

# NWOOA 2020 Zoom Conference

## Everyday Manual Medicine for Every DO Building on & from 2020

Review and what was requested and had been missed based on Last year's experience  
Many people asked about the same or similar things

Quickly review "Meat & Potatoes" Regional Mobilization of Thoracic, Cervical and Lumbar Spine –

Take a step back from all the complexity and detail that frustrated so many of us

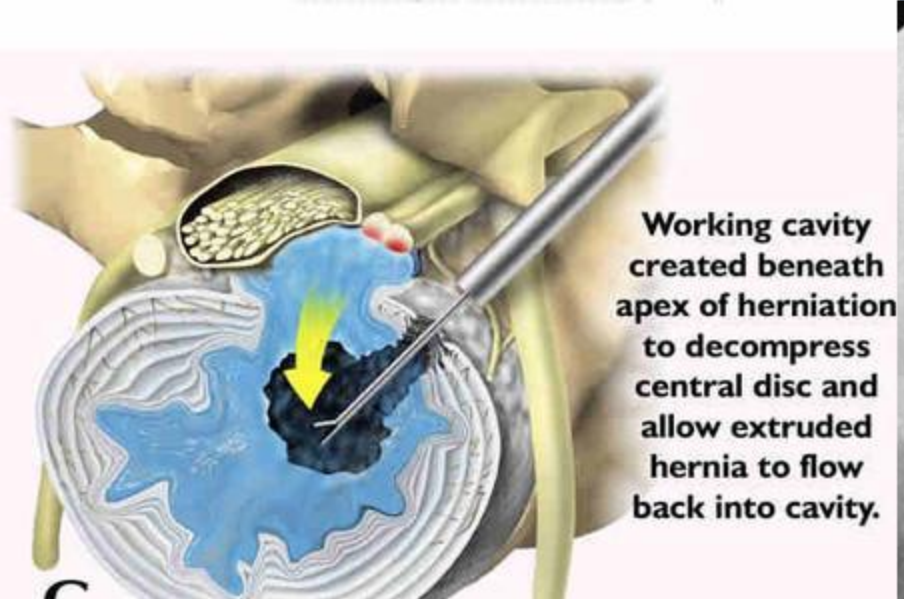
Intended Format for Today - Sadly no hands-on lab

- \* The Basics and Adjunctive - simplify.
- \* History and Exam in more detail neuro MSK
- \* History and Exam **Red Flags**

