# **Promising Research**

the triple entrendre

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### entendre

noun

: ambiguity of meaning arising from language that lends itself to more than one interpretation

### promise

noun

: a statement telling someone that you will definitely do something or that something will definitely happen in the future

# promise

verb

: to tell someone that you will definitely do something or that something will definitely happen in the future : to make (something) seem likely : to show signs of (something that is likely or expected to happen)

# promising

adjective

: likely to succeed or to be good : full of promise

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### **My Promises**

- In 2001, I promised Touch for Health (TFH) founder and author,
   Dr. John Thie, that I would program a research tool and conduct research into the efficacy of the TFH modality
- 2) In 2015, I am promising the Touch for Health family that I have developed a powerful research tool that can be used by many to conduct their own personal research
- 3) At the 2015 Touch for Health Kinesiology Association Annual Conference, I am presenting *promising* research results
- 4) My results can be replicated

# **Goals for My Presentation**

- 1) Overview of the eTouch for Health software as a research tool
- Demonstration of the tool being used for research
- 3) As promised, a look at the results of research which appear to be promising
- 4) Goals for applying the tool for research in the future



### Scientific Method

- **Hypothesis** the efficacy of the Touch for Health model can be measured
- Experimental Design the eTouch for Health software designed to record, compare and analyze session results
- Empirical Evidence 12 years of results collected
- Reproduction of Results promising results achieved in reproducing results similar to Dr. John Thie's examples he provided during TFHKA conferences in 2003, 2004 and 2005 in which eTouch recorded the sessions.
- Journal Publication TFHKA 2015 Annual Conference Journal
- Conference Presentation happening now
- Peer Review it's next
- Adversarial Review it's coming!

# My Question?

How do you codify a holistic model so that you can quantify results to serve as empirical evidence to prove the efficacy of the Touch for Health model?

# **Codifying Touch for Health**

Codification consists of creating lookup tables that contain the detailed information about an attribute and then assigning a numeric code to each record. In the future, when information is needed about a specific item, its numeric ID can be used to link to the related information in the relational database system.

Numeric coding is more efficient and accurate while adding to the validity of empirical data.

- Five Elements
- Acupuncture Meridians
- Muscles
- Techniques
- Conditions / Indications
- Clients
- Sessions
- Results
- Severity
- Effectiveness

### **Record Keeping for Research**

• Clients - age at time of session, gender, goals and conditions

Sessions:

**Type:** Goal-setting or Condition-based?

Starting and Ending Values: for Pain, discomfort, stress

Scope: 14, 42 or random number of muscles

Balancing Method: Balance-as-you-Go or One Point Assessment

**Techniques Used in Session** 

**Testing Results for each Muscle** 



# **Color Coding & Severity Scale**

#### Muscle Test Result Severity Codes

**OK** = Locks normally

**Moderately =** slightly bouncy or questionable

**Unlocking** = unlocks during test

**Very** = client laughs at you because they know they can not get into the testing position or there is obvious pain before testing



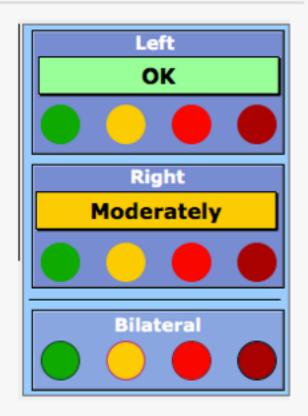
OK = 0 Moderately = 1

**Severity Scale** 

Unlocking = 2

Very = 3

We have found that the color coding helps to add credibility to our testing, especially, with new clients that are questioning and challenging us as we test and balance them. Clients also like seeing the colors representing what they experienced during the session.



Severity totaled for each muscle, each side and a grand total for the session by adding both sides.

### **Improvement Factor**

- Based on Starting and Ending Values for Pain, discomfort, stress
- Measures magnitude of improvement and shift between before and after assessments

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\*eTouch supports Dr. Thie's use of attractor values (0-1000) from David R. Hawkins', MD, PhD book, Power versus Force.

	Conditions		Goal Setting
Starting Ending Value	Improvement Factor	Starting Ending Value Value	Improvement Factor
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10 — 5	= 50%	5 — 10	= 50%
5 — 0	= 50%	0 — 5	= 50%
1 0	= 10%	9 10	= 10%
10 — 9	= 10%	0 — 1	= 10%

# Here is how eTouch records sessions

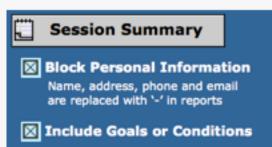
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### **Results Reporting**

Details of the muscle testing and energetic balancing session are archived so that reports can be printed immediately after the session or anytime in the future.

