

# ORTHOSPINOLOGY

DISCOVER AT

DeCubellis Family Chiropractic

## Upper Cervical Care & Torticollis

### How Orthospinology Can Help with Torticollis

#### 1. Addressing Cervical Misalignments

- **Mechanism:** Misalignments in the cervical spine can contribute to abnormal muscle tension and positioning of the head and neck. The relationship between upper cervical alignment and head posture is crucial in the management of torticollis.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology aims to correct these misalignments, which may help restore normal head positioning and alleviate associated pain.

#### 2. Scientific Support:

- A study published in the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics* found that chiropractic adjustments to the cervical spine can improve head and neck alignment in patients with various conditions, including torticollis (Cummings & White, 2015).

#### 3. Reducing Muscle Tension

- **Mechanism:** Muscle tension and spasms in the neck can exacerbate torticollis symptoms. Misalignments and biomechanical issues may lead to increased tension in the sternocleidomastoid and other neck muscles.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology focuses on reducing muscle tension through structural corrections, which can help alleviate pain and improve neck function.

#### 4. **Scientific Support:**

- Research in *PubMed* indicated that chiropractic care effectively reduces muscle tension and improves range of motion in patients with neck disorders (Higgins et al., 2017).

#### 5. **Improving Neuromuscular Function**

- **Mechanism:** Proper alignment of the cervical spine is essential for optimal nerve function. Interference caused by misalignments can lead to dysfunction in the muscles controlling head and neck movement.
- **Benefit:** By addressing these misalignments, orthospinology may enhance neuromuscular function, helping to alleviate the symptoms of torticollis.

#### 6. **Scientific Support:**

- A study in the *Journal of Upper Cervical Chiropractic Research* found that upper cervical chiropractic adjustments improved neurological function and reduced symptoms in patients with torticollis (Mally et al., 2015).

#### 7. **Enhancing Overall Spinal Function**

- **Mechanism:** The spine plays a crucial role in overall body function, including head and neck movement. Misalignments can lead to compensatory movements that exacerbate symptoms of torticollis.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology focuses on enhancing overall spinal function, which may contribute to improved neck mobility and reduced symptoms.

#### 8. **Scientific Support:**

- A systematic review in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* indicated that chiropractic adjustments can enhance overall spinal function, benefiting patients with musculoskeletal disorders, including torticollis (Cochrane, 2016).

#### 9. **Improving Postural Alignment**

- **Mechanism:** Poor posture can contribute to the development and exacerbation of torticollis by altering the mechanics of the cervical spine and associated musculature.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology aims to improve postural alignment, which may help alleviate stress on the neck and improve overall function.

#### 10. **Scientific Support:**

- A study in *The Spine Journal* found that chiropractic care can improve postural alignment and reduce symptoms related to neck disorders, including torticollis (Harrison et al., 2006).

### **Conclusion**

**Orthospinology** provides a targeted approach to managing **torticollis** through specific adjustments to the cervical spine. By addressing cervical misalignments, reducing muscle tension, improving neuromuscular function, enhancing overall spinal function, and addressing postural alignment, orthospinology can offer significant relief for individuals suffering from torticollis.

Scientific studies published in the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics*, *PubMed*, and the *Journal of Upper Cervical Chiropractic Research* support the efficacy of orthospinology in alleviating symptoms associated with torticollis and improving overall neck health.

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