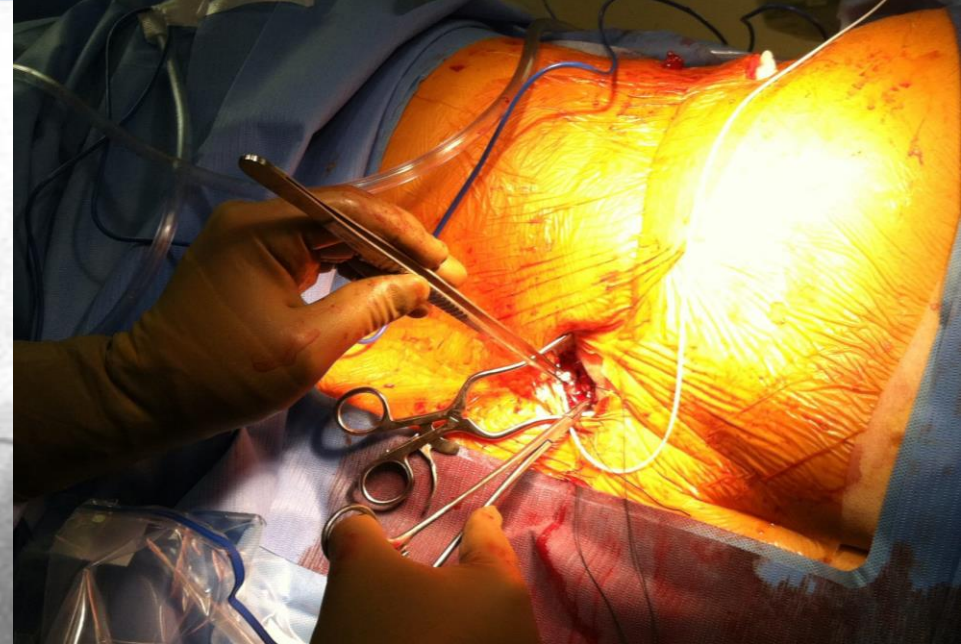
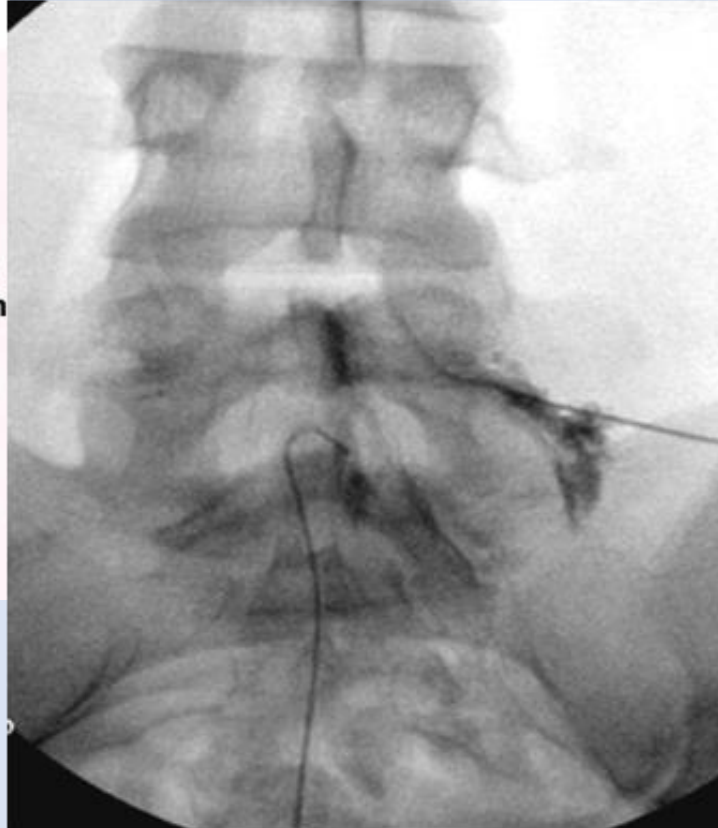
This year we are adding Sacral/ Peripheral Joint and some Cranial

Few slides for each                      Hope we can get a video at end





“Laser” Endoscopic Discectomy – MediCaid  
Pain Pumps, Spinal Cord Stims, they still all  
get OMT before and after



Facet Fusion, Kyphoplasty, Vert Bone Bx  
Lysis of Epidural adhesions, RF, Facet  
Blocks





- PM&R has Much in common with a Neurologists, Orthopedics, Psychiatrists

Academic & Proud Author but not here today as such purely empiric/clinical

In the most basic terms to show what I use and what works every day in a Spine-Dominant Musculoskeletal Spine & Pain Center and large multi specialty orthopedic group OIO Lima, OH

My perspective today may be frowned on in strict academic circles.

Student's Be Aware- OSMs - Do not take this as Board Material/Board Review or what your school should be teaching, in fact it may hurt your boards or institutional exams.

MOC project is OMT following Fluoroscopic-Guided Contrast-Confirmed facet/ Medial Branch Injection. 150K manip billed



Michael F Stretanski, DO  
PCOM 97'

I fear not the  
man who has  
practiced 10,000  
kicks once, but I  
fear the man  
who has prac-  
ticed one kick  
10,000 times

*Bruce Lee*



*“An Expert is the  
man/woman person  
who knows the basics  
the best”*

- Steven J. Blood, DO  
Past President Cranial  
Academy

What about the DO who has practiced 5 things 2000 times? Basic mobilization of the C,T,R,L S

Specific techniques will be based on what works for you and what you make yours. Learn and teach.

FIPP Moto - *Docendo Discimus*

*Dicitur haeresis, quo dogmate non vexillum est  
gratum*

## Two Distilled thoughts



All OMT is best done within the context of other MSK care – TP's, PT/OT, passive modalities, heat, Ultrasound, HEP, lidocaine>Marcaine, complex polypharmacy, imaging, advanced interventional pain procedures, and motor point blocks just to name a few, and is often smoothly transitioned from exam to treatment exam treatment.

