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EMOTIONAL FREEDOM IS IN YOUR HANDS with REBsm Integral Energy Psychology

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20. THE ROLE OF the RADIANT CIRCUITS (STRANGE FLOWS, CURIOUS MERIDIANS) and the CONCEPT OF CHI and the CHINESE 'FIVE ELEMENT MODEL'

20.1 THE CONCEPT OF THE MANY TYPES OF CHI

Bruce Holbrook (in a special section of Dong and Esser, 1990, pp. 15-38) provides a summary classification of the types of Chi in Chinese theory. "The integrative energies fundamental to the continued potential of...the human organism are all recognized as forms of chi from the Chinese scientific perspective. It is *biological* chi, i.e., chi exclusive to living individuals, that is unknown to Western science." (p.19) "The Chinese scientific term for this basic bioenergy is *yuan chi*, 'original' chi. It is called original because it is (must be) present at the beginning of life, for it is plainly indispensable to living." (p. 21) "If innate chi is responsible for the formation and continued integrity of the organism, acquired chi is the quintessence of the organism's vital fuel. The first acquired chi received in a lifetime is extracted, by energy provided from the actualization of original chi, from the water (amniotic fluid) surrounding the fetus and the nutritive organic matter which enters through the umbilical cord. Note that without positing original chi, that is, a given energy, there is no way to account for initial metabolism of oxygen and food." (p. 30)

The "Chi Chart" on p. 22 of Holbrook's paper provides a classification system for western thought (i.e., me) (see my chi chart below).

CHI as "bioenergy" is made up of Hsien-tien-de or "innate" chi and Hou-tien-de or "acquired" chi.

These two combine to form **Ren** or "humane" chi ("empathic energy," part innate, part acquired through positive human interaction.) (maybe similar to the "smart vagus--social engagement system" of Porges)

Hou-tien-de or "acquired" chi divides into Ta or "pneumatic" chi from air and Gu or "alimentary" chi in food/drink

Hsien-tien-de or "innate" chi subdivides into Tsung or "genetic" chi (formative, informational) and Yuan or "original" chi (vital).

Tsung or "genetic" chi and **Yuan** or "original" chi combine with **Gu** or "alimentary" chi in food/drink and **Ta** or "pneumatic" chi from air to make

Jen or "true" chi. "[*J*]*en* chi is ...the nexus or synthesis, of the two types of innate chi and of the two types of acquired chi...'true chi' is the synthesis and quintessence of all the other kinds of chi..." (p. 32). "If true chi [**jen**] is the 'chi of chis' in the internal sphere, humane chi [**ren**] is the equivalent in the external one." (p. 35)

Jen or "true" chi divides into three types of chi: Wei or "defensive", Jing or "channel" and Jeng or "disease combating" chi.

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Figure 20.1 The organization of the types of Chi

"...[Y]et another meaning of chi, a cosmological one [is] often confused with the bioenergetic chi of chi gong, acupuncture, and herbal medicine." (p. 23) This chi concept relates to quantum and cosmological theory of western science.

20.2. INTRODUCTION TO THE CHINESE FIVE ELEMENT/MERIDIAN SYSTEM MODEL OF THE BODYMIND

The Chinese never had to deal with the "Mind-Body Problem" which the Western world inherited as Descartes' solution to the conflict ("turf war") between the church and the budding natural philosophers (Damasio, 1994). They also do not make the sharp distinctions between self and the natural and spiritual world. Thus, in the Chinese Five Element/Meridian System (energy pathways) model of bodymind functioning, the various organs are part of an energetic system of influence with ties to the external world and inner world of emotions and thoughts as well as the spiritual domain. They have no need for our hyphenated disciplines of "Psycho-Somatic Medicine" and "Psycho-Neuro-Immuno-Endrocrinology." There was never any question of the mutual influence of these domains. Also, the model emphasizes balanced energy systems (correction for either over or under energy in each system). "Stuck Emotions" are typically a problem of over energy in a

meridian. For a clear explanation of the holism of the model see Moss (1999) or Eckman (1996).

