

06 - DISFUNÇÃO DOLOROSA DE CADEIA MUSCULAR CERVICAL DE BAILARINO TRATADA POR ENFERMEIROS MEDIANTE ACUPUNTURA

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INTRODUCTION

The pain shows some somatic components that distinguish by means of sensation carried by a big affectionate component. That feeling, in the routine one, is associated mainly the past experiences and in the momentary affectionate state of the patient. Believing that the pain is always subjective, all of the symptoms that the patient describes as such should be led in consideration.

Second to International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) the pain is defined like an unpleasant sensorial and emotional experience associated with a real or potential tissue mischief, or described in the injury terms. The occurrence of pain varies according to constitutional aspects of the individual, physiopathological and psychological characteristics physical, emotional preparation and pharmacological interventions. (GOZZANI, 2003; TEIXEIRA & VALVERDE, 2003).

The acupuncture is a millenary Chinese approach of handling, simple and with a low cost. This approach widely has been utilized in the handling of the pain and the interest in this therapeutic modality has grown significantly in the last 20 years, with therapeutic application in different specialties, e.g. neurology (OLESON, 2002) orthopedics (PELIMON, 2000; GILBERTSON et al, 2003), ophthalmology (NEPP et al, 2002), gynecology (PROCTOR et al, 2002; WOZNIK et al, 2003), urology (HONJO et al, 2002) and cardiology (BUENO et al, 2001).

The use of the acupuncture for pain relief was mentioned by the first time in 90 BC. That technique occurs by means of the insertion of needles in empirical definite points in depths varied with the purpose of promote therapeutic effect in different organs and functional systems influencing the movement of the vital energy "Qi" in the meridians. To correct definition of the acupuncture points, as well the depth to be reached is intimate linked to a standard distance measure called "tsun". That measure refers to the width of the thumb of the individual it to be tried. When the desired point is reached, it triggers a sensation of energy irradiation through the meridian associated, causing the presence of the "Qi". In this way, the puncture by the needle excites the skin nervous fibers of quick conduction or those affected muscular regions causing interruptions of a vicious cycle of slow conduction impulses. An unconscious autonomous reaction in the centers processors occurs in the cortical pain fields of the brain stem and a modification of the conscious perception in the cortical fields of the brain (HECKER et al, 2007).

The analgesia provided by the acupuncture has been enough utilized (TSIBULIAK et al, 1995; LEGUANG et al, 1996; KOTANI et al, 2001; OLESON, 2002; GILBERTSON et al, 2003; CHU et al, 2003), showing itself adequate, free of side effects (KOTANI et al, 2001), beyond be well accepts for the patients. Therefore, the objective of this work was verify the answer of the intervention of the MTC in the handling of cervicalgia of a ballet dancer, 52 years old, attended by Nurses in training for acupuncture care.

PATIENT AND APPROACHES

The clinical services during the period of training students in acupuncture and electroacupuncture specialization occurred in a therapeutic background of an educational institution of health professionals in the city of Natal (RN). The patients sought this kind of service knowing that would be being evaluated and treated by the students and by an instructor.

During the period of therapeutic approach different people came with many kinds of complaints. Among all complaints referred during the consultations, we describe in this article the considerations about the chronic pain in cervical region of a ballet dancer, 52 years age, as well her energy diagnose, the therapeutic chosen and subsequent her treatment conclusion by elimination of the referred pain after her experience with the acupuncture treatment.

After the initial treatment we request to the patient a permission to relate his clinical history, diagnosis, treatment and the therapy results to the scientific community, maintaining his anonymity and giving him all guaranteeing to make a free choice as abandonment of the treatment or not publication of her health case. The patient signed a Term of Free and Cleared Consent approving the disclosure of the facts previously referred.

The visual analog scale (VAS) was choose as measurement in this study because is a sensible, valid, extremely simple instrument and easy for evaluate the patient pain. This instrument is comprised of a line of 10 cm, in that the extremity to the left one corresponds to the absence of pain and, to the right, to the possible most intense pain. The patient designates the localities, in that line, that finds adequate for his pain, recording it in the rank of pain in that moment.

THE CASE STUDY

The patient show complaint of burning pain and twinge radiating to the region occipital, passing for the nape, scapula and shoulders having this problem initiated around 4 years ago. He said that the painkillers and anti-inflammatory did not supply more effect, being necessary in her routine the use of bonds cervical around 2 times weekly, interpolating to each 15 days. The countenance of the individual showed expression of discomfort and the even found being used the cervical necklace, having referred value 9.0 for the pain in the moment of this consults based in the VAS.

