

THE PHYSIO CELL

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Dry Needling and Cupping Consent Form

Dry needling (DN)

DN is a technique that involves the insertion of acupuncture needles into the soft tissues of the musculoskeletal system as a means to promote healing within the body. Treatment techniques are based on concepts of modern medicine and should not be considered acupuncture. Risk of injury is real and potential complications could result from DN if proper precautions are not observed. Pneumothorax could result from insertion of a needle into lung tissue; if DN is practiced properly, threat of pneumothorax is extremely low.

Other complications that could result from DN:

Bleeding, bruising, infection or nerve injury

During a DN treatment you may experience temporary:

Pain, sweating, nausea, anxiety, dizziness, pain referral or muscle twitch

After a DN treatment you may experience temporary:

Muscle soreness, muscle tightness, paresthesias or joint stiffness

Cupping

Cupping is a technique that utilizes negative pressure to stretch superficial structures in the human body including skin, fascia and muscle tissue. The purpose of this technique is to increase microcirculation of the aforementioned soft tissue structures to enhance the healing process in the human body. Cupping will cause bruising and temporary marks on the skin. More severe complications could result in blistering of the skin.

Contraindications to DN and cupping:

Vascular disease

Bleeding or clotting disorder

Taking blood thinners

Diabetics with significant sensory and/or circulation disorders

Pregnancy

Skin cancer (over affected area)

I have read the above; I understand the risks involved with dry needling and cupping. I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I had and all of my questions have been answered. I consent to treatment at The Physio Cell, including dry needling and/or cupping.

Signature_____

Date_____

Print Name_____

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