Reiki and Tong Ren Therapy

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• Learning Objectives, Description, Initial Demonstrations, Terminology, Experience
• Why Reiki, Clinical Trials, Energy Systems
• Reiki Principles, History, Practice
• Reiki Club, References, Studies, Web Sites
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• Summary, Discussion, More Demonstrations
Learning Objectives

1. Students will be able to report on their perception of Reiki, and its effects. They will be able to discuss the hand positions and the Reiki approach to helping remove energy blockages and to improve energy flow.
2. Students will be able to describe the 5 Reiki principles, and the roles of Mikao Usui, Chujiro Hayashi, and Hawayo Takata in the history of Reiki.
3. Students will be able to explain Reiki attunements, and the 3 levels of Reiki, along with what types of practice are possible at those levels.
4. Students will be able to explain how Tong Ren therapy proceeds, and to discuss the underlying principles of how it can aid with healing.

Description

- We will explore the history, theory, principles, practice, and training methods associated with Reiki.
- Connections will be drawn with other types of “energy healing”.
- Students will gain hands-on exposure to Reiki practice, so most will have some sense of its effect.
Demonstrations

- Energy ball to set baseline
- Kenyoku-ho (dry bathing)
- Reiki Mawashi (Reiki Circle)
- Reiki practitioners working with those interested
- Energy ball to help with comparison
Kenyoku-ho (dry bathing) is a technique to clear and strengthen the energy channels. The technique was common to many martial arts and chi kung schools such as JuJitsu, Aikido and KiKo and was added by Usui. It is likely that this technique comes from the rituals of Shinto priests. The ritual action was to cleanse the body before contacting the deity.

Those familiar with the martial arts will recognize the two parts of this technique as common techniques. The first is a down block across the midsection (this technique is used in a variety of martial arts such as Karate, Kung Fu, Aikido, etc.). This down block is followed by what is commonly called in the martial arts as a "shirk" or technique to remove an opponents hand from your wrist that is done by sliding the knife edge of your hand down the arm.

A. Place your right hand on the left shoulder so that the right fingertips are on the left shoulder. The hand is open, the fingers held together all point upwards. The hand (palm down) is against the body.

B. Slide the hand downward toward the right hip. Move the hand, going across the chest and ending up fingers down at the right hip. The hand (palm down) stays in light contact with the body the entire movement. (This is what is called an open handed down block in the martial arts)

C. Repeat this process starting with the left hand on the right shoulder and going down to the left hip.
Part Two

D. Place the right hand again on the left shoulder. Slide the right hand down the left arm (inside or outside, each will cover different meridians - see below) all the way to the finger tips. (This is what would be called a "shirk" in the martial arts, used to remove an opponents hand that is grabbing your arm.)

E. Repeat this with the left hand on the right arm.

F. Start with the right hand on the inside of the left elbow, and slide the hand down to the fingertips.

G. Repeat this with the left hand on the right inside of the elbow.

Note - Some masters teach the hand should slide to the inside of the arm and others teach it should slide down the outside of the arm. Different meridians are stimulated for each. The inside slide is yin and will effect the lung, heart, and kidney meridians. The outside slide is yang and will effect the triple warmer, colon and small intestine meridians.
Reiki Mawashi

Reiki Mawashi is commonly known as a Reiki Circle. This is a group of Reiki practitioners in a circle.

The hands are held with your left hand palm up and your right palm down. Your left palm is placed against the next person's right hand that is palm down on top of it.

All members are connected in this manner making a complete circle. The circle is part energy movement and part meditation.

The Reiki flows from the crown down the right arm to the hand and the overflow goes into the left hand of the person next to you. The energy moves into all and around the circle in this manner.

The energy can be quite intense over time.

Some traditions hold an inch to three inches between the participant's hands. Some traditions have a master stand in the center of the circle to direct the flow.
Terminology

• Reiki = “universal life energy” (rei + ki)
• Mikao Usui = founder of Reiki, associate / contemporary of those who founded karate and akido
• RMT = Reiki “Master/Teacher”
• Levels = 1, 2, 3 (at which point can teach)
• Attunement = process of learning Reiki (tuning in, so you can channel energy)
DC Reiki Center

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THIRD DEGREE
in the
USUI REIKI SYSTEM of NATURAL HEALING

Nelson R. Jacobsen
Certified Master Teacher
By Veronica L. Vela

Feb. 10 2003
Certified this day
Experience with “Energy Work”

- Acupressure since 1979 (“Touch for Health”)
- Reiki: 100s of attunements, 1000s of hours practice
- Practiced/taught/collaborated in a number of countries:
  - Brazil, China
  - England, Germany
  - Greece, Hungary
  - India, Italy
  - Malaysia, Netherlands
  - Russia, Sweden
  - USA, Vietnam
Why Reiki?