The approach of the initial complaint occurred as routine, by means of a meticulous anamneses including of the childhood diseases, past diseases, health family history, occupation, use of medications, physical exam, anthropometrical, aspect of the of, nose, tongue, throat, voice, skin, alimentation habits, hydratation level, digestion, elimination, sexuality, sleep quality, habits of life, climatic preferences, main characteristic of the personality, biotype, the hands movements and behavior during the consultation willing to understand emotions appeared in the discussion while she answered the inquiries and described the sensations that came up. The main characteristics reaped revealed that the patient was a person with easy emotional alteration and accesses of rage, critical of social standards, alcohol dependence, nocturnal habits of work and fun.

Faced with to the first evaluation, we perceive that the patient was of constituent element wood, nature Yang, presenting empty general state and carrying a chronic trial of preferential internal etiology. Taking as base the information reaped in the initial evaluation we arrive to the diagnosis of stagnation of the "Qi" and ascent of the Yang of the liver. From this diagnosis, we choose the therapy with needles of acupuncture 0,25mm x 30mm (sterile and disposable) in the points:

EX-HN3 (Yin tang), in the middle of the line between the eyebrows; **LI4 (Hegu)**, in dorsal side of the hand, between the first one and the second bone metacarpus in the middle of the first dorsal interosseus muscle; **BL62 (Shenmai)**, 0.5 down the tsun of the external malleolus, in the lower depression of the lateral malleolus; **K6 (Zhaohai)**, in the depression between the medial malleolus and the bone talus; 0.4 tsun under of the dorsal fold of the fist, between the tendons of the muscle extensor digital common and the fifth

digitorum muscle, **GB21 (Jianjing)**, in the equidistant point between the **Dazhui (DM14)** and the acromium of the shoulder, 1 tsun above the point Tianliao (SJ15); **GB34 (Yanglingquan)**, 1 tsun under the knee, in the lower and previous depression of the head of the fibula, in the fascia of the metatarsus; LR3 (Taichong), between the first and the second one metatarsus, behind the articulations metatarsus-falangeal; **BL17 (Geshu)**, 1.5 tsun in the central line, in the level of the lower border of the spinal trial of the vertebra (T7); **B40 (Weizong)**, in the center of the popliteal fossae, in the wrinkle popliteal; **BL43 (Pohu)**, 3 tsun, lateral of the central line (Du-Mai), in the vertical line in the middle between the points Weizhong (BL40) and the heel, 8 tsun under the point Weizhong (BL40); **BL60 (Kunlun)**, between the tendon of Aquiles and the border of the malleolus lateral of the ankle, at the same level to the point more high of the lateral malleolus; **DM9 (Zhiyang)**, in the central line of the column; between the seventh one and spinous process of the eighth thoracic vertebra; **DM14 (Dahzui)**, in the first thoracic vertebra; **DM20 (Bahui)** in the center-vertical line of the head, 7 tsun above the subsequent margin of the hair, 5 tsun behind the previous margin of the hair. All of the points aimed at stabilize the energy disorder deduced by means of the history of life of the patient.

The technical of insertion chosen was the tonification because was one clinical case of a chronic process, starting for the points located in the feet and going direct to the head with the purpose of send energy stream from the lower members to the cephalic region, considering that the main focus of the complaint was the cervical region. Still considering the fact of the patient is of the male sex and for so much the insertion of the needles gave initially in left side, interest to each pair of points inserted, respecting the techniques of anti-sepias with alcohol to 70% previously to the drilling of the derma.

In the end of each section we left needles of 1mm (sterile and disposable) in specific points of the ear to make the treatment prolonged during the week until the near meeting, where the commitment of the patient was to occasionally promote delicately stimulus in the needed points during the days, maintaining hygiene in the localities.

The auriculars points utilized during all the treatment involved regions regarding liver, cervical, Shen men, anxiety and Yang of the liver, repeating the insertion of needles in the same locals to each 15 days and alternating with others to each week, choosing an different ear to each session.

One regarding for us to boost the therapeutic was interpolate the sessions in equal order (second, Wednesday and Friday session) to eletroacupuntura during 10 minutes by means of placement of electrodes "alligator" in the needles 0,25mm x 30mm inserted in the following points:

GB21 (Jianjing), BL17 (Geshu), BL43 (Pohu), BL40 (Weizong), BL57 (Chengshan), BL60 (Kunlun), K6 (Zhaohai). It was avoided to cross the electric bundle through the spine. From this moment the intensity of the stimulus were increased gradually until the sensation of tingling by the individual went perceptible and bearable. The device used to promote the electric discharges had a battery of 9voltz as spring of energy, producing waves of sedation and tonification concomitantly under frequency chosen of 10 and 80hertz.

