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Chapter 1: Introduction to EFT Tapping

What is EFT Tapping?

Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT), commonly known as tapping, is an evidence-based stress reduction tool. It combines somatic (the body) and talk therapy techniques to address mental, emotional, and physical issues. It involves tapping on specific acupressure points on the body while focusing on uncomfortable emotions or physical sensations.

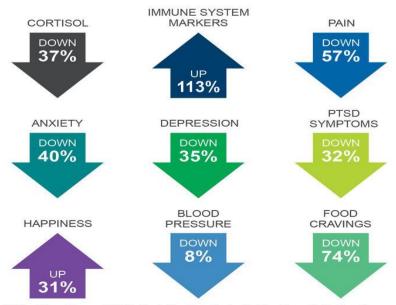
History and Origins of EFT Tapping

EFT tapping was developed by Gary Craig in the 1990s, based on the earlier work of psychologist Roger Callahan and his Thought Field Therapy (TFT). Gary Craig simplified TFT into a more accessible technique, which he called Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT), making it easier for people to learn and apply.

How Does EFT Tapping Work?

EFT tapping works by sending calming signals to the brain along the primo vascular system. By tapping on specific points on the body while focusing on an issue, the fear centre (Amygdala) in the brain is deactivated, stress hormones are reduced, the fight and flight reaction is deactivated, and emotional or physical distress is alleviated. This process is proven to switch genes on and off leading to lasting results. The reduction of uncomfortable emotions and physical sensations leads to relief and improved wellbeing

Clinical EFT Improves Multiple Physiological Markers of Health



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Chapter 2: Understanding the Basics of EFT Tapping

The Primo Vascular System

This system is a physical duct system running throughout our body. Previously referred to as the meridian system (used by acupuncturists), it operates within the connective tissue of the body.

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By tapping on specific acupoints along this system, electrical signals are sent via the principle of mechanosensory transduction to the limbic brain, where the signal is understood to 'deactivate' the amygdala, calming the brain's stress response, to the old "triggered reaction". Dismantling studies have shown that the tapping on acupoints is a key part of the process.

How Emotions Impact the Body

Emotions are not just felt, they also have a profound impact on the body. Chronic stress, anxiety, and unresolved emotions can manifest as physical symptoms such as tension, pain and illness. Ongoing stress is known to suppress the immune system. EFT tapping addresses and releases the underlying emotional causes of these symptoms, promoting healing and wellbeing. Reduction in the stress hormone Cortisol, is significant as indicated in the research.

The Science Behind EFT Tapping

Over 300 research studies, review articles and meta-analyses have been published in professional, peer-reviewed journals.

https://research.bond.edu.au/en/persons/peta-stapleton

EFT has been found to be an 'evidence based' practice for anxiety, depression, phobias, food cravings, chronic pain and PTSD when measured against the standards of the American Psychological Association's division 12 Task Force on Empirically Validated Treatments.

In clinical research trials EFT has consistently been shown to be faster and longer lasting than the current gold standard, cognitive behavioural therapy. (traditional talk therapy) This ebook uses Clinical EFT method.

EFT has been proved in Clinical Research Trials to be

Simple - Fast - Effective - Lasting

Chapter 3: Getting Started with EFT Tapping

Creating a Safe and Comfortable Space

Before beginning an EFT tapping session, it's essential to create a calm and safe environment free from distractions. Find a quiet space where you can focus on your thoughts, emotions and body without interruption.

Setting Intentions for Your Practice

Setting clear intentions for your EFT tapping practice can help guide your sessions and focus your energy on specific goals or areas of improvement. Whether it's reducing stress, overcoming a fear, or improving self-esteem. Clearly defining your specific intentions will enhance the effectiveness of your tapping sessions.