- Purpose of Session (goals or conditions)
- Session results
- Techniques used
- Beginning and ending values
- Comments made by tester and client
- Recommendations made by Tester
- Energetic patterns found during the session in:
  - \* Meridian wheel
  - \* Five Elements

Personal information can be blocked in reports and replaced with '-'. You can also choose whether to include Goals or Conditions in reports.

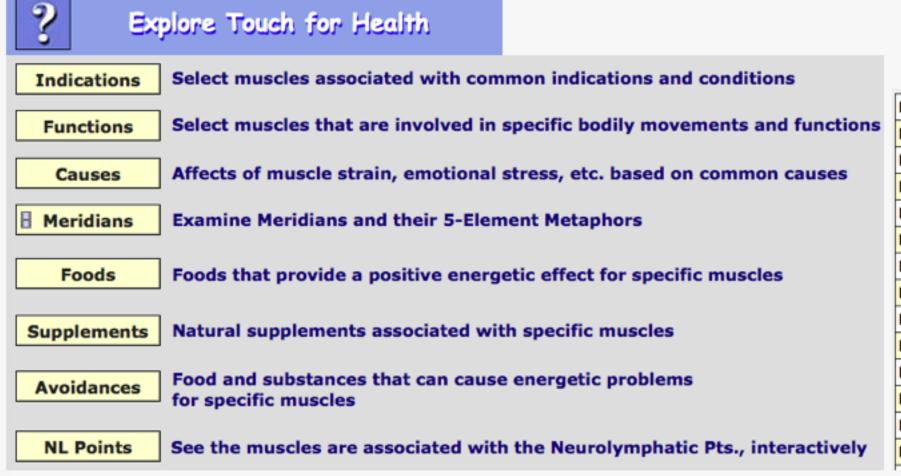


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3 Pect. Mir. Clavic.	Stomach	Earth	Unlocking	Unlocking	V	$\Box$	므				N.	0	0
4 Latissimus Dorsi	Spleen	Earth	Unlocking	Unlocking	V						v	0	0
5 Subscapularis	Heart	Fire	OK	OK		7	П	$\Box$	ш	$\Box$	Ш	0	0
6 Quadriceps	Small Intestine	Fire	Unlocking	Unlocking	V						v	0	0
7 Peroneus	Bladder	Water	OK	OK			Д				Д	0	0
8 Psees	Kidney	Water	Unlocking	Unlocking	5	٧					5	0	0
9 Glubeus Medius	Circulation/Sex	Fire	OK	OK		7	П	$\Box$	ш	$\Box$	Ш	O.	O.
0 Teres Minor	Triple Warmer	Fire	Unlocking	Unlocking	V						N.	0	0
1 Anterior Deltoid	Gall Bladder	Wood	OK	OK			П					0	0
2 Pect. Mjr. Stern.	Liver	Wood	OK	OK								0	0
3 Ant. Sematus	Lungs	Metal	OK	OK		7	П	П	ш	П	ш	0	0
4 Fascia Lata	Large Intestine	Metal	OK	OK		-	П	П			$\Box$	0	0

**Date Signed** SR Spinal Reflex AL Neurolymphatic, NV: Neurolymphatic, NV: Neurolymphatic, NV: Meridian Trace, AH: Accupressure, 10 Insertion-Origin, Met. Metaphors, AP, Alarm Points, PC: Pulse Check, DE: Over Energy Tue, May 26, 2015 1:18 PM

# **The Explore Analysis Feature**



Muscles identified under Indications and Knee Problems (All Indications)

Difficulty climbing stairs	Quadriceps
Knee Pain or Problems	Quadriceps
Knee Pain or Problems	Sartorius
Knee Pain or Problems	Gracilis
Knee Pain or Problems	Gastrocnemius
Knee Pain or Problems	Popliteus
Knee Pain or Problems	Piriformis
Knees - Hyperextended	Quadriceps
Knees - Hyperextended	Gastrocnemius
Knees - Hyperextended	Popliteus
Knees - Knocked	Piriformis
Knees - Knocked	Sartorius
Knees - Knocked	Hamstrings
Knees - Knocked	Gracilis

Throughout his 35-year career, Dr. Thie made many observations about the connections between individual muscles and specific indications, functions, causes of pain plus foods and supplements to assist in wellness as well as things to avoid when experiencing issues with specific muscles. I built lookup tables into eTouch based upon Dr. Thie's observations. As a result, searches can be performed using a variety of criteria for learning and research or for the creation of muscle sets that can be tested when related to the criteria. Future research will, hopefully, expand this body of knowledge.