RESULTS

After the first session the patient felt a "general well being" and important relief of the cervical pains. He marked 5.0 as value in the scale of pain VAS in that moment. A prominent fact was noticeable, the patient relaxed and fallen sleep during the session. In the following session, the patient related an improvement of the sleep without the use of the cervical necklace.

To each subsequent acupuncture session the patient showed satisfaction and serenity to walk. After 6 episodes of therapy the uncomfortable sensation was eliminated, marking a value 0.0 in the scale of pain VAS. In this way he finished his treatment totally recovered of the main complaint made by him in the beginner. He was oriented to maintain 2 returns spaced out to each 15 days and 2 to each 30 days, with this schedule we could evaluate the energy-functional answer of the therapy in his body. However the patient just returned after 2 months to assure that he was not more feeling the same pain that leaded him to seek the treatment.

ARGUMENT

Considering the pain as a complex problem, and focusing the approach to the dysfunctions as hernia of disk, low back pain, neck pain and injury for repeated movements, characteristics of chronic symptoms, the efficacy of the acupuncture can be boosted in those situations through the use of techniques like: electroacupuncture, that is substantiates in the emission of electric bundles of galvanic current with intensity of 200 microamperes and alternated shackle with electric prompting frequency from 01 to 10 cycles per second with the purpose of regular the imbalance homeostatic; and moxabustion, by means of application of heat of the Artemisia herb or coal with the aim to energize the meridian affected (IMAMURA, 1996; INADA, 2006).

With the intention of associate auxiliary conducts to the therapy, is still important mention the existence of the auriculotherapy as complement in the therapy of acupuncture. The technique acquired scientific endorsement through the first publication in the France in middle part of the decade of 50. The foundation of this therapeutic approach is going to promote analgesia and diagnoses by means of stimulus of specific points in the ear for obtain psychosomatic homeostasis regulating the energy inside the meridians (DALMAS, 2005). It is worth detach that in the assembly of inherent actions to the handling of the acupuncture, it does necessary combine points for satisfy the specific needs of each individual. Following that reasoning, the success of the technical is based in the diagnosis more near to the original energy dysfunction of the patient, therefore of this made decisions will be taking as regards the localities of application, needs of tonification, dispersion and/or harmonization, as well like the use of moxa, cup, bleeding and/or electroacupuncture (ROSS, 2003).

The biggest difficulty found by the researchers in developing treatment with acupuncture consists of the impossibility of establish adequate criteria that bear studies inside the acceptable standards in the present time, however, several studies show the advantages of the acupuncture in what concerns the decrease consumption of painkillers (ERNST & PITTLER, 1998; PELIMON, 2000; GUPTA et al, 2000; BIELLA et al, 2001).

The mechanism of the acupuncture action in the analgesia is frequently questioned; studies were developed in this sense. One explanation would be that the intramuscular penetration with needles and the classical or electric manipulation prompt a local muscular contraction. These micro contraction are capable of expand for the adjacent muscular fibers contracted. This reduces the mechanical effect of traction produced by those muscular fibers contracted in the sensitive structures of pain including intramuscular nerves bloody vessels and arteries (CHU, 2002). The gate theory says that the stimulation of coarse fibers, A, drive stimuli to the posterior horn of the marrow, and then by antidromic conduction inhibits the conduction of noxious stimuli.

The literature show evidences that the opioidal properties are involved in the analgesic mechanism of the acupuncture. Gao & He (1996), relate that the density of receptors (μ), in mice submitted to the acupuncture, increased in particular areas linked with the nociception: nucleus caudate, nucleus accumbens, tonsil, periaqueductal gray substance, interpeduncular nucleus, great nucleus of the rafe, dorsal horn of the marrow, cingulus cortex, septal area, pre-optical area, upper central nucleus, cuniculus upper and geniculate medial body. Still regarding the participation of properties opioidal, Han et al (1999) stood out that the endogenous endorphins is involved in the analgesia produced by the eletroacupuntura of decrease frequency (2Hz), but not with the high frequency (100Hz). Second Lee et al (2003) the colecistokinin enable activity antagonist about the morphinics neurotransmitters concluding that analgesic effect of the acupuncture is straightly related with the expression of receivers of colecistokinin-A.

CONCLUSION

Faced with the results, the handling for cervicgia proposed in that study respected the methodological premises of the Chinese Traditional Medicine and the analgesic effect in the cervicgia achieved by the patient. The aid of therapies as the electroacupuncture and the auriculotherapy were important interventions in the obtaining of the success in the therapy.

