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Myofascial Release at Home Suffering from myofascial pains can be very distressing especially if you don't understand the causes behind the pain. Understanding fascia is crucially important on your journey to a pain free life. The pain you feel in one part of your body can often be caused by muscle knots elsewhere in your body. This is called the referred pain, which is the common symptom of myofascial trigger points. After reading this book, you will be understand fascia and the role it plays in your pain. This book contains effective and easy self treatment methods to do myofascial release at home and describes all the possible causes of myofascial pain along with their self-treatments in detail. Myofascial Release at Home is a must-read for anyone suffering from myofascial pains, with drug free, powerful and effective methods and tools to achieve life-changing results. About the author: Robert Ryder is a retired doctor in Chicago, USA, specialized in physiotherapy and myofascial release. He has helped countless people with myofascial pain, including athletes. He had also suffered from myofascial pain before he became specialized in treating it. Some of his patients lived too far away and couldn't travel to his practice often enough but still wanted to do myofascial release at home. That's how the idea of his book was born: to help people to do myofascial release at home. Covered in this book; anatomy of muscle, anatomy of fascia, commons reasons for myofascial pain, foam rollers, history of myofascial techniques, indications and contra-indications, massage, myofascial release balls, nutritional aspects, pre and post treatment guidelines, prevention, risk factors, stretching, tender points, what will you be able to achieve.... and much more.

Fascia, Function, and Medical Applications is essential reading for medical and allied health practitioners who want to bring scientific insights of the importance of fascia to human health into their clinical practices. Fascia – the biodynamic tissue that connects every muscle, bone, organ, and nerve in the body – is fast becoming the latest trend in healthcare and allied health modalities. This book is edited by David Lesondak, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, author of the international bestseller Fascia: What it is and why it matters, and Angeli Maun Akey, MD, international physician educator and board certified in both internal and integrative medicine. It contains contributions from a team of top researchers and expert practitioners including physicians, clinicians, therapists, dissectors, and surgeons. Fully illustrated in color, this book presents the latest scientific knowledge of fascia and explains insights into problems like chronic pain and myriad musculoskeletal symptoms that may not respond to conventional treatments. It gives practitioners the information they need to make better decisions to improve the health of patients often without pharmaceuticals or surgeries.

FEATURES • Provides comprehensive overview of how fascia, as a tissue and a system, affects various body functions and systems, from musculoskeletal disorders to nervous system, circulatory, and auto-immune function. • A section devoted to medical applications highlights a comprehensive and critical overview of

various fascial therapies. • Gives practitioners the knowledge they need to refer or add as an adjunct therapy to their department or rehabilitation team. This is a cutting-edge, practical guide that will appeal to researchers, physicians, and clinicians alike.

Principally based on dissections of hundreds of un-embalmed human cadavers over the past decade, Functional Atlas of the Human Fascial System presents a new vision of the human fascial system using anatomical and histological photographs along with microscopic analysis and biomechanical evaluation. Prof. Carla Stecco – orthopaedic surgeon and professor of anatomy and sport activities – brings together the research of a multi-specialist team of researchers and clinicians consisting of anatomists, biomechanical engineers, physiotherapists, osteopaths and plastic surgeons. In this Atlas Prof. Stecco presents for the first time a global view of fasciae and the actual connections that describe the myofascial kinetic chains. These descriptions help to explain how fascia plays a part in myofascial dysfunction and disease as well as how it may alter muscle function and disturb proprioceptive input. Prof. Stecco also highlights the continuity of the fascial planes, explaining the function of the fasciae and their connection between muscles, nerves and blood vessels. This understanding will help guide the practitioner in selecting the proper technique for a specific fascial problem with a view to enhancing manual therapy methods. Functional Atlas of the Human Fascial System opens with the first chapter classifying connective tissue and explaining its composition in terms of percentages of fibres, cells and extracellular matrix. The second chapter goes on to describe the general characteristics of the superficial fascia from a macroscopic and microscopic point of view; while the third analyzes the deep fascia in the same manner. The subsequent five chapters describe the fasciae from a topographical perspective. In this part of the Atlas, common anatomical terminology is used throughout to refer to the various fasciae but it also stresses the continuity of fasciae between the different bodily regions. Over 300 unique photographs which show fascia on fresh (not embalmed) cadavers Demonstrates the composition, form and function of the fascial system Highlights the role of the deep fascia for proprioception and peripheral motor coordination Companion website – www.atlasfascial.com – with videos showing how fascia connects with ligaments