The modern DO must adapt treatment osteopathic philosophy and osteopathic techniques to fit within, benefit from and enhance state-of-the-art care, imaging and treatment protocols for their given field of medicine. Osteopathic manual medicine by itself standing alone in isolation is like a suture fragment left behind on an OR floor, both unaware of and not relevant to, nor able to take credit for or responsible for the clinical outcome.

# Pearls after teaching OMT

## “What I know now that I wish I knew then”



- **Asymmetric human mammalian anatomy is the norm not the *exception* – *We are all hand, eye and foot dominant*. Don't misinterpret that and try to force symmetry. High Trapezius**

**Asymmetry is not automatically osteopathic dysfunction**

**Imaging still has limited, if any, utility in OMT- other than contraindication (critical stenosis, instability, malignancy)**

- **Restriction does not mean or REQUIRE malalignment nor vice versa “things can be stuck in Neutral”**

**Precision diagnosis is not a mandatory requirement in initial regional treatment.**

**It's ok to ask “Well does it just feel like it just needs to ‘pop’?” as long as its not the ONLY thing you are going by or documenting**



- Your hands are telling you things whether you are deliberately palpating or not- don't ignore and don't need to fully comprehend.
- Hence, exam is often smoothly transitioned to treatment and back.
- All Osteopathic Dysfunctions are Bilateral (anterior/posterior innom) Left Right Facet/Ribs
- CHF/Asthma/Lymphatics/ICU – underused esp Peds
- All OMT is an interaction between physician/patient
- and environment – what I DON'T say when teaching a first time IV start





If you're not sure if something is in a state of dysfunction – it is OK to gently range it and nudge – worst case nothing happens or you did an indirect then direct LAR (order irrelevant)

If something is not releasing in one direction, you can simply take it in the opposite direction, yes, take it further INTO dysfunction (but gently). Like when a door is stuck on the floor and you can't open it, push it towards being shut, then pull back again. I cannot emphasize how accurate this analogy is!

Sometimes things just  
get stuck in neutral.

-There is no rotational or  
side-bending component.

-It becomes a simple matter  
of clinically mobilizing  
facet/SIJ/Pubic symp and  
getting it “unstuck”

Direct and Indirect release

Does the synovial joint of a  
facet develop a vacuum?  
Is there reduced synovial  
fluid?

$N_2/CO_2$  ↑ dissolved in  
tissues?

- Not every Dr can do every technique on every patient. Pt or Dr Height, Weight, the Table, staff (4 hand tech) arm length, strength, viewpoints and this the norm for healthcare
- There is no DO-Patient interaction where there is zero potential for manual medicine to have some sort of positive impact, but few patients can be helped purely OMT
- Manual med techniques are like music genres - exist along a spectrum - same # opinions (Thrust- lig artic, ME , FPR, Counterstrain/Cranial) Not everyone agrees on definitions and terminology. Some academic purists may take counterpoint
- OMT can be exhausting - Mind your own fatigue and your own health. Gain mechanical advantage – stool(s) – reschedule, PLAN certain patients for when you are ready
- Protect your hands/wrists/shoulders – paraffin, superglue, epicondylar bands  
Bio freeze, Therapeutic Ultrasound as part of myofascial technique – empty glass local anesthetic bottle – Get treated yourself – Treat your colleagues – touch with intent.



# Preliminary Evaluation / History and Exam

- Stand up for me – arms?
- Heel Strike, midstance Toe-off
- Heel stand- Toe Stand – Knee Bend
- H, L, Abd, CN's
- -pleuritic rub/wheeze (K-ville - Lymph)
- -pericardial rub
- Manual Motor Testing
- MSR's AKA -DTR's
- ASIA points -standardization
- ROS
- Fever, Chills, Weight Loss
- Focal weakness, Painless Weakness -
- Loss of Bowel and/or Bladder
- Sensory changes
- Numbness
- + and – sensory “pins & needles” vs no sensation
- MS – ROS Arnold-Chiari symptoms – ROS

## Septic arthritis of the sacroiliac joint

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### Abstract

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Septic arthritis is an inflammation of a joint caused directly by various microorganisms. It is often characterized by many unspecific symptoms. Bacteria is the most often etiological factor.

