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UPCOMING 2012 MEETING DATE

November 21, 2012

No sessions December & January and July & August

Use this as a positive reminder of our upcoming meeting dates!

Tony De Marco Honored by the NGH

At the NGH Convention in August, Tony was appointed to the National Guild of Hypnotists Board of Governors, joining Dr. Dwight Damon, Elsom Elridge, Maurice Kershaw, and Arnold Levison. Two years ago, Tony was also honored with the Rexford L. North Award, the highest award of the NGH. His dedication to the profession, fairness, and loyalty has always been paramount with Tony.

Pain Management Health....Hypnosis, Meditation & Relaxation WEB MD Online

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Pain Management Health Hypnosis, Meditation, and Relaxation for Pain Treatment

Stress and pain are intimately related. When being in pain causes stress or being stressed worsens pain, psychological therapies – including hypnosis, meditation, and relaxation – may help break the cycle. For pain therapists, these treatments, which focus on the relationship between the mind and body, are considered mainstream. For other health professionals, they may be considered alternative or complementary therapies. Regardless of how they are labeled, there is evidence that for many people they work. If you're considering trying one of these approaches to pain relief, here's what you need to know:

Hypnosis : For many, the word hypnotize brings to mind a parlor game or nightclub act, where a man with a swinging watch gets volunteers to walk like a chicken or bark like a dog. But clinical, or medical hypnosis is more than fun and games. It is an altered state of awareness used by licensed thera-

pists to treat psychological or physical problems. During hypnosis, the conscious part of the brain is temporarily tuned out as the person focuses on relaxation and lets go of distracting thoughts. The American Society of Clinical Hypnotists likens hypnosis to using a magnifying glass to focus the rays of the sun and make them more powerful. When our minds are concentrated and focused, we are able to use them more powerfully. When hypnotized, a person may experience physiologic changes such as a slowing of the pulse and respiration, and an increase in alpha brain waves. The person may also become more open to specific suggestions and goals such as reducing pain. In the post-suggestion phase, the therapist reinforces continued use of the new behavior.

Benefits of Hypnosis

Research has shown medical hypnosis to be helpful for acute and chronic pain. In 1996, a panel of the National Institutes of Health found hypnosis to be effective in easing cancer pain. More recent studies have demonstrated its effectiveness for pain related to burns, cancer, and rheumatoid arthritis and reduction of anxiety associated with surgery. An analysis of 18 studies by researchers at Mount Sinai

School of Medicine in New York revealed moderate to large pain-relieving effects from hypnosis, supporting the effectiveness of hypnotic techniques for pain management. If you want to try hypnosis, you can expect to see a practitioner by yourself for a course of hour-long or half-hour long treatments, although some practitioners may start with a longer initial consultation and follow up with 10- to 15-minute appointments. Your therapist can give you a post-hypnotic suggestion that will enable you to induce self-hypnosis after the

Hype or Happy?

Sebastian H.W. Schulz-Stubner, MD, PhD

Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine

If you think pain is where the wound is, think again. In some cases, it is actually in your head – and medical hypnosis can help.

According to Sebastian H.W. Schulz-Stubner, MD, PhD, an assistant professor of anesthesia at the University of Iowa's Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City, it's time that the

stereotype that hypnosis is simply grand-standing entertainment. As I discussed in Daily Health News, November 1, 2004, hypnosis is used today for a number of real medical challenges, including anxiety relief, smoking cessation and pain control.

A NATURAL PALLIATIVE FOR PAIN

Hypnosis can help relieve many types of pain – including chronic pain, cancer pain, headache and labor pain – by decreasing the intensity of the pain signal perceived by the brain, although the exact location where hypnosis interferes in the pain perception process still is unknown, says Dr. Schulz-Stubner. It is most effective when used in combination with more standard modalities of pain relief, and in an individually modified manner. Studies show that when hypnosis is employed preceding invasive medical procedures, patients experience less pain and anxiety.

Dr. Schulz-Stubner would not use hypnosis to replace anesthesia, at least in a North American population, where we seem to hold stereotypes about hypnosis as entertainment. However, he notes that it is a good way to provide sedation and comfort while a regional block provides anesthesia for the part of the body the surgeon is operating on. Hypnosis can also make the placement of the blocks more comfortable.

Past Life Regression by Brian Weiss, MD

History Lessons

Brian L. Weiss, MD
Mount Sinai Medical Center

Many people believe that hypnosis means being put under the spell of a Svengali-like individual who makes you stare at a swinging gold watch and do embarrassing things like imitating a chicken...

