

Atlas of neural therapy with local anaesthetics, 2nd edition (2002)

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This book concerns neural therapy, which is explained as not only an injection technique but also as an effective healing system. It has its origin in the discovery by Vienna's famous neurologist, Sigmund Freud, of the topical anaesthetic effects of cocaine in 1883.

The medical background to neural therapy is explained in the foreword by Dr Deidrich Klinghardt. He describes the technique as trigger point injections which has become a traditional European healing system focusing on the health of the autonomic nervous system. The scientific basis of neural therapy rests on a simple neurophysiological truth that injury and illness results in long-lasting dysfunction of the autonomic nervous system. Scars can create abnormal signals that can affect the autonomic nervous systems and its branches for many years after an injury or surgery. A simple injection of procaine into the exact location where the abnormal impulse starts can restore order in the system and lead to deep healing, often instantly. Commonly the site

injected is located distant from the site of the patient's symptom.

The first chapters contain detailed pictures of 30 segments of the body, including the head zones with principal injection points in the segmental treatment of disorders of the heart, lungs, liver, gallbladder and stomach. The head, neck and shoulders have their own sections. In the following chapters the technique is accurately explained with indications for treatment, materials (needle size and dose of procaine or lidocaine) and the injection technique. The drawings and photographs are of a high standard when explaining the anatomy around the injection points and the positions of the needle. Finally the author describes exhaustively the interference fields in the teeth and jaws.

The book has a very pedagogic design and is recommended for those who are interested in this field.

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Erratum

The names of the authors on abstracts 4 and 197 published in 2003 in Volume 25:5 of the *European Journal of Orthodontics* were incorrect and should read:

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