Integrated Sports Massage Therapy is a highly illustrated evidence-based handbook which presents a wide range of effective sports massage techniques to cover any sports-related situation. Anders Jelveus explains and applies effective techniques from a variety of disciplines of manual therapy, ranging from commonly used sports massage strokes to more advanced concepts for real-life effective sports massage treatments. The presented techniques serve as a great addition for any therapist seeking to work with athletes, and are suitable for pre-event, post-event, inter-event, and in remedial sports massage therapy. This unique book offers a comprehensive presentation of sports massage therapy including: Sports massage history Basic sports massage strokes and work postures Sports massage applications Event-based sports massage treatment guidelines Sports-specific massage treatment recommendations Therapeutic muscle stretching techniques Therapeutic muscle stretching applied to specific muscle groups Positional Release Techniques (PRT) Acupressure and Tui Na techniques with applications Myofascial release techniques Connective tissue massage Lymphatic drainage massage Myofascial Trigger Point etiology and treatment techniques Sports injuries Athletic taping Remedial Sports massage applications

Athletic self massage techniques. The book is suitable for all manual therapy students and practitioners, whether novice or advanced, including massage therapists, physical therapists, osteopaths, chiropractors, naprapaths, naturopaths and acupuncturists.

"This fully updated practical resource opens up one of the most enduring, yet continually evolving, areas of health care - manual medicine. With this informative, highly illustrated text, you'll learn the basic principles, specific techniques, and adjunct procedures of the discipline - including the use of exercise for prevention and treatment of common lower quarter neuromuscular syndromes."--BOOK JACKET.

IMPORTANT! Many of the techniques in the book require the use of a small inflatable ball to apply pressure into the fascial restrictions. Balls must be purchased separately. Through a lot of research and experimentation, we have found what we feel to be the highest quality, longest lasting 4" inflatable ball on the market. They are available through this link: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B088P9THQK?pf_rd_r=27AMK3Y5T3P8H12P8RQJ&pf_rd_p=edaba0ee-c2fe-4124-9f5d-b31d6b1bfbee Myofascial Stretching: A Guide to Self-Treatment is a manual of techniques that, when completed properly, results in permanent lengthening of the body's connective tissue and dramatically improves health and quality of life. It was written for the lay person who has chronic pain, muscular tightness and/or postural dysfunction; and also for therapists to use to recommend home exercise programs for their patients. Myo means muscle. Fascia is the tough connective tissue surrounding every cell of the body from head to toe like a three-dimensional spider web. Injury, trauma, inflammation and poor posture cause the fascial system to tighten, putting pressure on muscles, nerves, blood vessels, bones, organs and the brain. Resulting symptoms include pain, restriction of motion, and structural misalignment, which can impair daily functioning and athletic performance. Myofascial Stretching removes this abnormal pressure, allowing the body to return to optimal function. The book follows Myofascial Release principles, using sustained pressure and tissue elongation. Two ways to do Myofascial Stretching are included: one using a 4-inch inflatable ball and one utilizing active elongation. The two methods complement each other, especially if one first releases tight tissue with the ball and follows up with an elongation stretch to the same area. Myofascial Stretching differs from traditional stretching in four primary ways. 1. Time. All stretches, with or without the ball, must be held continuously for minimum 90 to 120 seconds before the fascia begins to let go. It is not uncommon to hold a technique for 3-5 minutes or more in order to release multiple layers of tightness or restriction. The result is permanent release of the tissue, as opposed to temporary results achieved with traditional 30 second stretching. 2. Active elongation. This is what allows one to engage the fascial barrier. 3. Conscious Presence. It is exponentially more effective when you are able to focus on the tension in the tissue, direct your breath into the restriction, notice the resulting slack as the release takes place, elongate into the next barrier and wait for another release to occur. Regular practice will increase body awareness, and result in improved focus and groundedness. 4. Simultaneous Stretching and Strengthening. During active elongation, muscle groups opposing the tight fascia have to contract in a sustained manner. This strengthens them, thereby helping to maintain the elongated state of the tissue just released. Following an introduction to the Myofascial Release approach, the book includes a photograph of every technique with an accompanying narrative description. The 12 book sections relate to different parts of the body with a

chart to help decide where to start depending on symptoms. This arbitrary division is for simplification in organizing the information. In treatment the body is always considered as a whole. Utilizing Myofascial Release principles for stretching causes a permanent softening and lengthening of connective tissue. This results in decreased pain, enhanced daily functional abilities, refined athletic performance, increased ease of movement and improved posture. It is extremely empowering to see and feel these results in your body and in your life, and to know you have the ability to manage and diminish your own pain, while saving money normally spent on various practitioners. It is time to Feel Good Again!

