

A Qualitative Study to Define Osteopathic Palpation Perception and Create a Theoretical Model

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2. Examine external sources to elaborate on OPP

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Methodology

Literature Overviews and Reviews

- **Qualitative methodology literature overview**
- **Literature review proper (of the topic)**
- **Osteopathic literature review (for the topic)**
- **External source literature review**

Methodology

Sampling Strategies

- **Convenience**
- **Snowball**
- **Key Informants**

Methodology

Data Analysis

- **Template**
- **Immersion/Crystallization**

Methodology

Addressing Research Q. 1

- **Survey & Interview with 24 Osteopaths**
- **Survey closed-ended Q's**
- **Interview open-ended Q's**

Findings

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Palpation

Continuum from *contact* to *perception*

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Key Elements Identified

- Intention
- Attention
- Receptivity
- Perceptual Pathways (+ amorphous element)
- Relationship (Object/Subject)
- Insight/Intuition

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“Therapeutic Insight”

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Research Q. 2

What information can external sources contribute to a theoretical understanding of sensory palpation?

Research Q. 3

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Both Q's addressed in a linked manner

Findings

Table 12. Key Elements and External Sources Examined

Definition Terms	Key Elements	External Source Materials Examined
<i>Selective</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Intention o Attention 	Biophysics - Water Consciousness Philosophy Quantum Physics Biology
<i>Receptive</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Receptivity 	Biophysics - Water Consciousness Philosophy Quantum Physics
<i>Amorphous</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Perceptual Pathways 	Biology Biophysics - Water Consciousness Philosophy Quantum Physics
<i>Interchange</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Relationship • Objectivity/Subjectivity 	Consciousness Philosophy Quantum Physics
<i>Insight</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Insight/Intuition 	Consciousness Philosophy Quantum Physics



Findings

1. Mechanistic and Complex Descriptions
2. Dialogue within Palpation
3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

Findings

1. Mechanistic and Complex Descriptions

Mechanistic

- *Osteopath moves structure*

Findings

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Complex

- *Structure moves still Osteopath*
- Blending/merging

Findings

2. Dialogue within Palpation

Interview Q. 7 (and sub-questions)

- Do you ask questions through your palpation?
- If so, what sort of questions do you ask?
- How is this accomplished?

Findings

2. Dialogue within Palpation

Mechanisms Identified

- Primary Respiratory Mechanism
- Tissue Response Mechanism

Findings

3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

Findings



“Thank-you”
(+ vibration)

Findings



“You Fool”
(-ve vibration)

Findings

3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

Water

Humans and planet constituted of 70% Water

Thales' Primary Principle

J. Benveniste

T. Schwenk

M. Emoto

W. Tiller

Findings

3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

Water

Mediator of vibration *within and between*
human beings

Findings

3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

The Pathway

Extracellular Matrix (ECM)

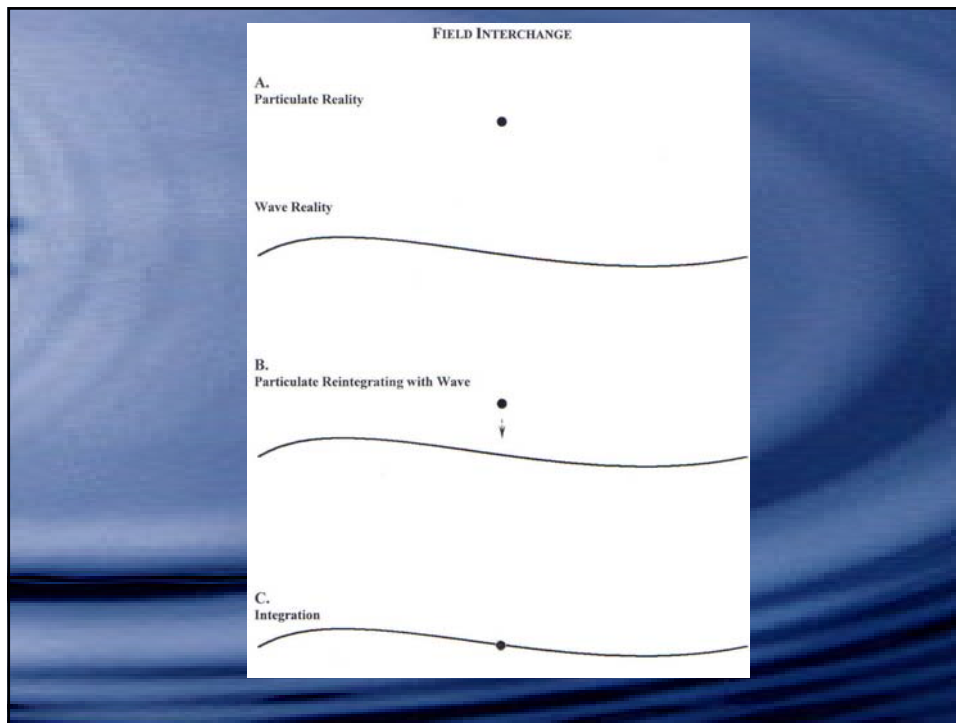
- Watery environment
- Phase change states sol \longleftrightarrow gel

Findings

3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

The Pathway (con't)

- Altered sensory perceptual state
- Shift of Being corresponds to gel \rightarrow sol phase change



Findings

3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

The Pathway (con't)

- Release of encoded vibrational information
- Received by Osteopath

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3. Proposed Perceptual Pathway

The Pathway (con't)

Neurological Link

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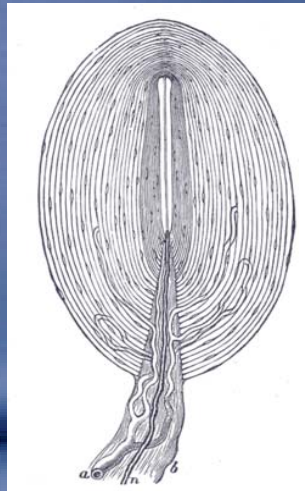
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Neurological Link

Nervi Nervorum Terminations
(bulbous corpuscle)

Findings



Pacinian corpuscle

Title Revision Suggestion

**A Qualitative Study to Define Osteopathic
Palpation Perception and a Proposal for a
New Perceptual Pathway**

