**Cranial Findings and Iatrogenesis from Craniosacral Manipulation in Patients with Traumatic Brain**

**Syndrome**

Abstract: Craniosacral findings were recorded for all patients with traumatic brain injury entering an

outpatient rehabilitation program between 1978 and 1992. The average cranial rhythmic impulse was

low in all 55 patients (average, 7.2 c/min). At least one cranial strain pattern was exhibited by 95%, and

87% had one or more bony motion restrictions. Sacral findings were similar to those in patients with low

back pain. Although craniosacral manipulation has been found empirically useful in patients with

traumatic brain injury, three cases of iatrogenesis occurred. The incidence rate is low (5%), but the

practitioner must be prepared to deal with the possibility of adverse reactions. (Key words: Craniosacral

manipulation, traumatic brain injury, iatrogenesis, manual medicine)

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