The results obtained bear evidences of that the properties opioidal are involved in the analgesic mechanism of the acupuncture as described by Gao & He (1996). Still regarding the participation of properties opioidal, to endogenous endorphins is involved in the analgesia produced by the electroacupuncture of decrease frequency (2Hz), but not with the high frequency (100Hz), corroborating with Han et al (1999).

It is fundamental stand out that the scientific knowledge was essential part for foment the reasoning of the aching dysfunction of the cervical muscular chain when it comes to the original organic cause. However the obtaining of a precisely diagnosis and consequent elimination of the pain symptoms was intimate linked to our capacity while therapists in act by means of perception sharpened in the subjective information naturally involved in the psyche and in the emotional inherent to the individual.

In this way we perceive the essential t association to the use of the Chinese Traditional Medicine, the capacity of holistic perception and the humanization of the Nurses as regards the origin bio-psycho-emotional of the problem presented by the client for the choice of the actions developed.

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PAINFUL DYSFUNCTION OF CERVICAL MUSCULAR CHAIN OF DANCER TREATED BY NURSES BY MEANS ACUPUNCTURE

ABSTRACT

Under the holistic perspective of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), we believe that the anxiety, fear, sadness, anger and/or pain case psychosomatics imbalance in humans being responsible for symptoms of discomfort causing the decrease in quality of life. Acupuncture is a treatment of the TCM, accessible and with the response time minimum for obtaining relief or cure of symptoms, especially without the use of medications. In this sense, therapy used takes into account habits of life, poles Yin and Yang, strength of life, constituent elements of each person, personal and family history. The anamneses collected aims to diagnose patterns of disharmony as deficiency, excess, stagnant, cold, heat, internal and external. The purpose of the survey was to check the response of the TCM intervention in the treatment of neck pain of a dancer of 52 years old attended by nurses during a stage of training in acupuncture. We diagnosed as the original question Qi stagnation and advancement Yang of the liver taking wood as a trainer element of the patient. We chose key points for obtaining relief from pain and balance the energy flow in patients to know: EX-HN3, LI4, TH5, GB21, GB34, GB41, LR3, BL17, BL40, BL43, BL57, BL60, BL62, K6, DM9, DM14, and DM20. The meetings took place once a week, applying needles and electro acupuncture in points in the posterior anatomical position, in pairs sessions. After 6 episodes of treatment, the painful discomfort and use of cervical collar were eliminated. Thus, we can see the effectiveness of the treatment of neck pain by intervention of TCM considering the bio-psycho-emotional context of the patient for the selection of acupuncture's points.

Keywords: neck pain, acupuncture analgesia, nursing

DISFONCTION DOULEUREUSE DE LA CHAINE MUSCULAIRE CERVICALE D'UN DANSEUR TRAITEE PAR DES INFIRMIERS EN SEANCES D'ACUPONCTURE

RÉSUMÉ

Au regard holistique de la Médecine Traditionnelle Chinoise (MTC), nous comprenons que l'anxiété, la peur, la tristesse, la colère et/ou la douleur déclenchent des disharmonies psychosomatiques chez l'être humain et sont responsables par les symptômes d'inconfort causés par l'affaiblissement progressif de la qualité de vie. L'acupuncture est le traitement de la MTC, accessible sous un délai de réponse minime au soulagement ou la cure des symptômes, surtout sans l'usage de médicaments allopathes de la médecine occidentale. Dans ce sens, la thérapeutique utilisée met en évidence le style de vie, les deux pôles Yin et Yang, l'énergie vitale, les éléments inhérents de la personne et ses antécédents personnels et héréditaires. L'anamnèse concerne le diagnostique du degré de disharmonie comme déficience, excès, stagnation, froid, chaleur, interne et externe. De ce fait, le but de l'étude est de vérifier la réponse de l'intervention de la MTC dans le traitement de cervicalgie chez un danseur de 52 ans, soigné par des infirmiers pendant un stage de formation en acupuncture. Après l'anamnèse, nous avons diagnostiqué comme cause d'origine, la stagnation du Qi et l'excès du Yang du foie, le patient ayant le bois comme élément formateur. Nous avons choisi pour l'obtention du soulagement des douleurs et l'équilibre du flux énergétique du patient, les points essentiels suivants: EX-TC3, IG4, TR5, VB21, VB34, VB41, F3, V17, V40, V43, V57, V60, V62, R6, VG9, VG14, VG20. Les séances ont eu lieu une fois par semaine, alternées avec l'électro-acupuncture sur les points de la position anatomic dorsale, pour les séances paires. Après 6 rencontres, nous avons pu éliminer la gêne de la douleur et l'usage du collier cervical. Nous avons donc constaté l'efficacité du traitement de cervicalgie par l'intervention de la MTC mettant en valeur le contexte bio-psycho-émotionnel du patient par la sélection des points d'acupuncture. Mots-clé: cervicalgie, analgésie par acupuncture, infirmier