For the purposes of understanding the operation of Meridian Balancing Procedures for dealing with mental and physical distress, it is only necessary to understand how the various meridians are related to emotions and the "Control Cycle" of the "Five Element" organization of the meridians.

20.2.1. THE FIVE ELEMENT LAW

Energy flows in the CREATIVE (Sheng) and CONTROL (Ko) cycles: The CREATIVE cycle goes from Wood to Fire to Earth to Metal to Water The CONTROL cycle goes from Water to Fire to Metal to Wood to Earth

20.2.2. FIVE ELEMENT CHART

The "Five Element Chart" given below shows the relations between each of the five elements, their meridians, and the yin-yang meridians.

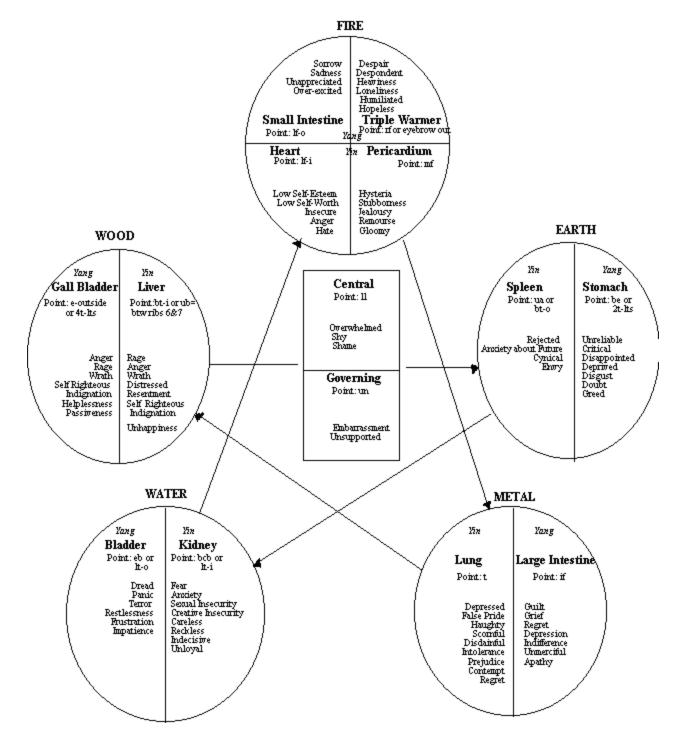


Figure 20.2 Five Element Emotion Chart Based on the Professional Kinesiology Practitioner (PKP) training program, 1990

20.2.3. EMOTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OF THE MERIDIANS ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY BY MERIDIAN

Source: the Professional Kinesiology Practitioner (PKP) training program, 1990

- Bladder Meridian-yang WATER: Peace, Dread, Panic, Restlessness, Frustration, Inner direction, Impatience, Confidence, Courage
- Central Meridian: Overwhelmed, Shy, Shame
- Gall Bladder Meridian-yang WOOD: Love, Anger, Rage, Wrath, Self righteousness, Indignation, Forbearance, Assertive, Helpless, Passive, Humble, Proud, Choice
- Governing Meridian: Embarrassment, Unsupported
- Heart Meridian-yin FIRE: Forgiveness, Self-esteem, Self-worth, Insecure, Secure, Anger, Hate, Love
- Kidney Meridian-yang WATER: Fear, Anxiety, Sexual (in)security, Creative (in)security, Cautious, Careless, Reckless, (In)decisive, (Un)loyal
- Large Intestine Meridian-yang METAL: Guilt, Grief, Regret, Release, Self-worth, Enthusiasm, Depression, Letting go, Indifference (Un)merciful, Apathy
- Liver Meridian-yin WOOD: Rage, Anger, Wrath, Distressed, Resentment, Self righteous indignation, Transformation, (Un)happiness, Content
- Lung Meridian-yin METAL: Cheerful, Depressed, False pride, Haughty, Humility/Modesty, Scorn/Disdain, (In)tolerance, Prejudice, Contempt, Regret
- Pericardium Meridian-yin (Circulation-Sex) FIRE: Calm, Hysteria, Relaxation, Stubbornness, Tranquility, Responsible, Jealousy, Remorse, Gloomy
- Small Intestine Meridian-yang FIRE: Joy, Sorrow, Sadness, (Un)appreciated, Over excited, Internalization, Assimilation, Nourishing
- Spleen Meridian-yin EARTH: Forgiveness, Rejected, Assurance, Faith in the future, Anxiety re the future, Confidence, Cynicism, Sympathy, Empathy, Envy
- Stomach Meridian-yang EARTH: (Un)reliable, Critical, Contentment, Disappointment, Deprivation, Hunger/Nausea, Disgust, Doubt, Greed, Empty, Sympathy, Empathy, Bitter
- Triple Warmer Meridian-yang (thyroid) FIRE: Despair, Elation, Despondent, Lightness, Heaviness, Loneliness, Humiliated, Hope(less), Serving, Balance