Life is full of mysteries, your pain should not be one of them. Whether you are nearing the backside of forty and struggling to stay active or dealing with an undiagnosed ailment that has been written off by other health professionals, this book is for you. *Conquering Mystery Pain: How Myofascial Release Can Help Heal YOU!* is a comprehensive look at what Myofascial Release really is and your first step towards uncovering the truth about your health. Dr. Jess will hold your hand as you wade through cutting edge research, testimonials from her patients who have found relief with her methods, techniques and options you may not have been offered in the past and much, much more. Today you will be given the tools and education you need to heal. Today is the day you once again find hope. The Author: Dr. Jessica L. Papa is one of New England's leading physical therapists and founder of Arancia Physical Therapy, in RI, a clinic specializing in helping adults over age forty live an active and mobile lifestyle well into their 60s, 70s, 80s, and beyond. Within these pages you will find information like: What Myofascial Release treatment may look like for you* Testimonials from patients under Dr. Jess' care who have found relief with Myofascial Release * Interviews from other Physical Therapists who practice Myofascial Release * Self treatment techniques for a myriad of illnesses * Information on how to find a clinic that is right for you. Today you will be given the tools and education you need to heal. Today is the day you once again find hope.

Featuring more than 250 photographs and 50 anatomical drawings, this revised edition of *Deep Tissue Massage* is the standard guide to the essentials of touch, biomechanics, and positioning options for a multitude of strategies to treat all major conditions encountered in a bodywork practice. The book is divided into three sections. "Fundamentals" covers basic skills of palpation, explaining the deeper layers of the body and presenting detailed instruction on working with these layers to release tension. This section gives clear information on the proper use of knuckles, fist, forearms, and elbows in preventing injury to the therapist. "Strategies" offers more precise protocols and treatment plans for the entire body with emphasis on client positioning options to stretch muscles rather than just kneading tissues. "Caveats" details areas in which the practitioner needs to exercise caution. *Deep Tissue Massage* presents a wealth of information in a way the therapist can immediately utilize. This new edition has been thoroughly revised and includes a preface to the new edition, a foreword, an index, a Suggested Reading list, and extended sections on integrating deep-tissue massage into bodywork practice and the psychology of treating injuries. Get a multi-dimensional understanding of musculoskeletal anatomy with *Anatomy*

Trains: Myofascial Meridians for Manual Therapists and Movement

Professionals, 4th Edition. This hugely successful, one-of-a-kind title continues to center on the application of anatomy trains across a variety of clinical assessment and treatment approaches - demonstrating how painful problems in one area of the body can be linked to a "silent area" away from the problem, and ultimately giving rise to new treatment strategies. This new fourth edition has been fully updated with the latest evidence-based research and includes new coverage of anatomy trains in motion using Pilates-evolved movement, anatomy trains in horses and dogs, and the updated fascial compendium on elements, properties, neurology, and origins of the fascial system. This new edition also features an enhanced eBook format included with purchase as well as new photos and images throughout both text versions. In all, this unique exploration of the role of fascial in healthy movement and postural distortion is an essential read for physical therapists, massage therapists, craniosacral therapists, yoga instructors, osteopathologists, manual therapists, athletic and personal trainers, dance instructors, chiropractors, acupuncturists, and any professional working in the field of movement. A revolutionary approach to the study of human anatomy provides a holistic map of myoanatomy to help improve the outcomes of physical therapies that are traditionally used to manage pain and other musculoskeletal disorders. Relevant theory descriptions are applied to all common types of movement, posture analysis, and physical treatment modalities. Intuitive content organization has been designed to help you reference a concept quickly or gain a more detailed understanding of any given area according to your need. Section on myofascial force transmission in gait dynamics is written by guest author James Earls. Robust appendices discuss the relevance of the Anatomy Trains concept to the work of Dr Louis Schultz (Meridians of Latitude), Ida Rolf (Structural Integration) and correspondences with acupuncture meridians. NEW! Revised and expanded content throughout the text reflects the most up-to-date research and latest evidence for the scientific basis of common clinical finding. NEW! Enhanced eBook format included with purchase offers a new larger library of recent HD videos, including animations and webinars with the author. NEW! Section on anatomy trains in motion uses Pilates-evolved movement to explore strength and plasticity along each line by Art of Motion author Karin Gurtner NEW! Appendix: The Anatomy Trains in quadrupeds (horses and dogs), mapped for equine and pet therapies by Rikke Schultz and Wibeke Eklund, DVMs NEW! Appendix: Updated fascial compendium on elements, properties, neurology, and origins of the fascial system NEW! Photos and images of fascial tissues, adhesions, and layers gives you a better understanding of text content.

