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About WWWQ

Wang 望: inspection

Wen 闻: listening & smelling

Wen 问: inquiry

Qie 切: palpation

Announcement of ATCMS Autumn Seminar on September 27, 2015

Dear ATCMS Members and AOM Colleagues:

It is our pleasure to announce that ATCMS will host the Autumn Seminar at Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel in Flushing, NYC, on Sunday, September 27, 2015. On behalf of ATCMS, we cordially invite everyone to attend this event.

During the upcoming seminar, Dr. Ning Ma, a famous AOM practitioner in Manhattan, New York city, will give us a talk on the following topics:

1. The Acupuncture treatment for lower back pain due to muscle problem;
2. New approaches for treating Tinnitus and hyperthyroidism under Nei-Jing theory.

Dr. Ma will share his knowledge and clinical experience through analysis of lumbo- sacral anatomy to make clear diagnosis and describe proper treatment protocols and formulas of acupuncture and Chinese herbs accordingly. Also, he will introduce his new approaches for treating Tinnitus and hyperthyroidism according to Nei-Jing theory. At the end of this seminar, he will demonstrate his acupuncture needling techniques.

Graduating from Shan-Dong University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Dr. Ma has earned degrees in Bachelor of Medicine, Master of Science in Acupuncture and PHD. of Cardiac internal medicine. After immigrating to U.S., Dr. Ma served in Pacific College of Oriental Medicine (NY) as the Chairman of clinical department. He also successfully established the Acupuncture program in the Rehabilitation Medicine department at St. Vincent's Hospital Center NY, the first one in U.S. Dr. Ma also devotes his time to promote TCM to Western medical society. He is a well-known practitioner with busy clinical schedule.

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The highlights of this seminar will include:

- Classification of the diagnosis of lower back pain through detailed study of lumbo-sacral and pelvic muscular anatomy.
- Acupuncture Treatment points selection and needling techniques for lower back pain and related lower limb pain due to various muscular issues.
- Acupuncture Treatment for Tinnitus.
- Acupuncture Treatment for hyperthyroidism.

This seminar will start at 10:00 am and end at 4:30 pm (Registration: 9:00 am - 10:00 am). Attendees will obtain 6 NCCAOM CEUs. For detailed information, please read "The Notice of ATCMS fall Seminar" in this newsletter, or contact Dr. Liao at: 917-605-5819.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on September 27, 2015.

Academic Sub-committee
American TCM Society (ATCMS)

ATCMS Workshop Announcement

Considering our acupuncture colleagues' requirement, ATCMS will arrange a workshop right after the seminars on Sept. 27, 2014. On the upcoming workshop, we will invite Dr. Ning Ma to demonstrate the following acupuncture techniques: 1) channel and connection bleeding, 2) Sinew acupuncture technique: Lu's jumping needle vs Lu's Oblique technique. 3) Cooling the sky technique etc.

Date & Time: Sunday, Sept. 27, 2014, 6:30pm—8:30pm

Location: 140-08 Sanford Ave., C Floor, Flushing, NY 11355
(the corner of Sanford Ave. & Kissena Blvd. "Superior medical office")

Language: Presented in Chinese and translated in English

Fee: ATCMS & UANYSLA member and student: \$60; others: \$80

Registration: Pre-registration required. Please make a check (payable to ATCMS) and mail it with your personal contact information (including your name, telephone number, and email address) to: ATCMS, 14 East 34th Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10016.

Due to limited seats, acceptance is based on first-come, first served policy. Please register ASAP. If you have any questions, please email to: firstacu@hotmail.com, or call Dr. Shi at: 516-906-1120. We also accept online registration and payment at: www.atcms.org

Acupuncture and Chiropractic Care: Utilization and Electronic Medical Record Capture

Charles Elder, MD, MPH, et al
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ABSTRACT

Objectives: To describe acupuncture and chiropractic use among patients with chronic musculoskeletal pain (CMP) at a health maintenance organization, and explore issues of benefit design and electronic medical record (EMR) capture.

Study Design: Cross-sectional survey.

Methods: Kaiser Permanente members meeting EMR diagnostic criteria for CMP were invited to participate. The survey included questions about self-identified presence of CMP, use of acupuncture and chiropractic care, use of ancillary self-care modalities, and communication with conventional medicine practitioners. Analysis of survey data was supplemented with a retrospective review of EMR utilization data.

Results: Of 6068 survey respondents, 32% reported acupuncture use, 47% reported chiropractic use, 21% used both, and 42% used neither. For 25% of patients using acupuncture and 43% of those using chiropractic care, utilization was undetected by the EMR. Thirty-five percent of acupuncture users and 42% of chiropractic users did not discuss this care with their health maintenance organization (HMO) clinicians. Among chiropractic users, those accessing care out of plan were older ($P < .01$), were more likely to use long-term opioids ($P = .03$), and had more pain diagnoses ($P = .01$) than those accessing care via clinician referral or self-referral. For acupuncture, those using the clinician referral mechanism exhibited these same characteristics.

Conclusions: A majority of participants had used acupuncture, chiropractic care, or both. While benefit structure may materially influence utilization patterns, many patients with CMP use acupuncture and chiropractic care without regard to their insurance coverage. A substantial percentage of acupuncture and chiropractic use thus occurs beyond detection of EMR systems, and many patients do not report such care to their HMO clinicians.

Take-Away Points

- A majority of health maintenance organization (HMO) participants with chronic musculoskeletal pain had used acupuncture, chiropractic care, or both.
- While benefit structure may materially influence utilization patterns, many patients with chronic pain use acupuncture and chiropractic care without regard to their insurance coverage.
- A substantial percentage of acupuncture and chiropractic use occurs beyond detection of electronic medical record systems, and many patients do not report their acupuncture and chiropractic utilization to their HMO clinicians.
- Better acupuncture and chiropractic integration offers opportunities for improved management algorithms and more efficient utilization of resources.

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(Registration: 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

Place: Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 7th Floor, Gallery Room
135-20 39th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354

Title: (1) The Acupuncture treatment for lower back pain due to muscle problem;
(2) New approaches for treating Tinnitus and hyperthyroidism under Nei-Jing theory.

Speaker: Ning Ma, Ph.D., L.Ac.

Language: Presentation in Chinese with English real-time translation,
20 headsets, first-come, first-served basis.
For reservation: atcmsny@gmail.com

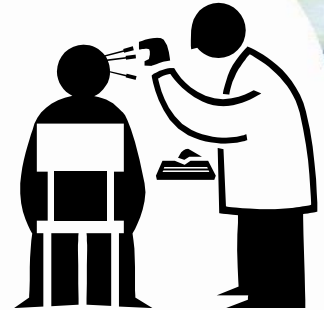
Credits : 6 NCCAOM CEU

Fees: \$60 for ATCMS & UANYSLA members and students, \$90 for others

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