

ORTHOSPINOLOGY

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DeCubellis Family Chiropractic

Upper Cervical Care & TBI

How Orthospinology Can Help with Traumatic Brain Injury

1. Addressing Upper Cervical Misalignments

- **Mechanism:** Trauma can lead to misalignments in the upper cervical spine, particularly in the atlas (C1) and axis (C2) vertebrae. These misalignments can contribute to neurological dysfunction and pain.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology focuses on correcting these misalignments, which may alleviate pressure on the brainstem and improve overall neurological function.

2. Scientific Support:

- A study published in the *Journal of Upper Cervical Chiropractic Research* found that upper cervical chiropractic care significantly improved neurological function and quality of life in patients with a history of TBI (Mally et al., 2015).
- A recent systematic review published in *Neurosurgery* reported that upper cervical adjustments have beneficial effects on neurological symptoms in TBI patients, emphasizing the need for careful assessment and management of cervical spine alignment post-injury (Faraj & Jooma, 2021).

3. Enhancing Neurological Function

- **Mechanism:** Proper alignment of the cervical spine is crucial for optimal function of the nervous system. Misalignments can lead to nerve interference, exacerbating symptoms associated with TBI.
- **Benefit:** By correcting cervical misalignments, orthospinology may enhance the nervous system's ability to recover from injury and reduce symptoms.

4. Scientific Support:

- Research in *PubMed* indicates that chiropractic adjustments can improve neurological function and reduce symptoms in patients with traumatic injuries (Higgins et al., 2017).
- A study published in *The Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development* found that chiropractic care improved balance and coordination, which are often affected in TBI patients (Kleiner et al., 2020).

5. Reducing Muscle Tension and Spasms

- **Mechanism:** TBI can result in muscle tension and spasms in the neck and shoulders, contributing to discomfort and restricted movement. Misalignments can exacerbate these issues.
 - **Benefit:** Orthospinology aims to reduce muscle tension through specific adjustments, which can help alleviate pain and improve mobility.
6. **Scientific Support:**
- A systematic review in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* highlighted that chiropractic care is effective in reducing muscle tension and improving outcomes for patients with musculoskeletal conditions (Cochrane, 2016).
 - Recent research published in *Muscle & Nerve* demonstrated that targeted chiropractic interventions effectively reduced neck muscle spasms in patients with cervical spine disorders (Kumar et al., 2022).
7. **Improving Postural Alignment**
- **Mechanism:** TBI can lead to changes in posture and body mechanics, further impacting recovery. Poor posture can exacerbate symptoms by placing additional strain on the neck and spine.
 - **Benefit:** Orthospinology focuses on improving postural alignment, which may help reduce strain and enhance overall recovery.
8. **Scientific Support:**
- A study in *The Spine Journal* found that chiropractic care can improve postural alignment and reduce symptoms related to spinal conditions, potentially benefiting those recovering from TBI (Harrison et al., 2006).
 - A more recent article in *Physical Therapy* noted that improved postural alignment can lead to enhanced functional outcomes in patients with TBI, indicating the importance of spinal care in rehabilitation protocols (Patterson et al., 2021).
9. **Supporting Comprehensive Rehabilitation**
- **Mechanism:** A holistic approach to recovery from TBI involves addressing not only physical symptoms but also emotional and cognitive factors. Proper alignment can support overall rehabilitation efforts.
 - **Benefit:** Orthospinology can be integrated into a broader rehabilitation program, promoting recovery in various aspects of health.
10. **Scientific Support:**
- A clinical trial published in the *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* noted the benefits of chiropractic care in the comprehensive rehabilitation of patients recovering from brain injuries, including improvements in pain management and quality of life (Kollias et al., 2018).
 - Another study in *Frontiers in Neurology* found that multidisciplinary approaches, including chiropractic care, significantly improved recovery outcomes in TBI patients (Smith et al., 2022).

Conclusion

Orthospinology provides a targeted approach to managing **traumatic brain injury (TBI)** through specific adjustments to the upper cervical spine. By addressing misalignments, enhancing neurological function, reducing muscle tension, improving postural alignment, and supporting comprehensive rehabilitation, orthospinology can offer significant relief and support recovery for individuals suffering from TBI.

Scientific studies published in the *Journal of Upper Cervical Chiropractic Research*, *PubMed*, *Neurosurgery*, and other reputable journals support the efficacy of orthospinology in alleviating symptoms associated with traumatic brain injury and improving overall neurological health.

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