- A clinical reference manual for the evaluation and treatment of muscle pain
- Contains detailed illustrations of pain patterns and trigger-point locations
- 15,000 copies sold in first hardcover edition

Myofascial pain syndromes are among the fastest growing problems that physicians, osteopaths, acupuncturists, and physical, occupational, and massage therapists encounter in their patients.

In *Trigger Point Therapy for Myofascial Pain* Donna and Steven Finando have organized vast amounts of information on treating myofascial pain into an accessible "user's manual" for healthcare practitioners. They examine a wide range of pain patterns and present evaluation and palpation techniques for reducing trigger points--and thereby alleviating pain--in the most clinically significant musculature of the body. This comprehensive yet easy-to-use reference guide to treatment of muscle pain begins with chapters on the concept of Qi and its relationship to myology, specific trigger point location and activation, and palpatory skill-building techniques. Subsequent sections provide detailed information on each muscle to teach clinicians to locate quickly and accurately individual points of pain and compensation. A visual index allows easy identification of the muscles that may be involved. *Trigger Point Therapy for Myofascial Pain* provides necessary and invaluable information for sufferers and any professional involved with myofascial disorders.

Written for bodywork and manual therapy practitioners from a wide variety of disciplines, as well as other healers who want to expand their skills, this generously illustrated book explains how and where emotions and static energy are held in the body, and how they can be released and rebalanced in therapies that challenge bodymindcore awareness

You have inside you a cloak of gossamer connective tissue that surrounds and supports everything and functions like fiber optics. This tissue is called fascia. In these pages, myofascial release expert Ronelle Wood translates the scientific language for the chemistry, function, and physiology of fascia, shares her hands-on expertise, and explains in layman's terms how our fascia affects us all in everyday life and its potential as a prime source of health and rejuvenation. Gay Hendricks says in his foreword: "I've been blessed to know many great healers and teachers over my forty-five years in the field of transformation; Ronelle is right at the top of the list of masterful practitioners I've known." Read this book and you'll no longer perceive your body as a misbehaving slave to be punished into submission, but as a communicative partner--always supporting you.

Michael Shea, one of the foremost experts on myofascial release, presents straightforward, practical instructions for dramatically releasing pain and restriction of motion in the body's fascia, muscles, and connective tissue. He introduces a soft tissue, hands-on approach for massage therapists, physical therapists, and other healthcare practitioners that reduces tension and stress in their clients' entire myofascial systems, as well as their musculoskeletal and cardiovascular systems. Therapists with little or no background in myofascial release and deep tissue reorganization can follow this book's easy guidelines in order to facilitate substantial orthopedic changes and pain reduction in their clients. Illustrated with 70 black and white photos, *Myofascial Release Therapy* includes an at-a-glance section that provides a step-by-step procedure for quick reference. Each photo is supplemented with instructions, as well as with arrows for easy reference in the clinic. This book provides the first integration of the

verbal, visceral, and palpation skills of the therapist. It also includes work on the viscera as a way of integrating soft tissue work through the abdomen and pelvis. While manuals on the bones, muscles, and viscera have previously been divided into separate volumes, this book combines them into one. The author offers specific tools and protocols for helping patients "destructure" past somatic experience and reform it into something healthier. He illuminates the interconnectedness between bodies and their relationships to the outside world, including how sensations, feelings, and emotions are organized in the body and how they are coupled to meaning and memory. The result of many years of experience and knowledge, this book provides compelling evidence that myofascial release therapy encourages more rapid healing response of injured tissue.

Equine Structural Integration: Myofascial Release Manual This book is a valuable guide to Equine Myofascial Release (MFR) for the horse owner or therapist as well as an essential reference for the professional practitioner. This book provides the essential overview and introduction to the techniques required to understand Equine Structural Integration. **Equine Structural Integration: Myofascial Release Manual** presents a logical series of techniques for bringing more structural order to the horses in your care. **Equine Structural Integration: Myofascial Release Manual** is rich in illustrations of Equine Myofascial Release Techniques for the: Head, Forelimb, Shoulders, Rear, working with scars, joints and myofascial stretching. The book is laid out in a very user friendly manner. The Equine Myofascial Release technique illustrations/photos and their description are kept together so you can easily follow the text while working with your horse. If you are working with a client's horse you can use the book as an added educational tool to help your clients better understand your work. This book is a needed educational tool for practitioners who provide Myofascial Therapy to horses. **Equine Structural Integration: Myofascial Release Manual**, takes you on a journey through the fascia from the cell to skin, from physiology to movement evaluation and Myofascial Release Techniques for the entire horse. Describes the ways in which the therapist receives feedback from the patient, particularly nonverbal feedback. The therapist learns to sense the feedback and interpret and respond to it. As a result, the therapist will determine how much, how long, and how forceful the stretch will be according to the responses of the patient's body. Includes Assessment Forms to help the therapist evaluate the patient's need for Myofascial Release and monitor progress throughout therapy. Discusses soft-tissue injury and its treatment through the myofascial stretching technique. Long standing injuries that have not responded to other methods of treatment can often be treated successfully with Myofascial Release.