We present a case report of a 76-years old woman with a unilateral septic arthritis of the sacroiliac joint. Bacterial sacroiliitis should be taken into account in patients with sacroiliitis and fever onset.

Proper diagnosis can be very often difficult and delayed but fast implementation of antibiotic therapy is extremely important in the treatment process. Diagnostic imaging is crucial to the diagnosis and monitoring of septic arthritis. Magnetic resonance imaging is the most relevant tool for the detection of sacroiliitis, allowing the institution of therapeutic strategies to impede the progression of the disease.

Not necessarily a Third World Problem

## Physical Exam before OMT - continued

- ACDF or Posterior C, T or L scars
- Prior Diskitis/Osteomyelitis/IVDA – precise Hx
- Skin Herpetic Rash or other Rash, Burns
- Anterior Abd Approach to Lumbar-S spine/Fusion
- Newer SIJ Fusions techniques
- MYOPATHY getting up from chair/peds
- Focal Weakness vs Pain inhibitory Weakness
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- Often Misunderstood Role of EMG/NCS



L Laminectomy with Rods/Screws  
S/P Chiari Malformation Decompression







Six Previous Spine Surgeries. Posterior & Lateral Approaches

# Newer Percutaneous SIJ Fusion Techniques

Done for Chronic SIJ pain under the assumption that mobility or hyper mobility is responsible for pain.





Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time of Exam \_\_\_\_\_



# INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR NEUROLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF SPINAL CORD INJURY



MOTOR		LIGHT TOUCH		PIN PRICK		SENSORY					
KEY MUSCLES (scoring on reverse side)		R L		R L		KEY SENSORY POINTS					
C5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elbow flexors	C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
C6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wrist extensors	C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
C7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elbow extensors	C4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
C8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finger flexors (distal phalanx of middle finger)	C5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
T1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finger abductors (little finger)	C6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
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0 = absent  
1 = impaired  
2 = normal  
NT = not testable

(VAC) Voluntary anal contraction (Yes/No) ☐

(DAP) Deep anal pressure (yes/no) ☐

PIN PRICK SCORE (max: 112) ☐

LIGHT TOUCH SCORE (max: 112) ☐

NEUROLOGICAL LEVEL: The most caudal segment with normal function

SENSORY: R ☐ L ☐

MOTOR: R ☐ L ☐

SINGLE NEUROLOGICAL LEVEL: ☐

COMPLETE OR INCOMPLETE? ☐

INCOMPLETE = Any sensory or motor function in S4-S5

ASIA IMPAIRMENT SCALE (AIS): ☐

ZONE OF PARTIAL PRESERVATION (In complete injuries only): Most caudal level with any innervation

SENSORY: R ☐ L ☐

MOTOR: R ☐ L ☐

Borrowed form SCI Medicine

-Standardization

-Do not need to do Complete vs Incomplete as in SCI

-Pin Prick is most important

-Ease of Documentation

*“Neurosensory examination is intact for pinprick, light touch and 128Hz vibratory to the major ASIA points to the upper and lower extremities”*

*“Neurosensory examination is absent pinprick to Left L4 and L5 ASIA points with 3/5 MRC scale Left L5”*  
(AKA – partial foot drop)

## Often Misunderstood Role of EMG/NCS

EDX is an extension of the Neuro MSK Ortho Exam.