# **Dr. John Thie's Examples**

I am using the results from four of the last balancing sessions conducted by Dr. John Thie at TFHKA conferences 2003-2005. eTouch for Health was used to record the results in each of these sessions and the results are used in the next several slides. The last session recorded is from the 2005 Conference in Durham, North Carolina and was Dr. Thie's last public presentation. These sessions are used as a reference when comparing effectiveness results.

The primary questions for my research efforts were, "Can we replicate Dr. Thie's results and demonstrate efficacy of the Touch for Health model?"

Sessions can be selected by many criteria. In this example we are searching for sessions by Tester = John Thie and the 'Include in Reports' flag is selected for the records.



Dr. Thie's last session (#200)was recorded and can be viewed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIXBKXoIbDI

This session is also on the DVD sold by TFHKA.

http://stores.tfhka.com/2005-conference-dr-john-thie-research-and-kinesiology/

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	Session		Balancing	Starting	Ending					
	Туре		Method	Value	Value	Effective	Muscles	Score	Central	Govern
D	Goal	<b>D</b> _	Assessment	6	1000	99%	14	50		
D	Goal	lacksquare	Balance-As-You-Go	10	1000	99%	14	48		
D	Goal	lacksquare	Assessment	273	1000	73%	14	64		
D	Condition	lacksquare	Assessment	5	0	50%	17	40		

### **New Research Features**

Select multiple sessions and sort and compare by effectiveness, session type, balancing method, severity and more.

,			Meridia	n Ma	rke	rs	Avg. Impr		Count	
	Session		Balancing	Starting	Ending		80	%	4	
	Туре		Method	Value	Value	Effective	Muscles	Score	Central	Govern
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)	Goal		Balance-As-You-Go	10	1000	99%	14	48		
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	Condition	lacksquare	Assessment	5	0	50%	17	40		

View and compare session results for one person or a selected group using color coding.



View and compare session results using Five Element color-coded Shen(g) & Ko Cycles



### **Dr. Thie's Results**

The Four Sample Results that we have from four of Dr. John Thie's last public presentations at TFHKA Conferences that were recorded into eTouch for Health.

,			Meridia	ın Ma	rke	rs	Avg. Impr		Count	
	Session		Balancing	Starting Ending			80	%	4	
	Туре		Method	Value	Value	Effective	Muscles	Score	Central	Govern
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)	Condition	lacksquare	Assessment	5	0	50%	17	40		

Tester / Subject(s)		Average
John Thie / Multiple	Sample	Improvement
Goal-setting	3	90%
Conditions	1	50%
Total	4	80%

### **A Larger Sample Size**

Here are results from my past 14 years of personal balances while using eTouch for Health.

Encode	Names			Meridia	n Ma	irke	rs	Avg. Impr		Count		Print		
_		Session		Balancing	Starting	Ending		69	%	87		rint		
Person		Type		Method	Value	Value	Effective	Muscles	Score	Central	Governing	Stomach	Spleen	Heart
Earl Cook	•	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	0	1000	100%	42	243					
Earl Cook	(b)	Condition	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	10	0	100%	22	98					
Earl Cook	•	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Balance-As-You-Go	0	10	100%	42	136					
Earl Cook	•	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	0	10	100%	14	42					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	0	10	100%	42	197					
Earl Cook	•	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Balance-As-You-Go	0	10	100%	42	136					
Earl Cook	•	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Priority	0	10	100%	15	46					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	1	1000	100%	42	116					
Earl Cook	(b)	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	5	1000	100%	42	190					
Earl Cook	•	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	5	1000	100%	42	133					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	10	1000	99%	22	147					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	10	1000	99%	14	41					
Earl Cook	(b)	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	.1	10	99%	42	161					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	Ð	Assessment	20	1000	98%	14	6					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	<b>(b)</b>	Assessment	23	1000	98%	42	152					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	(b)	Assessment	25	1000	98%	42	164					
Earl Cook	(b)	Goal	Ð	Assessment	25	1000	98%	42	92					
Earl Cook	Ď	Goal	Ð	Assessment	30	1000	97%	42	174					
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Earl Cook	Ð	Goal	Ð	Assessment	42	1000	96%	20	116					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	(b)	Assessment	50	1000	95%	15	55					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	Ď	Assessment	65	1000	94%	42	152					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	Ð	Assessment	70	1000	93%	42	69					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	Ď	Assessment	70	1000	93%	42	133					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	Ď	Balance-As-You-Go	70	1000	93%	42						
Earl Cook	Ð	Goal	Ď	Assessment	75	1000	93%	14	63					
Earl Cook	Ð	Goal	Ď	Assessment	100	1000	90%	19	60					
Earl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	Ď	Assessment	1	10	90%	42	164					
DEarl Cook	<b>(b)</b>	Goal	Ď	Priority	1	10	90%	10	76					
Earl Cook	Ð	Goal	Ď	Priority	1	10	90%	2	0					
DEarl Cook	Ď	Goal	Ď	Balance-As-You-Go	1	10	90%	18	104					
Earl Cook	Ď	Goal	Ď	Assessment	175	1000	83%	18	92					
DEarl Cook	•	Goal	Ď	Balance-As-You-Go	175	1000	83%	14	39					
DEarl Cook	10	Goal	(B)	Assessment	2	1000	80%	18	54					

I chose to color code results in this manner to make it easier to visually identify interesting patterns. At the time I thought of this, I was doing genealogy research and was studying different DNA Markers which are used to identify genetic matches and significant mutations.