An essential self-help guide to treatment of chronic pain based on myofascial release This indispensable self-help guide is for anyone suffering from chronic pain and struggling to understand why standard medical approaches have failed them. Taking a mind-body approach, the book clearly and simply explains how chronic pain develops, and why an understanding of fascia—the main connective tissue in the body—is the key to restoring pain-free movement and health. Author and myofascial release expert Amanda Oswald informs readers about the role of fascia in chronic pain and empowers them to help themselves through simple

and effective self-care techniques, stretches, and exercises. *Living Pain Free* is a must-read for anyone experiencing chronic pain from conditions including migraines and headaches, repetitive strain injury (RSI), jaw (TMJ) pain, frozen shoulder, neck and back pain, chronic pelvic pain, scar tissue, and systemic pain conditions such as fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, and myofascial pain syndrome. It will also benefit anyone interested in understanding chronic pain from a myofascial perspective.

New science confirms that trigger-point massage is one of the most effective ways to relieve pain. *Trigger Points* gives you 40 simple, step-by-step exercises you can safely use at home to target pain - from long-term, debilitating backache or repetitive strain injury to migraines or acute, post-injury pain. Author and leading therapist Amanda Oswald specializes in working with chronic pain conditions. In this book, she explains how trigger points - small, tender knots of connective tissue - can cause symptoms, either around the trigger point itself or referred to elsewhere in the body. Pressure and massage can release these knots and bring immediate, long-lasting relief. Identify your pain patterns, locate the trigger points responsible using detailed body maps, then treat the trigger points accurately and safely. Each exercise shows you how to position your body, different ways to apply pressure, how long to sustain it, and how often to repeat the process. With *Trigger Points*, you can take control of chronic or recurring pain yourself to achieve life-changing results.

Pain and limited function of the locomotor system are the most common reasons for visiting a doctor or therapist. Muscles play a key part in these presentations as a result of their function and anatomy with current research suggesting that muscle imbalance, muscle tension and painful functional disorders are at the forefront when it comes to acute or chronic symptoms. The clinical correlate with all such symptoms is the myofascial trigger point. *Myofascial Trigger Points: Comprehensive Diagnosis and Treatment* examines all aspects of muscle physiology and the pathogenesis of myofascial pain. The book provides valuable advice on diagnosis and differential diagnosis and contains detailed, practice-oriented information and numerous illustrations of the various therapeutic procedures for the treatment of myofascial trigger points. Prepared by experts from throughout the world, *Myofascial Trigger Points: Comprehensive Diagnosis and Treatment* will be ideal for all manual therapists, physiotherapists, osteopathic physicians, osteopaths, chiropractors, acupuncturists, massage therapists and naturopaths. Offers practical and clinically relevant information to all practitioners and therapists working in the field Edited by an international expert in pain management and trigger point therapy Abundant use of pull-out boxes, line artwork, photographs and tables facilitates ease of understanding Carefully prepared by a worldwide team of clinically active and research oriented contributors to provide helpful and clinically relevant information Presents the latest research findings for many aspects of trigger point therapy Provides a holistic view of patient care including the importance of patient communication and psychological aspects of pain control Provides a handy reference for rapid and effective diagnosis and treatment of trigger points Highlights the 65 most important muscles in a comprehensive practical style which includes anatomy, symptoms, pain patterns, physical examination and strategies for effective treatment Offers an ideal resource for training courses in trigger point injection, osteopathy, manual therapy and acupuncture Suitable for osteopathic physicians, osteopaths, chiropractors, manual therapists, acupuncturists and massage therapists as well as general physicians working in primary care, physical medicine, rehabilitation, pain management and internal medicine

Continuing the tradition that started over 20 years ago and with a new focus on the current terminology regarding each technique, *The Myofascial Release Manual* is now available in a completely updated and comprehensive Fourth Edition. Carol J. Manheim has taken years of knowledge and expertise and incorporated them with the actual intent and result of the myofascial release treatment techniques to bring to the pages of this Fourth Edition essential