- Normal EDX examination does not rule out sensory irritative radicular or peripheral nerve pain and does not have diagnostic value in terms of discogenic or posterior element/facet pain. This simply means there is no ongoing denervation, severe damage or motor unit reorganization.
- Normal NCS does not rule out small fiber neuropathy or severe radiculopathy (with exception)
- Central/Myelopathic weakness and poor effort are not discernable/diagnoseable with needle EMG and NCS will be normal (except in some cranial NCS)
- EMG in isolated Osteopathic Dysfunction will be WNL, unless

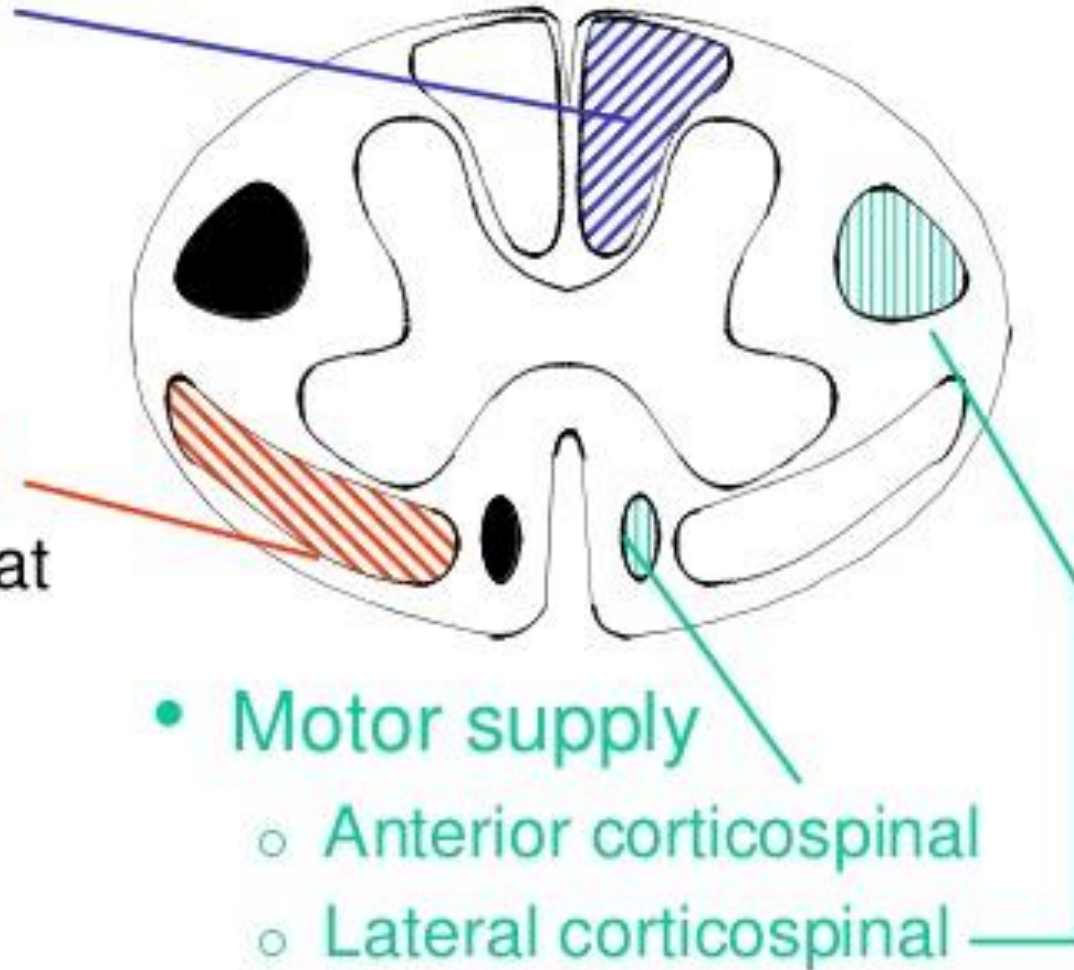
# Spinal cord section

- Posterior (dorsal) column ipsilateral (crosses at medulla)

- proprioception
- vibration

- Spinothalamic tract contralateral (crosses at spinal level)

- pain **PINPRICK**
- light touch
- temperature



Why does it all come down to pinprick?

Why is the anterior horn cell so much more important?

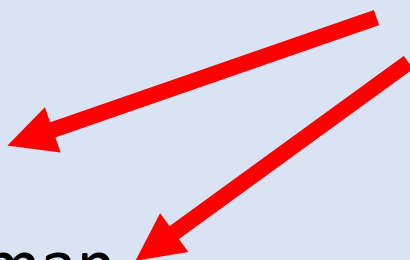
If you had to surrender a section of the cord on a coronal slice, what would you give up?