Since the brain is a pattern recognition system to a large degree in learning and responses, it is my theory that the color coding enhances our research.

### Replicating Dr. Thie's Results

Tester / Subject(s)				Av	erage		
John Thie / Multiple		Sai	mple		ovement		
Goal-settin	ıg		3	9			
Condition	15		1	50%			
Tota	al		4	8	0%		
Earl Cook / Gail Cook							
Goal-settin	ıg	**	32	8	1%		
Condition	ıs	:	17	4	8%		
Tota	al	4	19	7	0%		
Gail Cook / Earl Cook							
Goal-settin	ıg	4	48	8			
Condition	15		39	47%			
Tota	al	87 6			9%		
All (12 years)							
Goal-settin	ıg	1	71	8			
Condition	ıs		32	4	15%		
Tota	al	2	53	7			
Summary	Г	JT	EC	GC	All	+/-	
Goal-setting		90%	81%	88%	82%	9%	
Conditions		50%	48%	47%	45%	5%	
Total		80%	70%	69%	70%	11%	

Here are results from our past 12 years of balances while using It is divided between Earl balancing Gail, Gail balancing Earl and ALL balances that we have recorded into eTouch for Health during presentations, training and practicing Touch for Health.

We did not achieve results as high as Dr. Thie, but we were between 5% and 11% of achieving his totals. And, this was over a period of 12 years.

I think the empirical evidence supports my hypothesis that Touch for Health results can be measured, its efficacy proven and that results can be replicated.

### A Closer Look at the Results

99.2%

n Ma	arke	rs	Avg. Impr		Count 2		
Starting Value	Ending Value	Effective	Muscles	Score	Central	Gove	
3	3	0%	22	112			
10	10	0%	42	221			

#### 'Miracle Balances' were not included

an Markers			Avg. Improvement		Count		
-	all Markers			246%		36	
	Starting	Ending				Combust	
	Value	Value	Effective	Muscles	Score	Central	Gove
	-95	10	1050%	42	144		
	-80	10	900%	42	34		
	-56	10	660%	14	40		
	-50	10	600%	42	132		
	-35	10	450%	14	21		
	-20	10	300%	14	65		
	-17	10	270%	14	58		
	-17	10	270%	42	112		

Ļ	an Markers			Avg. Improvement		Count	
ľ			5	92%		285	
	Starting Value	Ending Value	Effective	Muscles	Score	Central	Gove
Г	-95	10	1050%	42	144		
	-80	10	900%	42	34		

In the 253 sessions included in the Effectiveness Analysis, there were only two (2) sessions where they was 0% improvement. In 99.2% of the sessions, there was a positive improvement!

There are 36 other sessions in our eTouch system with effectiveness ratings above 100%. Since in statistics there is not a value above 100%, these are not included in our effectiveness results. These balances are some that we consider 'Miracle Balances' because the magnitude of the shift in improvement was so large.

When we included our 'Miracle Balances', our improvement factor jumped to 92%.

### **Other Results**

Average

Improvement

Count

#### Research Report by Conditions - Summary

Improvement factors are based on the standard scale of Pain/Discomfort: 0 = No Pain or Discomfort 10 = Maximum Pain or Discomfort Improvements: Start 10 and End 0 = 100%; Start 5 and End 0 = 50%

	Count 69	Avg. Improvement
Shoulder Problems (All muscles)	9	51%
Sciatic Nerve Problems	6	38%
Neck Pain	7	41%
Knee Pain or Problems	7	69%
Hip Problems	2	50%
Difficulty raising the arm	2	75%
Difficulty climbing stairs	22	40%
Chest Pains	1	30%
Back Pain	8	56%
Ankle Problems	5	40%

Something I put into the early versions of eTouch was a connection between muscles and conditions. These relationships were based on Dr. Thie's inclusion of these embedded into the Touch for Health book. These associations were the result of Dr. Thie's 35-year career using these techniques.