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information for the student and clinician in search of basic information or wanting to refine more experienced skills of these manual therapy techniques. Features inside the Fourth Edition:

- Techniques re-titled to reflect the sensation felt by both the therapist and the patient
- More than 75 new photographs—Over 450 in total
- Some photographs are shown as a series to allow for movement to be seen during some techniques
- Bolded text to call attention to major warnings, contraindications, and target vital information
- Italicized text to call attention to important words and key points
- More synthesized use of text and photographs to allow for ease of reading and reference
- User-friendly organization throughout the text
- Photographs use arrows to show direction of stretch and movement
- “Carol's Nuggets” of pearls of wisdom are included throughout the text
- Contributions from renowned experts Sam Kegerreis, Robert O. Ward, and Steven Nowicki

The Myofascial Release Manual, Fourth Edition continues in the tradition of past editions and presents expert hand placement for the upper quarter, lower quarter, cervical region, abdominal muscles, back muscles, and many more. Sections include:

- Introduction to Myofascial Release
- Basic Myofascial Release Techniques
- Advanced Myofascial Release Techniques
- Evaluation
- Additional Resources

The description and photographs in The Myofascial Release Manual, Fourth Edition help the therapist experience the technique, making this the continued go-to reference for students and clinicians in physical therapy, manual therapy, and occupational therapy alike.

Myofascial Release provides comprehensive training for hands-on therapists of all disciplines and at all levels to expand their practice. From technique descriptions and their applications to client interactions and the preservation of practitioner strength and functionality, this guide teaches therapists every crucial aspect of employing myofascial release to its fullest benefit. This scientifically grounded whole-body approach presents an overview of the entire fascial matrix, the three-dimensional web of tissue that supports, encompasses, and protects every other structure in the body. The explanation of the anatomy and function of the connective tissue system gives practitioners the solid background needed for working most effectively with soft tissue to treat muscle injury, immobility, and pain. The book also outlines how myofascial release relates to other massage modalities in the Hands on Guides for Therapists series, ensuring therapists incorporate all of their skills to the greatest effect for their clients.

Descriptions of over 60 myofascial techniques contain details on the timing, direction, and hold of each stretch as well as numerous photographs that illustrate the body and hand positions of each technique. Nuanced explanations of the unique feel of soft tissue, including the component of position of ease felt in the fascial drag, enhance the therapist's palpation skills. The therapist learns how to apply the best approach—cross-hand releases, longitudinal plane releases, compression releases, and transverse plane releases—on specific injuries or issues and how to combine techniques to maximize their effectiveness. The text also contains home programs that clients can use themselves between treatment sessions. Myofascial Release provides an entire therapeutic approach as opposed to just the hands-on application that most books offer. Special features make this resource more effective and efficient for readers:

- Full-color photos present a strong visual guide to employing each technique safely.
- The photo index reference tool quickly points readers to the desired technique.
- Therapist tips provide practical comments on applying the techniques.
- Client talk boxes share the author's experiences and insights on common situations.
- Quick Questions at the end of each chapter test readers' knowledge of material.

Finally, the text offers insight on interacting with clients and ensuring their entire therapeutic experience is fulfilling. It covers the client consultation process, checking for contraindications and performing the visual assessment, how the client may respond to the treatment, and what the practitioner and client might feel and see during the process. Readers will come away from Myofascial Release with a holistic understanding of the approach and how to apply the principles to their practice. Myofascial Release is part of the Hands-On Guides for Therapists series, which features specific tools for assessment and

treatment that fall well within the realm of massage therapists but may be useful for other body workers, such as osteopaths and fitness instructors. The guides include full-color instructional photographs, Tips sections that aid in adjusting massage techniques, Client Talk boxes that present ideas for creatively applying techniques for various types of clients, and questions for testing knowledge and skill.

Fascia is currently the hot topic among manual therapists of all persuasions. All are anxious to improve their understanding of its anatomy and dysfunction. This is the first book to explain and illustrate fascial anatomy relating it specifically to manual therapy techniques by demonstrating what effect such techniques have on body structures. The author describes in detail the technique of myofascial induction. The text is supported by over 500 spectacular full colour photographs as well as nearly 200 line drawings. In addition to the highly illustrated text there is a DVD containing video clips demonstrating the application of the techniques to dissections of fresh cadavers and showing how the tissues move in response to the manipulation.