20.2.4. ABBREVIATION AND LOCATION DESCRIPTION OF STIMULATION POINTS ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY BY MERIDIAN

(most are at the end points of the meridians. One of the nice things about this set of procedures is that, unlike acupuncture, you only need to be close to the points for the procedure to be effective)

Bladder Meridian-yang

 $eb = \underline{Eye Brow}$: where the eye brow meets the bridge of the nose OR $lt-o = \underline{Little Toe Outside}$: in the corner where the toe nail meets the cuticle

Central Meridian

ll = Lower Lip Midline: under the lower lip on the midline

Gall Bladder Meridian-yang

e-oc = <u>Eye Outside Corner</u>: from the corner of your eye socket $\frac{1}{2}$ inches toward your temple side *OR*

4t-lts = Fourth Toe Little Toe Side: in the corner where the toe nail meets the cuticle

Governing Meridian

un= Under Nose: above the upper lip on the midline

Heart Meridian-yin

If-i = Little Finger Inside: in the corner where the finger nail meets the cuticle

Kidney Meridian-yang

cb = Below <u>Collar Bone</u>: start from the bottom of the collar bone "V" and move (right and/or left) under your collar bone until you meet the first "dip." Moving your shoulders forward will bring out this spot since it feels like it's over a hinge (it's the collar bone - sternum connection)

OR

lt-i = Little Toe Inside: in the corner where the toe nail meets the cuticle

Large Intestine Meridian-yang

if = <u>Index Finger</u> Thumb Side: in the corner where the finger nail meets the cuticle

Liver Meridian-yin

ub = Under Breast under the nipple between ribs 6 and 7: below your nipple just above the bottom rib.

OR

 $bt-i = \underline{Big Toe Inside}$: in the corner where the toe nail meets the cuticle

Lung Meridian-yin

t = <u>Thumb</u> Outside: (away from index finger) in the corner where the finger nail meets the cuticle

Pericardium Meridian-yin (Circulation-Sex)

mf = Middle Finger Thumb Side: in the corner where the finger nail meets the cuticle

Small Intestine Meridian-yang

If-o = <u>Little Finger Out Side</u>: in the corner where the finger nail meets the cuticle

Spleen Meridian-yin

ua = <u>Under Arm</u>: About one hand width or four inches below the arm pit under your arm OR

bt-o = <u>Big Toe Outside</u>: in the corner where the toe nail meets the cuticle

Stomach Meridian-yang

be = <u>Beneath Eye</u>: on the small "notch" in the center of the lower bone of the eye socket OR

2t-lts = <u>Second Toe Little Toe Side</u>: in the corner where the toe nail meets the cuticle