Basic Tapping Technique

(see next page down for tapping sequence of points)

- 1. To begin a tapping sequence, identify the specific issue or emotion you want to address.
- 2. Give this a **'rating of intensity '**on a scale from 0 to 10, 10 being the most intense it could be and 0 you are neutral. This allows you to measure any changes.
- 3. Create a 'set up statement'

"Even though (state your problem/issue), I accept I feel this way".

4. Start tapping while repeating a short 'reminder phrase' about the problem/issue while focusing and tuning into the problem/issue.

For example, starting on the side of the hand:

"Even though I felt angry at Bob today, I accept I feel this way."

Repeat 3x

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Then tap each of the 8 points gently (8-12 times) as you repeat the short reminder phrase i.e. "angry at Bob". See below for the points to tap on.

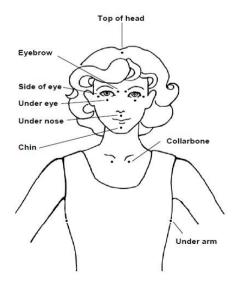
You can tap on just one side, either side, or both sides of the body.

- 5. Re-rate the intensity of your problem/issue, 0-10. Then repeat tapping through points 2 9 stating the short reminder phrase until your rating has dropped to 2 or less.
- 6. Notice any other thoughts, emotions or memories that may come up as you are tapping. Make a note of them for a separate tapping sequence, each with their own set up statement and reminder phrase.

Basic Tapping Points (Clinical EFT -that the research is based on)

- 1. **Side of the Hand Point**: (previously the karate chop point) Use your fingers to tap gently on the outer edge of the hand, between the wrist and the base of the little finger. This is where you say the set up statement.
- 2. **Top of the Head**: Tap gently on the crown of the head.
- 3. **Eyebrow**: Tap gently with two fingers at the beginning of the eyebrow, just above the nose.
- 4. **Side of the Eye**: Tap gently with two fingers on the outer edge of the eye socket, the bony bit, not the temple.
- 5. **Under the Eye**: Tap gently with two fingers on the bone under the eye, in the centre.
- 6. **Under the Nose**: Tap gently two fingers in the space between the nose and the upper lip.
- 7. **Chin**: Tap gently with two fingers in the crease between the lower lip and the chin.
- 8. **Collarbone**: Tap gently with two fingers slightly below and slightly wider than the inner end of the collarbone (the two knobbly bits). Either side of where a man's tie knot would sit, towards the centre of the body.
- 9. **Under the Arm**: Tap gently with two fingers on the side of the body, about ten centimetres (4 inches) below the armpit.

EFT Tapping Points



Chapter 4: Common uses of EFT Tapping

- *Identifying and acknowledging emotions*
- Addressing negative thought patterns
- Releasing Limiting beliefs
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Panic attacks
- Fear (speaking, height, flying, exams, dental, needles etc)
- Phobias
- Emotional eating and specific food cravings eg, chocolate, crisps, bread
- Pain and chronic pain
- Depression
- Releasing emotional blocks and *trauma
- Enhancing self esteem
- Enhancing performance
- Goal setting

A qualified EFT practitioner is trained in gentle techniques to support the client in releasing strong discomfort in a safe supportive way.

With EFT tapping you have a self empowering tool at the tips of your fingers to bring about immediate and permanent change. I encourage you to use it daily for mental and emotional wellbeing.

^{*}Trauma and PTSD should only be addressed with a qualified practitioner.

Chapter 5: About Jenny



Jenny is a passionate **EFT Practitioner based** near Christchurch New Zealand. She stumbled across EFT when looking for solutions to a decades old binge eating habit. Prior to that Jenny trained as an NLP Practitioner, holds a Diploma in Professional Coaching, is a Prekure health coach and has a Bachelor of Agriculture (given her first 3 decades practicing as a Dairy Farm consultant and practical farmer).

Jenny has personal experience with death of a child, post natal depression, agreeable relationship dissolution and 4 teenage daughters. All which adds valuable insights to her coaching role.

She loves working with temporarily stuck Go-Getters, to reach their next level of potential.

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