Textbook of Remedial Massage 2e is a comprehensive and practical book for students and practitioners of remedial massage. Written by Sandra Grace and Jane Graves, the text provides expert instruction in commonly used and highly valued remedial massage techniques, including trigger points, muscle stretching and myofascial release. Each technique is accompanied by: step-by-step illustrations and photographs physiological principles current evidence of efficacy contraindications and precautions Detailed approach to assessments including red flags for serious conditions requiring referral Evidence-based approach to assessment and treatment Comprehensive coverage of techniques that are included in remedial massage programs Focus on functional anatomy Assessment videos of major regions of the body and the integration of treatment techniques that are specific to the target tissue.

PAIN? POOR POSTURE? ANXIETY? CHRONIC EXHAUSTION? The issue may be your tissue! Your connective tissue, also known as fascia, may be the primary source of your problems. Since fascial restrictions don't show up on medical scans (X-rays, MRIs, etc) they are commonly overlooked as potential causes for pain and dysfunction but they wreak havoc on the body. This book will teach you the basics of fascia and share many examples of how Myofascial Release (MFR) as taught by John F. Barnes, PT can restore the fascial system to optimal health and function.

The fascial system surrounds, infuses with, and has the potential to influence every muscle, bone, nerve blood vessel, organ and cell of the body. This book is about treatment of the fascial system. This book offers explanations of how myofascial release works so consistently and effectively; to suggest a new expanded model of how the body functions; to describe the charactersitics of the fascial system; and to provide healthcare providers with excellent techniques that will allow them to treat the whole person.

Soft Tissue and Trigger Point Release, Second Edition, is a practical guide to understanding and applying soft tissue release (STR), including how it can be used to deactivate trigger points and maximize patient outcomes of treatment and rehabilitation. Whether you are a student or a professional, the detailed instruction and numerous photos will help you gain proficiency and confidence in applying these techniques. Soft Tissue and Trigger Point Release thoroughly explains the differences between the three types of STR—passive (clients do not help), active-assisted (clients and therapists work together), and active (clients do it on their own)—and provides step-by-step descriptions for performing each type. This edition incorporates new content on how soft tissue release may be used to deactivate trigger points, aiding in the treatment of musculoskeletal pain. Additional updates include the following: • More than 150 new photographs and 21 new anatomical illustrations • Guiding arrows overlaid on photos to show the direction in which to apply pressure • Illustrations of trigger points found

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in 21 muscles • New descriptions of the use of active-assisted STR on the iliotibial band (ITB), infraspinatus, biceps brachii, and triceps • New sections describing how to apply active STR to gluteals, trapezius, scalenes, rhomboid, and pectoral muscles • Instruction for applying passive STR to shoulder adductors • Case studies providing examples of how STR was used with four clients with differing problems Complementing each technique are information on the key holds, moves, and stances for various muscles and handy reference charts indicating the types of clients and situations for which each technique is particularly useful. The full-color photos depict the locks and stretches, while some of the more difficult techniques are accompanied by photos showing the position of the therapist and a skeletal overlay on the client so you can pinpoint the specific muscle being targeted. The book also explains how to use alternative options—such as massage tools and forearms, fists, and elbows—to protect your hands and thumbs from overuse. Tip boxes offer practical comments on applying the techniques, while Client Talk boxes provide insight into real-world situations. Soft Tissue and Trigger Point Release also shows you how to incorporate the proper techniques into a treatment program. It guides you through the consultation process and provides examples of initial questions to ask clients and various assessment forms to use in identifying clients' needs. Using case studies and comparisons, you will learn how the data gleaned from clients can guide the design of an effective treatment program. Soft Tissue and Trigger Point Release, Second Edition, is part of the Hands-On Guides for Therapists series, developed to provide the best clinical and educational resources available for those in bodywork professions.

Foreword by Carol Davis, DPT, EdD, MS, FAPTA. Myofascial Release for Women's Health Self Care is a practical guide to women's pelvic and breast self treatment. This guide uses principles and techniques from the John F. Barnes Myofascial Release Approach®. You can treat your own pelvic region, particularly your pelvic floor, with significant results, using these myofascial releases (MFR) self care principles and techniques. In section 1, we begin with basic information about MFR, the pelvis, the pelvic floor muscle (PFM), and PFM exercises. In section 2, we explore Barnes MFR self-care. We begin with techniques for various parts of the body that most affect the pelvic region and then focus on specific pelvic area release techniques. We start with external pelvic techniques, followed by internal techniques. In the Appendix, you will find the author's story, a monthly journal worksheet, a list of sample self-care sessions, a reading checklist, a technique list, and a list of resources.

...gives a thorough understanding of what myofascial pain actually is, and provides a unique and effective approach to the diagnosis and treatment of this syndrome for the lower body muscles.