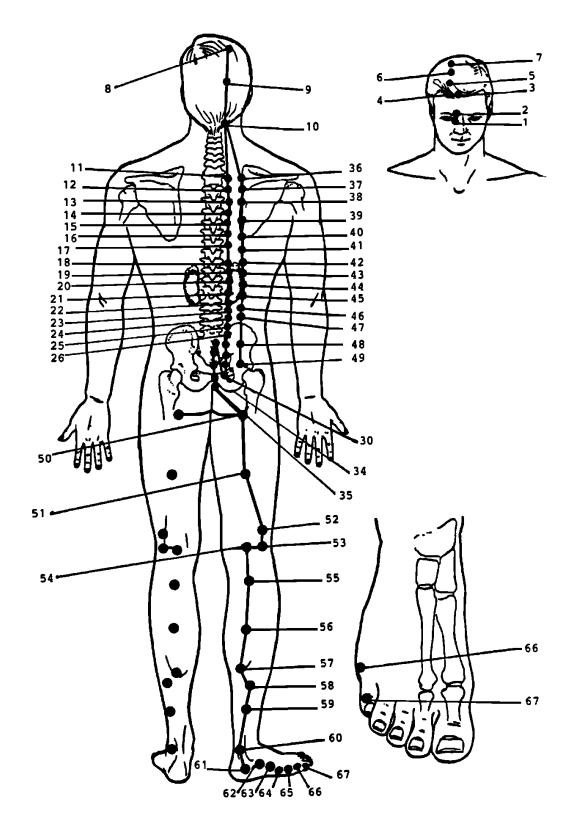
Triple Warmer Meridian-yang (thyroid)

 $rf = \underline{Ring Finger}$ little finger side in the corner where the finger nail meets the cuticle *OR*

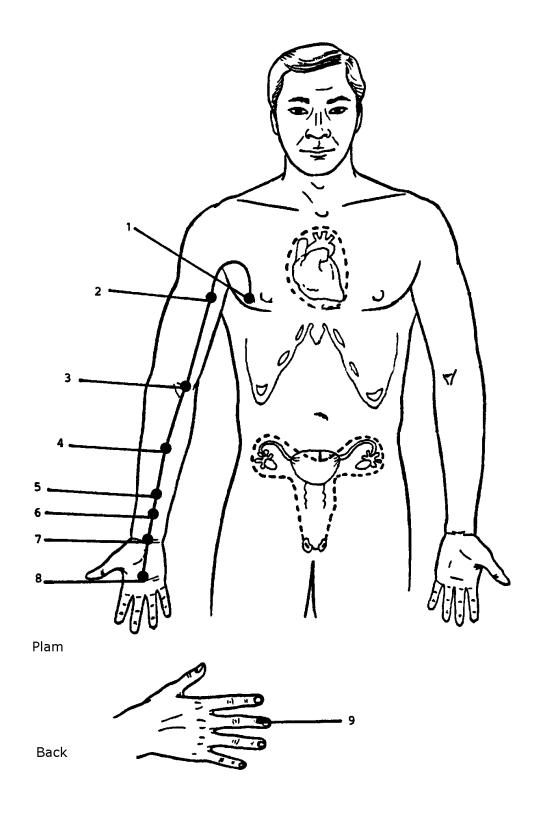
eb-out = <u>Eye Brow Outside Edge</u>: at the corner of your eye brow toward the temple side

20.2.5. SIMPLIFIED DIAGRAMS OF THE MERIDIANS ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY

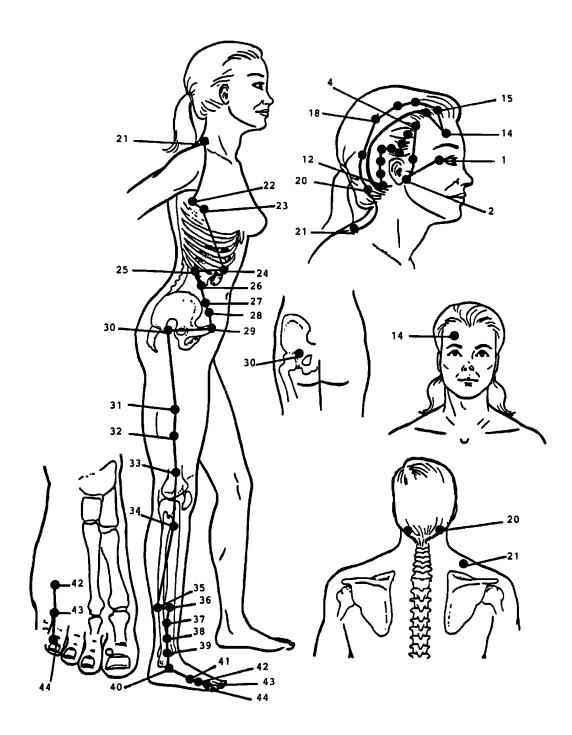
The figures for the meridians are simplified from Levy, S.L and C. Lehr (1996, <u>Your Body Can</u> <u>Talk: How to Use Simple Muscle Testing to Learn What Your Body Knows and Needs: The Art</u> <u>and Application of Clinical Kinesiology</u>, Hohm Press) The original figures they used are by Dr. John Amaro, International Academy of Clinical Acupuncture, 1981. The Central and Governing meridians are from Biokinesiology Institute (1977/1984) <u>Take Care of Yourselves Naturally</u>.



