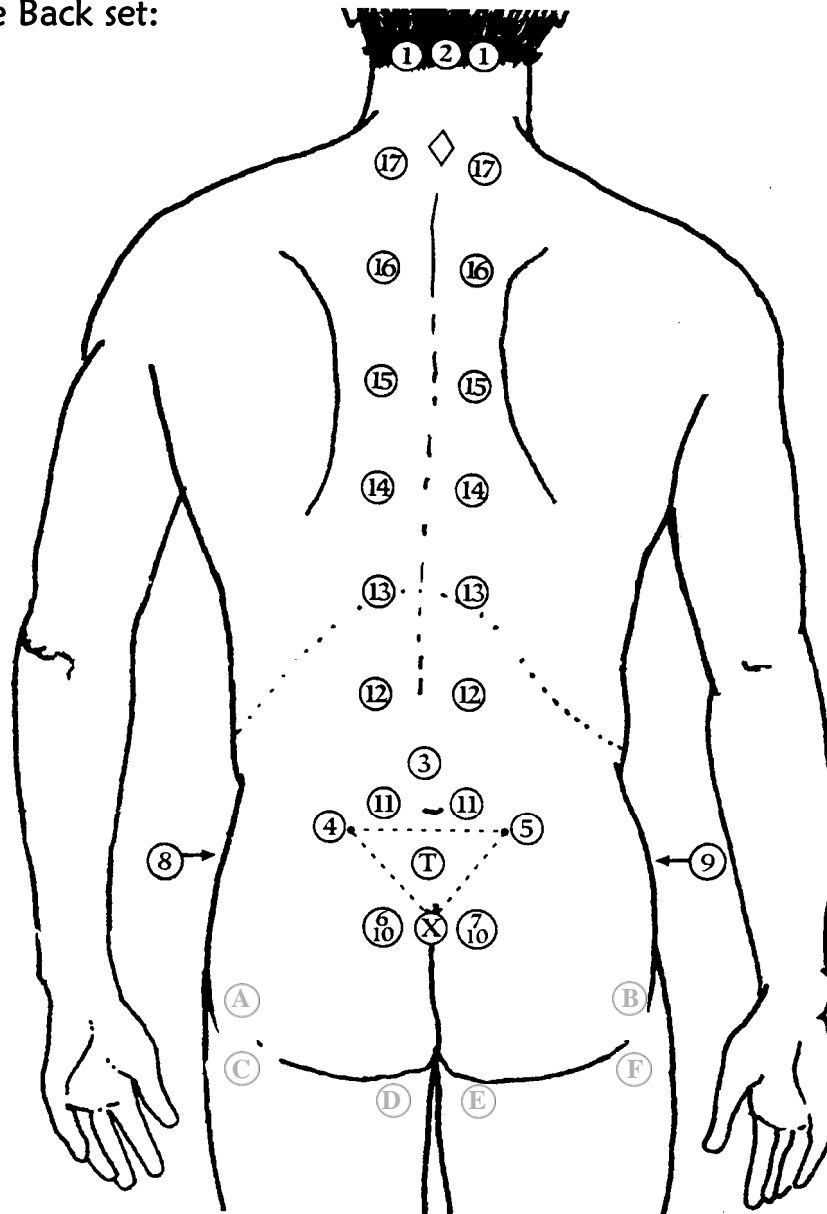
Step 5:

From points “17”, sweep along the spine to points “10”, then curve outward to the hips.

Slowly sweep down both sides of the spinal column along the top of the large muscles. At points “10” curve outward to the hips.

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Synopsis of the Back set:



Step 1: Hold “X” and use the first two fingers and thumb of the other hand to touch points “1” and “1”.

Step 2: Hold “X” and touch point “2”.

Step 3: Hold “T” and touch points “3” through “9”.

Step 4: In “Matching-fire” touch points “10” through “17”.

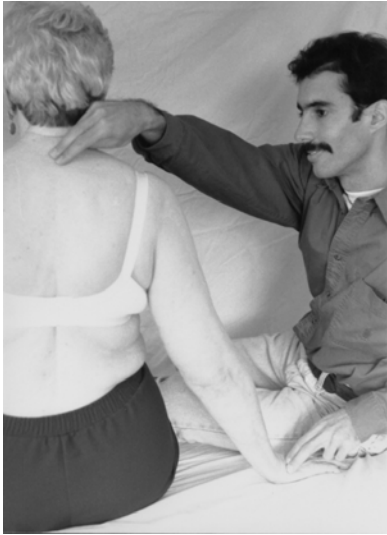
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Sciatica: Hold “T”. Touch “A” and “B”. • *Pelvic Injury:* Hold “T”. Touch “C” through “F”.

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Addressing the Extremities



Touching the “big bone” and the problem area

Difficulty in the extremities may be addressed simply by applying local work to the problem area. For example: for a knee, foot or hand problem, simply touch around the affected area using various combinations of “Through-fire”, “Matching-fire”, “Cross-fire”, “Hold points”, or “Sweeps”. This same principle applies to *any* condition of the extremities.

It is also beneficial to address the source of the nerves along the spine that relate to the extremities, simultaneously touching that source and the problem area or by sweeping to or from the affected area to the related area on the spine. This can be done by holding on the corresponding area of the spine, such as the “T” point on the *Back set* for the lower extremities or the “big bone” at the base of the neck for the upper extremities, and at the same time touching the affected area with the other hand. An associate may then proceed with local work in or around the affected area.



Working a hand or wrist



Working an ankle or foot



Touching “T” and the problem area

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