- Reiki is very easy to learn; anyone can do it.
- Those trained can help themselves and others (including animals and humans).
- It can promote health, healing, and emotional/mental/spiritual development.
- It can lead to benefits of acupuncture, hatha and kundalini yoga, homeopathy, qigong, and other types of “energy medicine”.
NCCAM Clinical Trials

- Efficacy of Reiki in the Treatment of Fibromyalgia √
- Effects of Reiki on Painful Neuropathy and Cardiovascular Risk Factors √
- The Use of Reiki for Patients with Advanced AIDS √
- Reiki/Energy Healing in Prostate Cancer
- Effects of Reiki on Stress

- http://clinicaltrials.gov/search/term=(NCCAM)+%5BSPONSOR%5D+(reiki)+%5BTREATMENT%5D?recruiting=false
Terms related to “Energy”

- Aura
- Biological energy (Wilhelm Reich)
- Chi, Ki, Qi (China, Japan)
- EMF (electromagnetic force)
- HEF (human energy field)
- Huna (Hawaii)
- Prana (India)
- Spirit (Jesuit translation of Chinese “Qi”)
- Vital force (homeopathy)
Measurement of “Energy”

- Electrocardiogram, electroencephalogram
- Magnetoencephalograph, SQUID
- Galvanic skin response (acupoints)
- Kirlian photography
- Gaseous Discharge Visualization (GSV)

- Or by skilled human practitioners:
  - Reiki, Traditional Chinese Medicine (e.g., pulse check), Therapeutic Touch
Aura,
Human energy field,
Human energy system
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Chinese: Acupoints, Meridians

1. Governing Vessel
2. Large Intestine
3. Conception Vessel
4. Kidney
5. Pericardium
6. Heart
7. Stomach
8. Kidney
9. Spleen
10. Liver
11. Lung
12. Gall Bladder
13. Bladder
14. Governing Vessel
15. Bladder (Inner Line)
16. Bladder (Outer Line)
17. Small Intestine
18. San Jiao
Reiki History

- August 1865: Mikao Usui born in Gifu prefecture in Japan
- March 1922: Usui experienced spiritual awakening at 3rd wk fasting Mt. Kurama, Kyoto; named healing as Reiki Ryoho
- March 1926: Usui-sensei passed away in Fukuyama
- Chujiro Hayashi (1879-1940)
- Western Reiki: Hawayo Takata (1900-1980), Phyllis Furumoto, …
Usui Reiki Principles

Version a:
For today only

• anger not,
• worry not.
• Be humble, and
• With Gratitude work on yourself.
• Be Compassionate.

Version b:
Just for today

• do not worry,
• do not anger.
• Treat others with respect and forgiveness.
• Work with integrity.
• Be grateful.
Gassho

Gassho is a common practice in many eastern traditions, holding the hands clasped in a “prayer position” at about the level of the chest.

It is called "Namaste" in the Indo-Tibetan traditions.

In Reiki, Gassho is formally practiced by sitting on the floor or on a chair, with the eyes closed.

The hands are in the prayer clasped position with the fingers touching in front of the chest; this completes the meridians that terminate in the hands.
Attunement

• Opens Chakras:
  – Crown, Brow, Throat, and Heart Chakras
  – Hand Chakras – to heal self / others

• Teacher:
  – transmits energy so student will “tune in”
  – walks to back and front
  – affirmations that student becomes attuned

• Student:
  – hands in “prayer position”
  – “return” when ready, drink extra water
Reiki Hand Positions

Reiki hand positions chart by Peggy Jentoft 2001
IARP Code of Ethics

Code of Ethics for Registered Practitioners

The Registered Practitioner (RP) agrees to:

1. Abide by a vow of **confidentiality**. Any information that is discussed within the context of a Reiki session is confidential between the client and the Practitioner.

2. Provide a safe and comfortable area for client sessions and work to provide an empowering and supportive environment for clients.