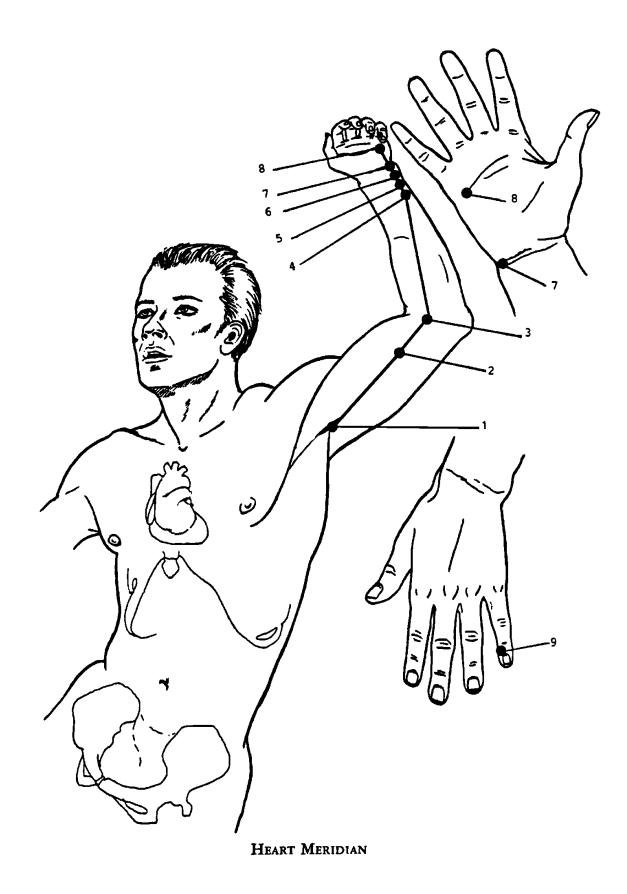
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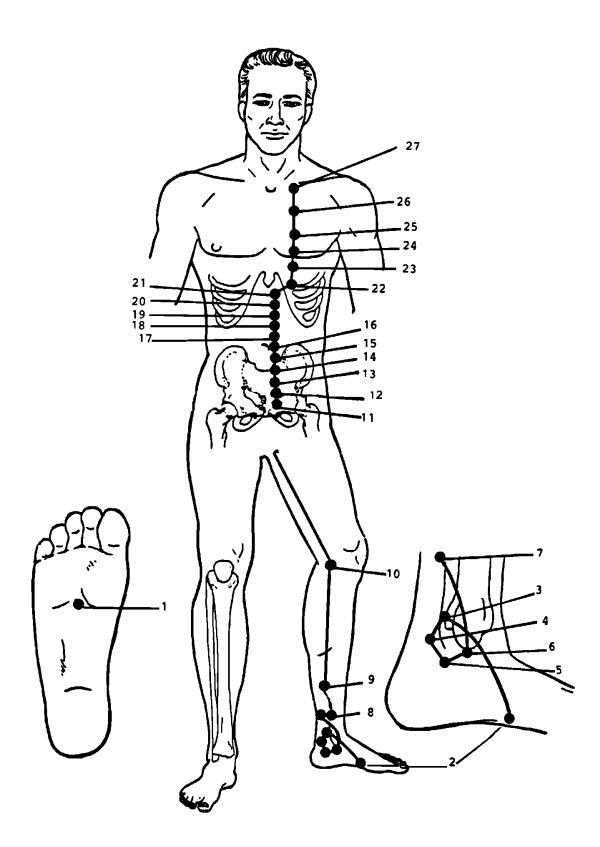