# **Conditions Detail by Session ID**

#### Research Report by Conditions - Detail

Improvement factors are based on the standard scale of Pain/Discomfort:

0 = No Pain or Discomfort 10 = Maximum Pain or Discomfort

Improvements: Start 10 and End 0 = 100%; Start 5 and End 0 = 50%
Start Fnd Improvement

	Start	End	Improvement
Ankle Problems		5	40%
.69444343.52217.6206	8	0	80%
.69444343.49578.6196	8	1	70%
.69444343.20406.6197	5	2	30%
.69444343.09604.6211	4	2	20%
.69444343.68047.6179	3	3	0%
Back Pain		8	56%
.69444343.57335.6149	10	0	100%
.69444343.37168.6122	8	1	70%
.69444343.15053.6372	8	1	70%
.69444343.0103.6328	10	4	60%
.69444343.0774.6329	10	4	60%
.69444343.90341.6141	5	1	40%
.69444343.73746.6041	3	0	30%
.69444343.02085.6247	9	7	20%

This report lists each session in which the condition was identified as being a focus during the condition-based session.

Training	aining Class Evaluation Summary by Class					
Evaluations	for	Earl Co	ok	Averages		
		Seats	9.7 Impression	9.6 Impact	9.7 Overa	
by	Acupuncturist	7	9.9	10.0	9.9	
<b>Occupation</b>	Administrative Assistant	1	10.0	10.0	10.0	
Occupation	Administrative Translator	5	10.0	10.0	10.0	
	Administrator - Habitat for	3	10.0	10.0	10.0	
	Allergy Coach	2	10.0	10.0	10.0	
	Appraiser	4	9.8	9.5	9.5	
Touch for Health 1-4	Bicom Therapist Successful	1	10.0	10.0	10.0	
Scale 0 thru 10	Business Owner	5	10.0	10.0	10.0	
Instructor since 2005	Chiropractor	5	9.8	9.8	9.8	
	Consultant	9	9.9	10.0	10.0	
Measurements for:	Contractor	_ 1	10.0	10.0	10.0	
• Impression	Creative Director	4	10.0	9.8	10.0	
• Impact	Donna Eden Student	10	9.6	9.7	9.3	
Overall	Educational Kinesiologist	2	10.0	10.0	10.0	
o overall	Entrepreneur	_ 1	8.0	8.0	9.0	
Report from eInstructus	Former MD	1	9.0	9.0	10.0	
Report from ethstructus	Health Coach	2	9.0	9.0	9.0	
	Holistic Health Practitioner	20	9.5	9.3	9.5	
	Home Maker	6	10.0	9.3	9.5	
Impression = 9.7	Homeopath	3	9.3	9.3	9.7	
	Housewife	19	9.6	9.3	9.2	
Impact= 9.6	Information Technology	7	10.0	10.0	10.0	
Impact = 9.0	Landscaper	2	10.0	10.0	10.0	
	Licensed Professional Counselo	or 2_	10.0	10.0	10.0	
Overall= 9.7	Massage & Body Worker	2	10.0	9.5	9.5	
	Massage Therapist	58	9.8	9.7	9.7	
	Massage/Body Work	5	10.0	10.0	10.0	

#### Class Evaluation Summary by Class for Earl Cook

	273	9.7	9.6	9.7
	Seats	Impressio	n Impact	Overall
Neurofeedback Therapist	1	_9.0_	9.0	_9.0_
NeuroMuscle Therapist	6	9.7	9.7	9.8
Neurotherapist	1	10.0	10.0	10.0
Nurse	11	9.8	9.8	9.7
Nutritionist	2	10.0	10.0	10.0
Office Manager	1	9.0	10.0	10.0
Personal Trainer	3	8.0	8.7	8.3
Physical Therapist	2	10.0	10.0	10.0
Physician	5	9.2	9.0	9.2
Physician's Assistant	1	9.0	6.0	8.0
Private	1	10.0	10.0	10.0
Project Manager	1	9.0	9.0	9.0
Property Manager	2	10.0	10.0	10.0
Psychologist	7	10.0	9.4	9.9
Real Estate	5	10.0	9.8	9.8
Retired Consulting Actuary	2	10.0	8.5	10.0
Retired Massage Therapist	4	9.5	9.3	9.5
Retired/Healing Touch	2	10.0	10.0	10.0
Teacher	4	9.3	9.8	9.8
TFH Practitioner	4	10.0	10.0	10.0
Transformational Coach	4	9.8	9.3	9.0
Transportation Supervisor	4	10.0	10.0	10.0
TV Production Assistant	2	10.0	9.0	8.5
Wellness Coach	4	10.0	10.0	10.0
Yoga Instructor	1_	10.0	10.0	10.0