3. Always treat clients with the utmost **respect and honor**.

4. Provide a brief oral or written **description of what happens** during a session and what to expect before a client's initial session.

5. Be **respectful** of all other's Reiki views and paths.
6. Educate clients on the value of Reiki and explain that sessions do not guarantee a cure, **nor are they a substitute for qualified medical** or professional care. Reiki is one part of an integrated healing or wellness program.

7. Suggest a consultation or **referral to qualified licensed professionals** (medical doctor, licensed therapist, etc.) when appropriate.

8. **Never diagnose or prescribe.** Never suggest that the client change prescribed treatment or interfere with treatment of a licensed health care provider.

9. Never ask clients to disrobe (unless in the context of a licensed massage therapy session). Be sensitive to the boundary needs of individual clients. **Do not touch the genital area or breasts. Practice hands off healing** of these areas if treatment is needed.

10. Be **actively working on your own healing** so as to embody and fully express the essence of Reiki in everything that you do.
What Can Reiki Do?

- Sense energy “blockages”
- Clear an acupoint
- Clear a meridian
- Clear a chakra
- Clear the aura
- Speed up healing
- Help ground, calm, relax, reduce pain
- Non-invasive help to body internals
  - Work on an organ or gland
VT Reiki Club

• https://secure.hosting.vt.edu/www.reiki.org.vt.edu/
• reiki@vt.edu
• Wednesdays, 5-7:30pm, Squires
• Open to public
• Free “treatments” and “attunements”
Book: Reiki, Hospice

- Reiki Energy Medicine: Bringing Healing Touch Into Home, Hospital, and Hospice
- By Libby Barnett and Maggie Chambers, with Susan Davidson
- [http://books.google.com/books?hl=en&id=IpeziekqcWQC&dq=reiki+hospice&printsec=frontcover&source=web&ots=1geRnwpLir&sig=HQ1XoD2AwnIMQiIsolOcvkLt0aw](http://books.google.com/books?hl=en&id=IpeziekqcWQC&dq=reiki+hospice&printsec=frontcover&source=web&ots=1geRnwpLir&sig=HQ1XoD2AwnIMQiIsolOcvkLt0aw)
- This book is discussed in an online article at
- Reiki - Rising Star in Complementary Care
  Social Work Today
  By Kate Jackson
  Vol. 4 No. 3 p. 28
References: Reiki, Hospice

- Reiki: A complementary therapy for life; Bullock, Marlene RN BSN, American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care, Jan 1997, Vol 14(1) pp 31-32
- http://www.reikiinhospitals.org/ - Reiki in Hospitals – can join for free and then get resources about Reiki use in hospice …
Reiki References - Getting Started

Reiki References - Intermediate


Reiki References - More Advanced

Reiki References - Historical


Related References - Healing

Related References - Healing (cont.)

Related References - Animals


Related References - Science

Sponsored Research Project

• Sponsor: Argyll Foundation
• Title: Relief for Canine Hip Dysplasia Related Pain through Reiki
• PI: Marie Suthers-McCabe
• Co-PIs:
  – Peter K. Shires
  – Edward A. Fox
Initial Vet School Project

- Selection: 2 years, 40+ lbs., “arthritic hip”
- Force-plate lab (immediate measurement)
- Video record of dogs walking
- Screening: clinical exam, blood test, X-ray
- Treatment: 1 hour of Reiki
- Repetitions: 3 times, 3 week intervals
- Other observations:
  - Daily record by owner
  - Final examination at end of project
- Sample: 6 each, control vs. treatment
Other VT Studies

- Tissue cultures (Duca)
  - Hampster cells cultured in Petri dishes
  - Exposed to virus
  - Reiki: before, 1 day, 2 days, 3 days
  - Chart spread of virus vs. control

- Infrared videography (Odendaal)
  - Hand chakra
  - Rapid rise in skin temperature
  - Local and distant treatment
Reiki Web Sites

- **http://fox.cs.vt.edu/reiki.htm** - my Reiki site, pointing to many sites

- **http://www.iarp.org** - the International Association of Reiki Professionals, of which I am a member.