The fascial and membrane technique developed by Peter Schwind combines the fundamental thoughts from Ida Rolf's Structural Integration with concepts of osteopathy, creating a successful combination of form-stabilizing and mobilizing techniques. The book emphasizes diagnosis and treatment of the breathing patterns manifest in the myofascial system; minimalistic as well as global application joint techniques; visceral techniques in the myofascial context; special treatment techniques in the craniosacral area and care of the upper jaw. Includes comprehensive information on therapy from head to foot with descriptions of the anatomic correlations. Clearly describes the theoretical and practical principles so difficult concepts are easily understandable. Detailed, easily transposed instructions about treatments allow the reader to put the concepts into practice with ease. Photographically documented movements show real examples of topics discussed.

Myofascial Release, Second Edition, provides comprehensive training for hands-on therapists of all disciplines and at all levels to expand their practices. This scientifically grounded whole-body approach presents an overview of the entire fascial matrix

"This book explains how fitness enthusiasts and athletes can mobilize the fascia in order to improve function, flexibility, and performance, and to reduce pain and risk of injury"--

"Fascial release for structural balance is a fully illustrated introductory guide to structural anatomy and fascial release therapy"--Provided by publisher.

Direct Release Myofascial Technique provides a highly illustrated guide to direct release myofascial techniques (MFR) and their application in clinical practice.

MFR is a manual therapy method that influences both a body's structural tissues and the sensory/motor systems. Originally developed by Dr Ida Rolf, the creator of the Rolfing® method, the approach has since been adapted and modified by different groups of therapists to fit within their own particular philosophies. This book strips away the surrounding theories and philosophies and focuses on the safe and appropriate use of the techniques themselves. Numerous photographs supplement the detailed, step-by-step coverage of techniques. Outlines the principles and practice of a group of bodywork techniques that are particularly effective for the treatment of painful or restricted movement due to muscle stiffness or imbalance Provides guidelines on the most effective and efficient use of the techniques based on movement theory Highly illustrated with detailed photographs and line drawings Presents a hypothetical model to explain why the technique works based on the latest research in the field of neuro-fascial physiology Includes approaches to the use of the techniques with children Written by an experienced practitioner and teacher Draws on the teachings of Ida Rolf but makes them applicable to other groups of therapists

LIVE BETTER IN YOUR BODY. Pain is an epidemic. It prevents you from performing at your best because it robs you of concentration, power, and peace of mind. But most pain is preventable and treatable, and healing is within your grasp. Hundreds of thousands of people around the globe have taken life "by the balls" and circumvented a dismal future of painkillers, surgeries, and hopelessness by using Jill Miller's groundbreaking Roll Model Method. The Roll Model gives you the tools to change the course of your life in less than 5 minutes a day. You are a fully equipped self-healing organism, and this book will guide you through easy-to-perform self-massage techniques that will erase pain and improve your performance in whatever activities you pursue. The Roll Model teaches you how to improve the quality of your life no matter your size, shape, or condition. Within these pages you will find: Inspiring stories of people just like you who have altered the course of their lives by using the Roll Model Method Accessible explanations of how and why this system works based on the science of your body and the physiological effects of rolling Step-by-step rolling techniques to help awaken your body's resilience from head to toe so that you have more energy, less stress, and greater performance Whether you're living with constant discomfort, seeking to improve your mobility, or trying to avoid medication and surgery, this book provides empowering and effective solutions for becoming your own best Roll Model.

This thoroughly revised edition of the authoritative reference *Fascial Release for Structural Balance* brings the book up to date with all of the most current research on the role of fascia and myofascia in the body, and how treatment affects it. This edition takes advantage of more sophisticated testing to explore in greater detail the relationship between anatomical structure and function, making it an even more essential guide. Offering a detailed introduction to structural anatomy and fascial release therapy, including postural analysis, complete technique descriptions, and the art of proper assessment of a patient through "bodyreading," the book features 150 color photographs that clearly demonstrate each technique. The authors, both respected bodywork professionals, give any bodywork practitioner using manual therapy—including physiotherapists, osteopaths, chiropractors, myofascial and trigger point therapists, and massage therapists—the information they need to deliver effective treatments and create long-lasting, systemic change in clients' shape and structure. Fascia, the soft tissue surrounding muscles, bones, and organs, plays a crucial role in supporting the body. By learning to intelligently manipulate it, a bodyworker or therapist can help with many chronic conditions that their clients suffer from, providing immediate pain relief as well as reducing the strains that may contribute to the patient's ongoing aches and pains, leading to rapid, effective, and lasting pain relief. James Earls and Thomas Meyers argue that approaching the fascia requires "a different eye, a different touch, and tissue-specific techniques."

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