In reality, hypnosis is a form of focused concentration in a very relaxed state that is used to help people suffering from anxiety, depression, phobias or panic attacks, explains Brian L. Weiss, MD, chairman emeritus of psychiatry at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami, Florida, and author of *Mirrors of Time: Using Regression for Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Healing* (Hay House) and *Same Soul, Many Bodies* (Free Press).

At his medical center in Miami, Dr. Weiss and his colleagues use hypnosis as a tool to help patients recall incidents from their past that may have contributed to their present problems. Often, remembering past trauma is the key to understanding and controlling current challenges.

A PEEK INTO THE PAST

Dr. Weiss uses hypnosis techniques, such as deep, rhythmic breathing and progressive muscle relaxation, to help a person enter a deeper state. In this altered state of consciousness, one's memory is enhanced. At this point, Dr. Weiss instructs the person to go back in time to the traumatic event. Depending on the individual, the relevant incident(s) may have taken place in childhood, adolescence or, believe it or not, a past life.

Next, he asks, "Where are you? What do you see?" If someone has a fear of heights, he/she might remember almost falling off a rooftop as a child. Or perhaps she will travel back further in time to a perceived past life, in which she was thrown from the wall of a castle.

Dr. Weiss does not tell his patients where in time to go. If the anxiety is coming from childhood or adolescence, that's naturally where they return. Likewise, if the anxiety-provoking event occurred in a past life, a person will go back to that. (We'll talk more about past lives in an upcoming issue.)

Practically speaking, past-life regression therapy takes an average of three to 10 sessions. Serious cases of anxiety or depression may require more time. Dr. Weiss says that success is directly related to the ability to concentrate. This means that people who are psychotic or have dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, are not good candidates. However, it works for most everyone else.

Approximately 85% of the population can be hypnotized. About two-thirds of his patients have memories from what they consider past lives.

A WORD TO THE SKEPTICS

If you're thinking that the concept of past lives is a bit far-fetched, so did Dr. Weiss. Following a traditional education at Columbia University and Yale Medical School, Dr. Weiss, too, was skeptical when, in 1979, one of his patients began recalling past-life trauma. Skepticism eventually gave way to belief, however,

when the patient channeled personal messages about Dr. Weiss's family that she had no earthly way of knowing. In many cases, relevant facts about past-life regressions also can be validated. Since then, Dr. Weiss has successfully completed past-life regression therapy with more than 4,000 patients.

Dr. Weiss notes that you can choose to believe that you are returning to past lives or take the incidents identified during the treatment session as a symbol or metaphor. Whatever it is, on a therapeutic level, it helps healing.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO MEDICATION

Hypnosis and regression therapy offer helpful alternatives to standard treatment with drugs. People with anxiety and depression often are given large doses of anxiety medications or antidepressants, which, like all medicines, have potential side effects. Whenever possible, it is preferable to find methods of treatment other than medication.

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HOW IT WORKS

Hypnosis usually begins with a concentration exercise and goes on to use body sensations and visualization. The imagery chosen can be highly individual, but common themes are nature and travel, family and home, and personal skills.

According to Dr. Schulz-Stubner, hypnosis does not

work on everyone. On average, 60% of people can reach a deep level of hypnosis for pain control... 20% reach a superficial level... and the remaining 20% reach an insufficient level – or none at all.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Dr. Schulz-Stubner observes that hypnosis is similar to meditation exercises. The goal is to eventually use this practice on your own. This is called self-hypnosis (or in Europe, auto-suggestive training), and provides people with another valuable tool to control various types of pain, such as headache, chronic nerve or muscle pain or cancer pain.

Hypnosis is more widely used in Europe, especially in psychotherapy, but also for sedation and relaxation purposes (for example, in dentists' offices). Here in the US, it is gradually gaining greater acceptance.

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) is currently recruiting patients to test the effectiveness of self-hypnotic relaxation to control distress from minimally invasive surgical procedures. Analgesics and sedatives have limited effectiveness and serious side effects in these cases.

Hypnosis & Children

by Geoffrey Knight

There are many children's problems that hypnotherapy can help with. And, the great thing is that children are usually excellent hypnotic subjects. They have such wonderful imaginations that you can induce the hypnotic state easily and rapidly by getting them, for example, to imagine taking off in a space craft or taking part in their favorite television program or movie. A surprisingly large percentage of childhood complaints stem from unresolved emotional issues. Many children, for example, who suffer from Bronchial Asthma are anxiety-ridden, lack confidence and are dependent on one or both of their parents to an extreme degree. There may be physical factors that are directly implicated, but often the parent is told that the child will "grow out of it". More likely the child (and maybe even the parent) simply matures enough to resolve the emotional issues that triggered the problem in the first place.