CIRCULATION/SEX-PERICARDIUM MERIDIAN

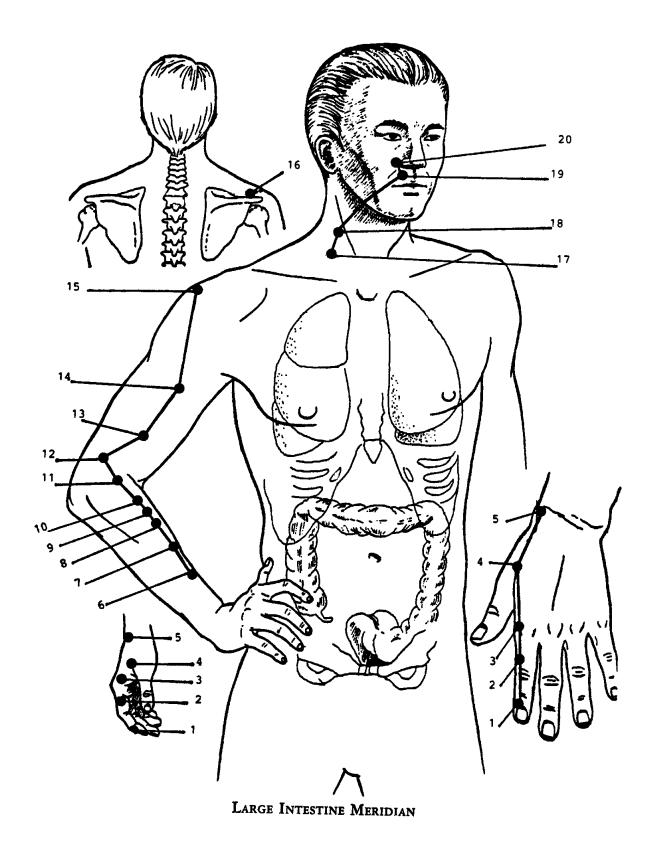


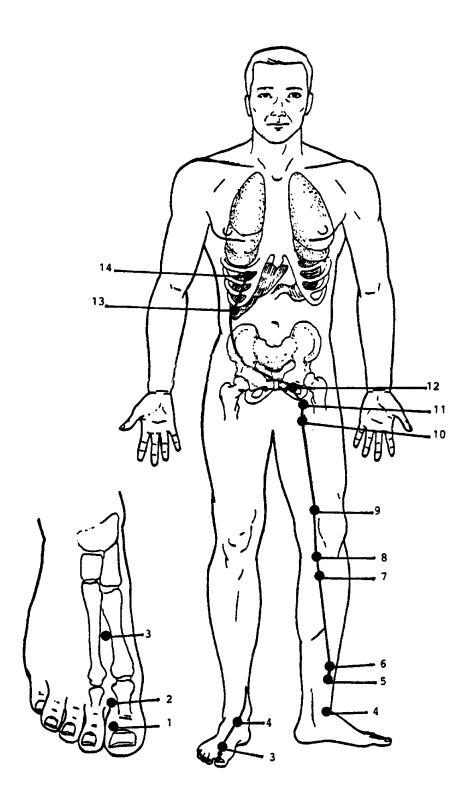
GALLBLADDER MERIDIAN



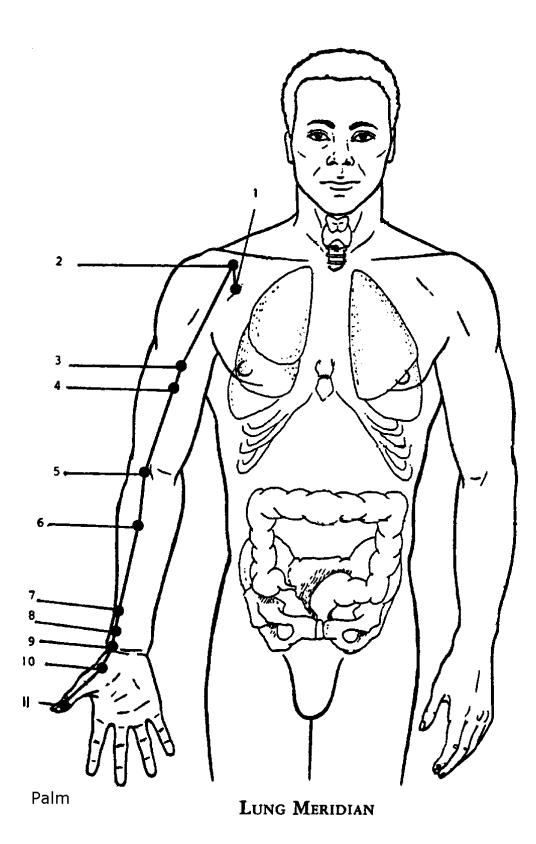