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Tong Ren (TR) Therapy

- Visit by Chad J. Dupuis, L.Ac.
- Presentation of Feb. 3, 2006 for Virginia Tech Reiki Club
- Based on collaboration with Tom Tam
- Supported by acupuncture, qi gong, martial arts theory – further improved upon by western medical understandings of anatomy and physiology, and proven by clinical practice with a broad range of conditions.
Meridians and Points

• The acupuncture meridians and points have been developed over many years by many masters. Some points previously used are not commonly remembered now.

• Imbalances in the meridians signify underlying health problems.

• The stimulation of the points and regulation of the meridians promotes health and healing of diseases.
Large Intestine Meridian
Western Medicine Aspects

• Using the tools of Chinese Medicine and the (sense of) energy from Reiki or Qi Gong practice, one can better utilize western medical understandings for healing.

• A variety of acupuncture points have been proven to directly stimulate physiological functions of the body. Understanding this mechanism better and the result of such changes is behind TR.
Theories Unique To Tong Ren Therapy

• The use of the collective unconscious

• Blockage Theory
  – New Acupuncture Points/Areas
  – Sky windows and scalp points/areas new meanings

• And, of course, the “tong ren”
Tong Ren Techniques

• The “Tong Ren” or “Bronze Man” model serves as a way to focus our intent and to stimulate the collective unconscious.

• The collective unconscious allows the effect to be present within the patient (and others at the same time).

• The “blockage theory” provides the focus of the areas treated and removal of the blockages allows the body to heal.
Blockage Theory

• Cancer, as an example:
  – Eastern – yin and yang are out of balance
  – Western – cells have mutated for some reason
  – Tong Ren – a “blockage” causes a disruption in the flow of energy and bioelectricity leading to disease.
• The existence of a “blockage” does not indicate disease per se, but a disease will not manifest without exhibiting a blockage.
• Finding these blockages and devising the best mechanisms to resolve them is our goal.
• The blockages can be sensed energetically, but also by palpation and will generally illicit pressure pain.
Focus Areas: the Spine

- Use of the huatuo-jiaji points – the areas next to each vertebral segment.
- Improve the flow of bio-electricity by reducing impediments to nerve conduction.
Focus Areas: Scalp

- Use of acupuncture points on the scalp differs somewhat from TCM usage.
- Tong Ren is used to change brain function as well as remove tumors.
Focus Areas: Sky Window

- Improve circulation to and from the brain.
- Stimulate the vertebral artery.
- Stimulate other nerves such as the vagus.
- Area contains acupuncture points that are poorly understood and infrequently used.
Breast Cancer Treatment

- Main Points – T4, ST 12, Ouch Point
- Secondary Points – T3, GV 22, BL 9, CV 17
  - T4 – Breast, Sweat Glands, Hair follicles, PC Shu
  - ST 12 – Open the chest
  - Ouch Point – Qi Gong to dissipate tumor
  - T3 – Often added with T4 – controls lung and skin
  - GV 22 – Open the unconscious, effect frontal lobe
  - UB 9 – Cerebellum, movement, open Qi flow
  - CV 17 – Energize the upper dantian/chest
More Examples

- Anxiety: C2r, GB13r, SI16r – T5l, LV3, HT7, Yiming, LI 18
  - C2 & GB 13 – frontal lobe/emotions (L for ADHD), SI16/LI18/Yiming free body/mind circulation, T5l heart, HT7, effects HT Qi, LV3 descend energy

- Parkinson's: C1, SI16, TH16, Tiandong – C2, Yiming, LI4, GV19, ST36, LV3
  - C1, SI16, TH16, open sky window – brain/body, Tiandong vertebral artery, LI4/LV3 open circulation throughout body (4 gates), ST36 tonify Qi, GV19 sensory cortex
More Examples

• MS: C2, Tiandong, SI16, TH16 – C1, Yiming, BL9, GV17, GB19, ST36
  – Similar to Parkinson's & ALS, any brain problem (stroke, etc.)

• Crohn’s: T1, T2, T3, T11 – T12, ST12, CV6, ST36
  – T1/2/3 – autoimmune conditions, T11/T12 open SI/LI, ST12 vagus/esophagus, CV6 tonify lower dantian, ST36 build qi
More Information

• http://www.yinyanghouse.com/
  – General Chinese Medicine Theory
  – Acupuncture Meridians and Points
  – Tong Ren Therapy Information
  – Tong Ren Books and Supplies
  – Discussion Board with Testimonials
  – See also in YouTube, Phone Conferences, …
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