Naturopath

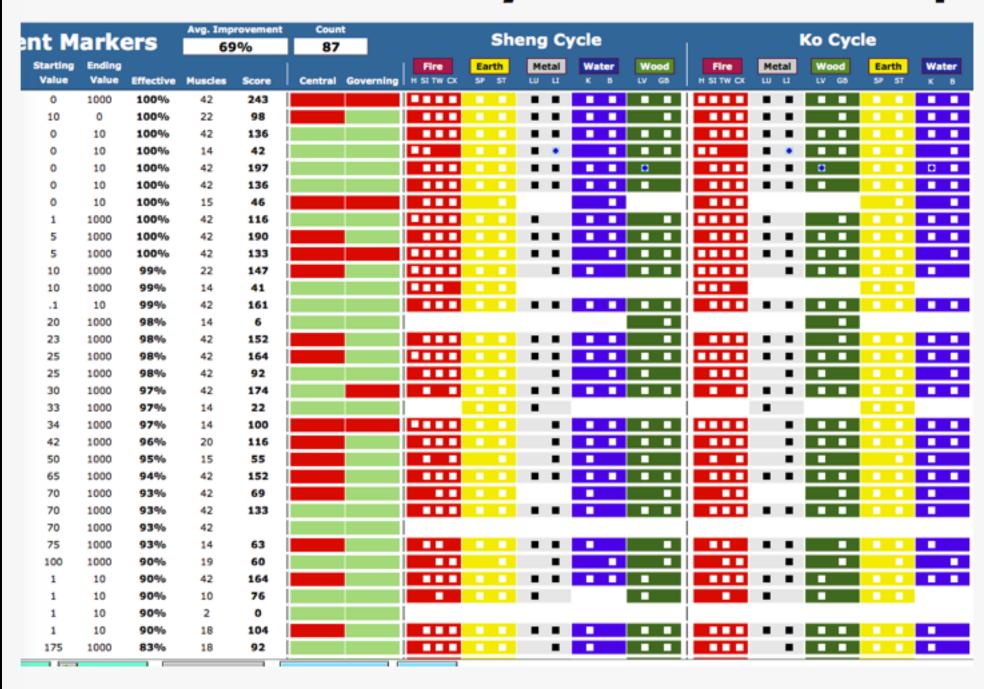
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### **Shen & Ko Cycle Pattern Comparison**



Sessions for comparison can be selected and compared in a variety of ways.

#### Sort by:

- Effectiveness
- Total Severity
- 5 Element severity
- Meridian severity

### **Most Important Benefit of TFH?**

In 2005, a few months before his death, I was sitting with Dr. Thie in his office in his home in Malibu, California. I asked Dr. Thie, "What do you think is the most important benefit of Touch for Health?"

Dr. Thie replied, "We can help people relieve their physical pains all day long. However, to truly help others, you need to help them identify meaningful goals and help them to understand what they want to accomplish in life. What is their Gestalt? What is the purpose of their life? If we truly want to help people, we need to help them take that next step in discovering themselves. Then we are really accomplishing something."

The evidence from my twelve years of research supports these statements by Dr. Thie. Touch for Health can be very effective in relieving physical pain. More importantly, Touch for Health with Goal-setting can be extremely powerful by relieving mental, emotional and physical pain, simultaneously while using holistic techniques. While using the Touch for Health techniques, we have been able to achieve similar results that Dr. Thie achieved. Of course, Dr. Thie was the master. I think it is significant that we were able to achieve results within 10% of his. And, more importantly, in our larger sampling, similar results were recorded.

Summary	JT	EC	GC	All	+/-
Goal-setting	90%	81%	88%	82%	9%
Conditions	50%	48%	47%	45%	5%
Total	80%	70%	69%	70%	11%

I think we achieved closer results to Dr. Thie's while using conditions because with Goal Setting, Dr. Thie was a master at weaving the Metaphors from the Five Elements, Meridians and Muscles so elegantly together. He would do this while carrying on a conversation with the client in a way that was directly related to the goal but did not seem clinical in nature. This is something I wish to replicate and get closer to his results.

### Challenges for TFH Research

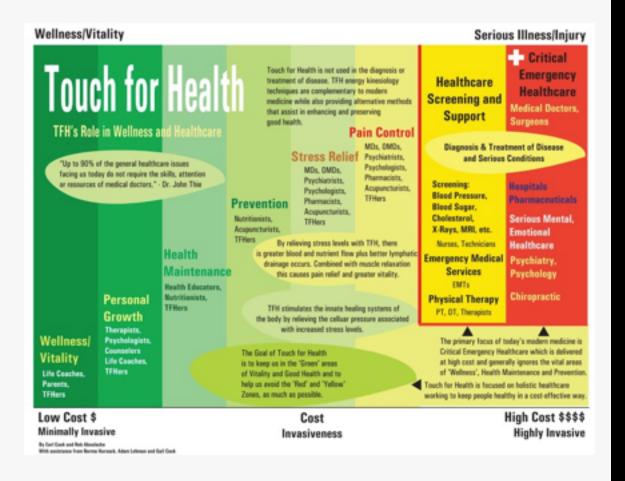
#### Two Primary Challenges to TFH Research