DISFUNCIÓN DOLOROSA DE LA CADENA MUSCULAR CERVICAL TRATADA POR EL ENFERMEROS POR ACUPUNTURA

RESUMEN

En virtud de la perspectiva holística de la Medicina Tradicional China (MTC), creemos que los sentimientos ansiedad, miedo, tristeza, ira y/o dolor causan desequilibrios psicossomáticos en los seres humanos sendo responsables por síntomas de malestar que producen la disminución en la calidad de vida. La acupuntura es un tratamiento de la MTC, accesible y con un mínimo de tiempo necesario para obtener el alivio o la curación, especialmente sin el uso de medicamentos de la medicina occidental. Para tanto, el uso terapéutico tiene en cuenta: estilo de vida, polos Yin y Yang, energía vital, constitución de cada persona, historia personal y familiar. Las historias clínicas recogidas tienen por meta diagnosticar los patrones de discordia como discapacidad, exceso, estancamiento, frío, calor, internos y externos. El objetivo del estudio fue comprobar la respuesta de la MTC en el tratamiento del dolor de cuello de un bailarín de 52 años atendido por los enfermeros durante una etapa de la formación en la acupuntura. Después de la anamnesis, diagnosticó como la causa original lo estancamiento de Qi y aumento del Yang de hígado considerando la madera como elemento formador de lo paciente. Hemos elegido puntos clave en la obtención del alivio del dolor y el equilibrio del flujo de energía en lo paciente a saber: EX-CC3, IG4, TR5, VB21, VB34, VB41, H3, V17, V40, V43, V57, V60, V62, R6, VG9, VG14, VG20. Las reuniones sucedieran una vez a la semana, intercalando electroacupuntura en acupuntos de posición anatómica posterior, a cada dos sesiones. Después de 6 episodios de tratamiento conseguimos eliminar los dolores y lo uso de collarín cervical. Así pues, podemos ver la eficacia del tratamiento del dolor de cuello por la intervención de la MTC teniendo en cuenta el contexto bio-psico-emocional del paciente para la selección de puntos de la acupuntura. Palabras-clave: dolor de cuello, analgesia por acupuntura, enfermería

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RESUMO

Sob a ótica holística da Medicina Tradicional Chinesa (MTC), entendemos que a ansiedade, medo, tristeza, raiva e/ou dor ocasionam desarmonias psicossomáticas no ser humano e são responsáveis por sintomas de desconforto causadores do decréscimo na qualidade de vida. A acupuntura é um tratamento da MTC, acessível e com tempo de resposta mínimo para obtenção do alívio ou cura de sintomas, principalmente sem o uso de medicações alopatas da medicina ocidental. Nesse sentido, a terapêutica utilizada leva em consideração o estilo de vida, os dois pólos Yin e Yang, a energia vital, os elementos constitutivos da pessoa, seus antecedentes pessoais e familiares. A anamnese visa diagnosticar o grau de desarmonia como deficiência, excesso, estagnação, frio, calor, interno e externo. Diante do exposto, o objetivo do estudo é verificar a resposta da intervenção da MTC no tratamento de cervicalgia de um bailarino de 52 anos atendido por enfermeiros durante um estágio de formação em acupuntura. Após anamnese, diagnosticamos como causa original a estase do Qi e ascensão do Yang do fígado tendo madeira como elemento formador do paciente. Escolhemos pontos essenciais para obtenção do alívio das dores e equilibrar o fluxo energético do paciente, a saber: EX-CP3, IG4, TA5, VB21, VB34, VB41, F3, B17, B40, B43, B57, B60, B62, R6, VG9, VG14, VG20. Os encontros ocorreram uma vez por semana, onde intercalamos eletroacupuntura, nos acupontos da posição anatómica posterior, nas sessões pares. Após 6 episódios de tratamento, conseguimos eliminar o incômodo doloroso e o uso de colar cervical. Desta forma, podemos constatar a eficácia do tratamento de cervicalgia pela intervenção da MTC considerando o contexto bio-psico-emocional do paciente para a seleção dos acupontos.

Palavras-chave: cervicalgia, analgesia por acupuntura, enfermagem.