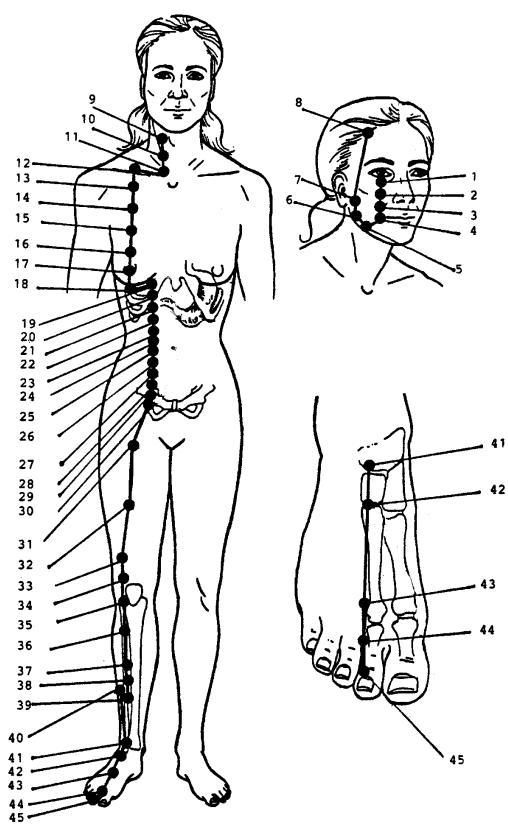
KIDNEY MERIDIAN



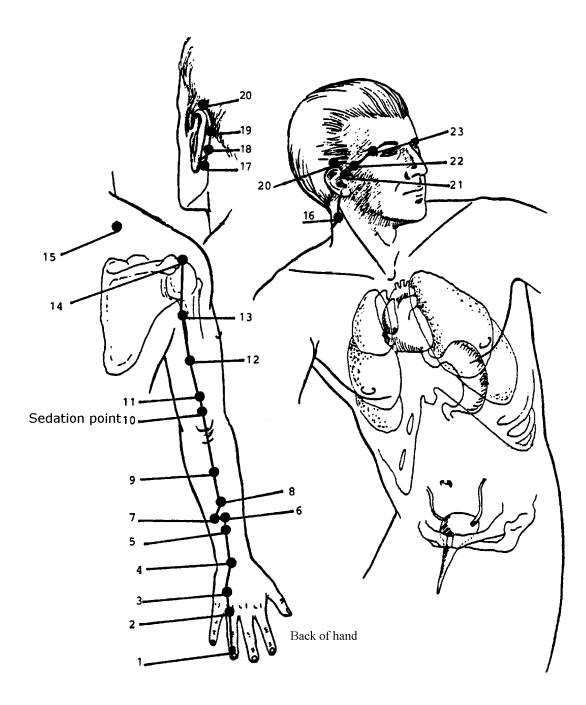


LIVER MERIDIAN





STOMACH MERIDIAN



TRIPLE WARMER MERIDIAN [Thyroid]

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