

## **Intramuscular Manual Therapy aka Trigger Point Dry Needling (TDN) Consent Form**

IMT / TDN involves placing a small needle into the muscle at the trigger point which is typically in an area which the muscle is tight and may be tender with the intent of causing the muscle to contract and then release, improving the flexibility of the muscle and therefore decreasing the symptoms. The performing therapist will not stimulate any distal or auricular points during the dry needling treatment.

IMT / TDN is a valuable treatment for musculoskeletal related pain such as soft tissue and joint pain, as well as to increase muscle performance. Like any treatment there are possible complications. While these complications are rare in occurrence, it is recommended you read through the possible risks prior to giving consent to treatment.

The performing physical therapist has graduated from an APTA accredited program with a Master's degree in Physical Therapy and has fulfilled the competency requirements set forth by the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies for a physical therapist's performance of dry needling.

### **Risks of the procedure:**

Though unlikely, there are risks associated with this treatment. The most serious risk associated with TDN is accidental puncture of a lung (pneumothorax). If this were to occur, it may likely only require a chest x-ray and no further treatment as it can resolve on its own. The symptoms of pain and shortness of breath may last for several days to weeks. A more severe lung puncture can require hospitalization and re-inflation of the lung. This is a rare complication and in skilled hands should not be a concern. If you feel any related symptoms, immediately contact your IMT / TDN provider. If a pneumo is suspected you should seek medical attention from your physician or if necessary go to the emergency room.

Other risks may include bruising, infection and nerve injury. Please notify your provider if you have any conditions that can be transferred by blood, require blood anticoagulants or any other conditions that may have an adverse effect to needle punctures. Bruising is a common occurrence and should not be a concern unless you are taking a blood thinner. As the needles are very small and do not have a cutting edge, the likelihood of any significant tissue trauma from IMT / TDN is unlikely.

Please consult with your practitioner if you have any questions regarding the treatment above.

Do you have any known disease or infection that can be transmitted through bodily fluids?

**YES NO**

**If you marked yes, please discuss with your practitioner.**

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Please print your name.

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Signature

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Date

I was offered a copy of this consent and refused.