- Client's self-assessment of current level of pain, anxiety, discomfort and stress
- 2. 'Subjectivity' of muscle testing

#### Overcoming the Challenges:

- Client's self-assessment of pain and discomfort is a shared challenge with research of ALL protocols, allopathic and CAM.
- 2. Ways for countering and reducing the subjectivity of the muscle test:
  - a. Proficiency of the tester. Various skill levels from student to professional
  - Tester and Client both agree upon the results of a muscle test
  - c. The muscle test can be used to verify starting and ending values (monitoring stress)
  - d. Empirical data will reduce abnormal results as patterns emerge

Touch for Health is focused on: Wellness & Vitality; Personal Growth; Health Maintenance; Prevention; Stress Relief; Pain Control and not serious illness or injury. With the exception of Stress Relief and Pain Control, these are difficult areas to measure. Cost and Invasiveness are easily measured.



# Double Blind Study the Gold Standard of Research

I have a Double Blind Study that I would like to conduct. Due to the sample size, support staff and organization, it has not occurred to this date. If you are able to help fund this project or can help secure funding, please contact me.

The eTouch for Health system is a tool that can be used to conduct and record the results of the Double-blind research study.

### **Practical Research Goals**

- 1. For which conditions is Touch for Health most effective?
- 2. Which muscles should always be tested for a condition?
- 3. Which area of the body is Touch for Health most effective in relieving pain?
  - a) Shoulder
  - b) Hip
  - c) Leg
  - d) Knee
  - e) Ankle
- 4. Which is more effective?
  - a) Balance-as-you-go
  - b) One-point Assessment
- 5. Which techniques are most effective?
- 6. Bottom line do we have a tool that can provide meaningful research results?

# **Proposed Research Studies**

This is a list of proposed research studies that are included in eTouch version 3.33 and later. The Study ID can be entered when the Session is created. Later, all sessions for a Study ID's can be selected and used in research analysis and reports.

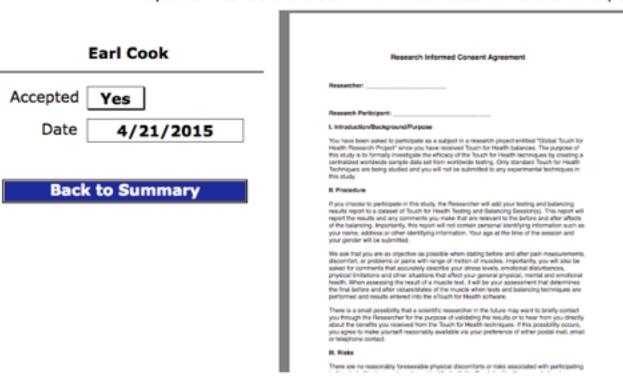
Main Menu	Rese	arch Studies Update Studies	
Study ID	Study Name	Notes	Sessions
1.0	General TFH Balancing	Includes all types of balances (Goals or Conditions); 14 or 42-muscles; Balance-as-you-Go or One Point Assessments.	2
2.0	14 Muscles, Goal, BAYG	Goal-based session with 14 muscles while balancing as you go.	
2.1	14 Muscles, Goal, Assessment	Goal-based session with 14 muscles with one-point assessment balance.	2
2.2	42 Muscles, Goal, BAYG	Goal-based session with 42 muscles while balancing as you go.	
2.3	42 Muscles, Goal, Assessment	Goal-based session with 42 muscles with one-point assessment balance.	
3.0	14 Muscles, Condition, BAYG	Condition-based session with 14 muscles while balancing as you go.	
3.1	14 Muscles, Condition, Assessment	Condition-based session with 14 muscles with one-point assessment balance.	
3.2	42 Muscles, Condition, BAYG	Condition-based session with 42 muscles while balancing as you go.	
3.3	42 Muscles, Condition, Assessment	Condition-based session with 42 muscles with one-point assessment balance.	

### Research Legal Agreement

eTouch for Health now includes a sample Research Participation Agreement. This sample can then be modified to 1 the legal requirements o the researcher's local legal jurisdiction. Acceptance can be tracked in the client' personal record.

#### Research Participation Agreement

This agreement is based upon the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) standard informed consent agreement. No personal information is contained in the eTouch for Health Research Reports. Only Age, Gender and Session Results are reported. It is necessary for Accepted to equal to 'Yes' before eTouch will include session results for a person.



The Research Participation
Agreement should meet the
legal regulations of your area.