Allergies are another problem suffered by children, and allergic reactions are often associated with stress. There can be a whole host of stressful events in a child's life such as relations with siblings, school, dependency on a parent, fear of interaction with peer groups, and aggression towards one or both parents sometimes arising from a past traumatic event. You may have heard about an experiment carried out on children whose allergen was flower pollen. In hypnosis they were asked to smell a rose in a sealed glass jar, whereupon they immediately had an asthmatic attack. Subsequently under therapy they were instructed in ways to control, and then stop altogether, having asthmatic attacks, principally through the use of self-hypnosis. Nail biting, stuttering, various kinds of habitual spasms, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), can all be addressed by hypnosis. I am not saying hypnosis is always successful, but in the substantial majority of cases I have seen and treated, the child has achieved a satisfactory outcome. Perhaps the one factor that I enjoy most is giving a child an effective therapy that does not rely on synthetic drugs. Even if I had the power to prescribe pharmaceuticals, I would never wish to do so because of the great potential for harm.

I believe that the over-diagnosis of children as having Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and ADHD has been to the detriment of many of the children concerned. The practice by teachers, schools and some child psychologists of labeling the children and putting them on Ritalin has been the subject of recent criticism from the media, which has helped reduce the practice to some extent. Current research indicates that in bona fide cases of ADD and ADHD, the cause is a lack of Dopamine in the frontal lobe of the brain, which controls the child's ability to program and organize their lives. Some more effective recent derivatives of Ritalin called 'Adderall' and 'Concerta' have improved release of dopamine through a twelve hour day, and greatly aided the ability of a child to function normally. Children whose parents think their child might have ADD or ADHD, should consult a child psychologist who specializes in this area to test if they have this disorder. Hypnosis is able to play a secondary role in changing thought patterns in the child and can make effective changes in the child's behavior complimentary with prescribed drugs.

In a study on Dyslexia in 1975, Crasilneck and Hall showed that over 75% of dyslexic children can be helped with direct hypnosis. Following hypnotherapy that included suggestions for improving performance and pronunciation, recognition of words became automatic and more rapid. The results in this study were as good as, or slightly better than, those reported by special behavior modifiers. Nocturnal Enuresis, or bed wetting, is particularly distressing to both child and parents. There are a number of possible physical causes that need to be checked out by a doctor. Equally there are a number of psychogenic factors that may play a role such as loss of a mother, sibling rivalry, emotional immaturity due to over-protection etc. Very often the symptom is a form of passive rebellion by the child against the parent. The child discovers that when he wets his bed he has a real weapon against his parent, and often he will continue this pattern long after the original cause for his hostility is forgotten. Bed wetting is a difficult problem to overcome because you have to help the child establish a motivation for bringing about a change in his life. Hypnotherapy can also help other behavior disorders such as thumb sucking and examination anxiety. Finally, there is the terror of the dentist's chair. There are a few enlightened dentists who have had an adequate training in hypnosis and can eliminate the child's phobia of the dentist's chair by using hypnosis. A professional hypnotherapist is able to use post hypnotic suggestions with the child before the visit to the dentist. In extreme cases the therapist can accompany the child to the dentist, and immediately bring about a deep hypnotic trace state by a simple cued induction. You do need a sympathetic dentist. Like adults, child can be easily regressed in hypnosis and can then reveal the underlying cause of their problem. There is an effective therapy called the "Talking Puppet Therapy" where the child states to a puppet, in the hypnotic state, their fears and hang-ups about parents, teachers, siblings, school etc. The puppet is the grown up they normally will not speak to or about. The hypnotherapist is then able to reframe that which has been spoken about by the child to his or her great benefit. Here is a list of children's problems hypnosis is known to be able to help:

- Bed Wetting •Nail Biting •Weight Reduction •Sugars •Nightmares •Stress •Enjoying Life
- Fears •Pain Control •Surviving a Divorce •Don't Start Smoking •Conduct at Home
- Conduct at School •Improved Grades •Improved Reading •Improved Writing •Test Anxieties

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Schedule: The time is growing near. Free Financial Arrangements must be completed by September 15th, 2012 in order to qualify. For 3 payments Call Dr. John Gatto now: 908 964 4467

Basic Hypnosis..... October 6/7 & 13/14, 2012

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Advanced Clinical Hypnosis Certification.....November 3/4 & 10/11

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2010 MEETING DATE

Wednesday: September 19, 2012

Networking: 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

Presentation: 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Place:

Galloping Hill Inn, Union, NJ

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Members receive CEU credits for attending meetings.

DIRECTIONS:

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ROUTE 22: Take the Union exit on Morris Avenue (Kean University). Proceed toward Elizabeth on Morris Avenue for 1/4 mile. Turn right on Salem Road and go to the end.

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