4 cars and the phone pole ...



# Upper motor Neuron Findings

- Upper Extremities
- Lower Extremities
- Known etiology
- New Onset?
- Progressive?
- Advanced Imaging and/or Referral

- Crossed Adductor Exam
  - Clonus Upper
  - Clonus to ADF
  - Werding-Hoffman
  - Babinski
  - Caddock sign (lat malleolus)
  - Moniz sign (opposite of ADF)
  - Oppenheim sign
  - Synkinesis
  - Co-contraction - Spasticity
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LMN Atrophy, C Myelomalacia  
(H2O, T2, Water-White, W2)



46 y/o RHD male 210 lbs 72" no Med Hx, but no real care  
2 ppd smoker with cough and weight loss, VSS, afebrile  
Right upper extremity pain and weakness  
Referred by RNP to an Ortho group for shoulder pain/ EMG  
possible carpal tunnel. 2 gal sweet tea/day construction  
EDX as part of EMG includes PE which was concerning  
"When I gotta go I gotta go but only a little  
comes out"  
"Here hold my hands like a walker and Stand  
on your toes for me". "Doc, I can't do  
that s---t anymore"









While awaiting MRI, 6 day f/u he upset on follow up. Went to Dollar Tree store, dropping change and couldn't handle bags and coins. "I kept trying and fumbling, this girl behind the register came around the counter to come over to help me and she stuffed the change in my pocket. Just then I looked down and I 'pis—ed myself' "





## **Template Exam-OMT dysfnx:** PHYSICAL EXAM SECTION OF NOTE – justification for treatment

Multiple areas of intersegmental dysfunction are noted - Thoracic and Assoc rib. Approximating T1-4 flexion and 4-6 extension. C4,5,6 RrSI, T1/2 restricted with Assoc 1st rib restriction. Taut banding and trigger areas with tissue asymmetry along thoracodorsal fascial and well up into C spine. Unilateral posterior innominate with contralateral anterior with Assoc pubic symphyseal restriction. Minimal Up slip on posterior innom side, not on contralateral. L5/S1 rotated towards posterior innom and secondary sacral torsion with axis on contralateral side, with additional rostral lumbar dysfunction. No flexion or extension sacral dysfunction is appreciated. L restriction L1-4 is noted with tissue asymmetry and involuntary guarding.

## **TEMPLATE for OMT Sub-Occiput**

Sub-occipital release techniques in a supine position were performed with use of type II muscle energy for rotation and nutation/counter-nutation appreciating the tight sub-occipital side on examination. Direct stretching without Type III muscle energy, V-spread techniques and OA /AA stretching with rocking and nudging but without high-velocity OA AA techniques were employed. Type II muscle energy is used for AA rotation in the direction of the restricted side.

## **TEMPLATE Lumbar Stabilization**

Reviewed basic isometric abdominal stabilization program and core strengthening. Gave tactile and verbal feedback during pelvic tilt. Advised to hold for 10-20 seconds and rest for 10-20 seconds and 5-10 cycles in the evening such as during TV show, doing them during commercials etc. Explained how is it not quite a sit-up but similar, and they can progress to sit-ups. Advised to avoid Lumbar sacral extension, and focus on tightening their abdomen.

## **TEMPLATE Corner Stretches**

Demonstrated “corner-stretches” as a home modality/exercise program for anterior chest stretching for 15-30 seconds and leaning in slowly, not jerking, as part of the myofascial home exercise/stretching program. Using a 90 degree corner and placing hands at or slightly below level of shoulder/GH region. Reviewed then alternating with the posterior rhomboid isotonic contractions with elbows at 90 and shoulder ABDucted, done in-between the corner stretches holding for 10-15 seconds and the corner stretches in between, and a TheraBand or other resistance can also be used. Reviewed that this is approaching myofascial pain as a type of relative deconditioning and is the early portion of a home exercise program.

Paraffin Bath. Deep Heat. Skin and MSK. TV. Raise Hands. Multiple Dips/Wrap.  
Physician Wellness is Important (critical)/Underestimated