Check with a legal
representative in your area to
assure that your agreement
meets the regulations of your
nation or area.

You are responsible for the
legality of the agreement that
you are using.

Import Agreement

11/30/2014

Informed Consent Agreeement			
Research Agreement	Yes	Apr 21, 2015	Agreement

In research analysis and reports, it is possible to select only those client's that have accepted your legal agreement.

### **About Earl Cook**

Earl, along with his wife, Gail, began learning and using Touch for Health in 1976. In the late 1970's, Earl began working with advanced computers. Later, he began his own consulting and software development firm and solved complex problems for some of the largest organizations in the world. He began the *eTouch* software in 1988 and after he and Gail worked full-time for two years in close relationship with Dr. John Thie, *eTouch* first shipped December, 2003 and is being used in homes, clinics, schools and spas in over 75 countries. After approximately 30,000 hours of work between the couple, *eTouch* has reached a high maturity after 12 years of continual development and improvements in technology and features. While the Cook's receive benefits from the sales of eTouch, the returns have only been a fraction of the investment and tremendous effort expended to this date. This last version is a huge milestone. Earl was presented the 2010 IKC John Thie Award at Kyoto University where he was also a keynote speaker, for his work in research and promoting the dreams of Dr. Thie.

#### Other health related projects

- Apple Computer asked Earl to present the new capabilities of desktop publishing to communications managers for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) before the CDC conducted the largest preventive health campaign in history. The CDC later contacted every mailable address in the USA with information on how AIDS was transmitted and how to prevent the transmission.
- Earl participated in a software development project as a project manager and programmer for one of the largest research hospitals in the USA for children's diseases. The purpose of the project was to dynamically create research studies, send the research study guidelines to selected researchers around the world and then receive results back from the researchers.
- Earl created the John Thie Memorial Online Research Database to collect results submitted from eTouch via the Internet. This was a leadingedge project using a PHP front end for a Internet based relational database system. It was an advanced as well as complex system. It worked in several of Dr. Thie's last presentations and captured the 2005 balancing session from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Due to technical complexities and lack of budget, this system is temporarily not functioning. But with a few tweaks and a budget, it can be reactivated.
- While functioning as Research Chair of the Touch for Kinesiology Assoc. in the USA, Earl began an online center of links for anyone wishing
  to conduct or access research studies listed in peer-reviewed journals and authoritative databases from government, academic and research
  organizations in subjects related to Touch for Health: www.etouchforhealth.com/research/ Earl expanded upon this idea and created a
  collection of links to studies that he had found while in the TFHKA project. This is also a complete table of the different TFH techniques:
  http://www.etouchforhealth.com/research/abstracts\_menu.html

# Contributions to the TFH Model by Earl Cook

1988 - 2015: eTouch for Health software

- Codification of model ( Elements, Meridians, Muscles, Techniques, Clients, Sessions)
- Separation of Session Focus between Goal Setting and Condition-based
- Connection between Dr. Thie's observations about common conditions for specific muscles to muscle record selection
- Ability to create a session based upon any selection of muscles
- Ability to add muscles associated with conditions if they were not part of the 14 muscle or random selection of muscles
- · Severity scale integrated with color-coding for recording results of muscle tests
- Integrated the Touch for Health Metaphors by John & Matthew Thie into the eTouch software
- 2003 2004: John F. Thie Memorial Research Library online relational database that would accept submissions from eTouch via Internet
- 2004: Research study design involving Dr. John Thie, Georgia State University Professor Yong 'Tai' Wang, PhD and Earl Cook
- 2006: TFHKA-sponsored membership allowing access to the National Standard Research Database of Complementary and Alternative Medicine of published online studies. Discovered that Touch for Health was not in any of the lists for research
- 2007: Created an online collection of abstracts focused on studies related to Touch for Health and techniques. The first page included studies conducted on the Validity of the Manual Muscle test and included studies discovered on the National Standard Research Database. Our studies, at this time, seemed to spur renewed interest in Touch for Health by the Applied Kinesiology researchers. It was at this time that George Goodheart, DC and Dr. Scott Cuthbert, DC, began a renewed effort into research and began publishing their results. These efforts help to slightly thaw and improve the relationship between AK and TFH
- 2008: Created a research Home Page that included links to: TFH Abstracts; Related Abstracts; Online Medical Research Databases sponsored by government, academic and research organizations; Online Alternative Research Databases and sources:

#### www.etouchforhealth.com/research/

- 2010: Awarded the 2010 IKC John Thie Award in Kyoto, Japan for contributions to research and promotion of Touch for Health
- 2015: Added new research capabilities into eTouch so that all users around the world can perform their own personal research.
- 2015: Presentation of the results of empirical evidence collected over a 12-year period comparing average improvement values