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Recent advances in understanding and treating medical conditions in the equine with acupuncture

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Some decades ago Doctor Are Thoresen described a microsystem of acupuncture points at the coronary band in horses. This system provides for the practitioner a tool to address joint problems in the entire horse. Use of this system will unblock pain and restricted range of motion of the affected joint. The late equine specialist Doctor Kerry Ridgway found another microsystem just above the coronary band in horses. These points address muscular soreness and problems and the use of this system has an immediate effect that cannot be explained by the nervous system. Doctor Ridgway had no explanation of the mechanism. Doctors Rikke M Schultz and Doctor Vibeke S Elbrønd have done a study on myofascial kinetic lines in horses. Discovering these lines add new understanding of locomotory problems arising from the muscular system in the equine. Furthermore there has been developed a system of points to unblock these kinetic lines. These points do not coincide with classical acupuncture points but anatomical locations of the points have parallel to the classical acupuncture points. Lastly, Human Doctor Daniel Keown, UK, discusses the term meridians contra channels. Doctor Keown also describes the levels or stages of meridians and diseases from an embryological standpoint which makes even more sense in understanding levels of diseases. Connective tissue or layers of connective tissue containing crystalline water provides the anatomical background of understanding channels and the speed of signals in the channels arising from an acupuncture point and spreading throughout the body. Going through these four subjects finally leads to a deeper understanding of mechanisms behind acupuncture. The first three approaches have become crucial in the treatment of biomechanical problems in horses.

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