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"Balancing Blood Sugar," *Tues, Jul* 15<sup>th</sup> & continuing, 7-8:30pm, Denver Tech Center. Matthew Reddy, ND. (see *Naturopathy*). Free. 303-850-0880.

**CWPA Free Lecture & Gathering**, 4th Thursdays, Jul 23'd & Aug 28th, 7-9pm, for practitioners, business owners and the public. Englewood main Library. See CompWellness.org/Comm/gather.htm.

"How Stress is Affecting your Life," last Tuesdays, 7pm, Lakewood. Bela Weiser, DC (see Chiropractic). Free. 303-984-9570.

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# When Will It Be Safe to Breathe in All Denver Restaurants and Small Workplaces?

Last issue we reported that Denver's Mayor Webb and some members of the City Council recognized that tobacco smoke is a major health hazard. The Council Health Committee completed a proposed ordinance, CBO515-03.

It makes small workplaces, as well as all Denver restaurants, smoke-free with exceptions for bars that derive less than 25% of their income from food, and other venues such as cigar bars, bingo parlors and private clubs.

The City Council President, in an unprecedented move, canceled the public hearing on the issue, which may effectively kill the bill and a tremendous amount of work by health activists.

However, the session is not over until July 21<sup>st</sup>, and there will be other opportunities. **It is time to voice your opinion**.

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## **Healing on the Cutting Edge**

by Kenton Johnson, Executive Director

"That was really stupid," I said a few evenings ago, doing exactly what I tell my grandchildren **not** to do – cut towards a hand. While cutting the strap on a box, my



pocket knife cut deeply into my little finger just below the third knuckle. There was lots of bleeding while washing it with warm then cool water, but it stopped in a couple of minutes with direct compression, Reiki, then a 3" x 1" bandage that kept it tightly closed.

All that remained was some pain and a worrisome tingling in the little finger, as if it were half asleep – nerve or blood vessel damage?

So I called a few of our practitioners for their advice. See the Wellness Directory in Pullout D for more information on each practitioner.

We had just finished editing an article on Essential Oils (see pg A1), which included some possibilities for an insect bite – seemed similar to what was needed to disinfect, sooth and help heal the cut.

The author, **Russell Louie** in a latenight phone call, confirmed they would, then reminded me to only use *therapeutic grade* oils, especially for disinfecting.

I went to find them, but they were only marked as therapeutic grade on the display, not the bottles. I chose the more expensive of the two marked therapeutic grade, buying a couple I didn't have in any grade: lavender, as well as lemon for disinfecting and many other uses.

Douglas Pousma, MD (see Anti-Aging





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Therapy) concurred with my first aid, then suggested a hand specialist, since hands are obviously critical for computer work and most else. Understanding that there was no finger or hand discoloration. little pain, and minor restriction of movement, he didn't push an office or emergency room visit, but did recommended a tetanus and an antibiotic shot as soon as possible.

The nurses at hand specialists recommended seeing a primary care physician first then coming in the next week, concerned about infection, nerve damage, and by moving the finger, additional tendon damage if it was nicked. An appointment was set, in case the tingling didn't improve. A small splint for a couple of days reduced finger movement.

Matthew Reddy, ND (see Naturopathy), agreed with the others to a point. He didn't see the need for a tetanus shot, since the knife was not that dirty, but advised looking out for red streaking away from the wound indicating that infection is starting and spreading. He suggested a calendula salve for smoothest healing, and to have it stitched if it kept opening.

Glenn Streeter. Medical Fitness Pro (see Fitness) had made his own investigation after breaking a leg, to determine if he could get by without having major surgery to insert a pin. He went with the surgery since it promised faster recovery. He followed up with special detox soaks to clear out the drug residue from the surgery.

He confirmed the small splint idea to protect the tendon, suggested a call to his office's Naturopath for an antibiotic alternative, and recommended soft laser treatments to regenerate blood vessels, nerves and the other tissues.

Herbert Jacobs, MD (see Health Coaching), said that urgent care was immediately necessary. Instead, he said to focus on the tingling in the finger:

- Elevate the wound.
- ◆ Ice for 12 hours to reduce the edema (lymph fluid build up - see pg A4) which was probably causing the tingling.

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- Wrap with an elastic bandage for protection and to reduce the edema.
- After icing, soak in very warm water 3 x daily to restore circulation.
- See a hand specialist if more care needed.

Philip Incao. MD (see Medicine). Since the fingernail looked like all the others, indicating no blood restriction, and the finger was not very painful or difficult to move, he advised to let it heal naturally with a little help:

- Make sure the cut's edges to stay together to prevent an indent and scar.
- No tetanus shot needed unless the knife had been in the dirt, and no antibiotic shot unless it looked or felt infected.
  - Use an arnica tincture for infection.
- Nutritional cleanse with lots of water, mostly fruits, vegetables and grains, and very few, if any, animal products.

I've followed most of these suggestions, did not take the shots, and will entertain additional therapies if the feeling does not fully return in a few days.

This article is not intended to give medical diagnosis or treatment advice - it is simply anecdotal and to give an idea of a part of the spectrum of Complementary Healthcare.

If you have comments or a situation you would like researched, please email Cases @ CompWellness.org including your name, location and phone number.

#### When Will It Be Safe? (cont'd)

We interviewed 75 smoke-free restaurants, then helped them generate letters to their Councilmembers. In no case did being or becoming smoke free hurt business - it only increased customer compliments.

Smokers simply went outside, and enjoyed the atmosphere and food inside.

Several health and business benefits included:

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- Adults have a choice, but their children do not.
- More consistent with a healthy food concept and fine dining.
- Pregnant workers don't breathe second-hand smoke, lowering fetal risks.
- Breathing is hard enough being a mile high and in often-polluted air.
- ◆ Doubles the potential market triple or quadruple for bars.
- Clean up and maintenance are less expensive.
- Customers can smell and taste the foods better, ordering more.
  - Fire insurance can be less.
- Children act better, allowing their parents to stay and buy more.
- Protects the special atmosphere, created with sweat and dollars.
- Separate sections leave unused tables and therefore lost income.

Instead of worrying about losing business by becoming newly smoke free, why not spend a little money on a sign or an ad to announce the fact, separating one's business from those that still allow smoking? The City, as well as responsible business and restaurant associations, could do the same.

The only Councilmembers supporting the bill are Allegra 'Happy' Haynes and Susan Barnes-Gelt. Please encourage yours today, or if outside Denver, Councilmember At Large Cathy Reynolds. For contact info, see the bottom left of their website: DenverGov.org/CityCouncil.

For accurate information, action opportunities, and connections to many other sites, visit SmokeFreeDenver.org.

# **New Tort Auto Insurance Healthcare Coverage**

Your healthcare benefits in an auto accident will be effected by the new tort auto insurance rates and policies that become available this month.

Notes: the *cheaper* rates will be just that, and there is **no** requirement to

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# **Lymph: The Missing Factor III Lymph Fluid Dynamics**

by Cory Carter, CND, NMT, MT and Randy McCormick, NPA

What makes lymph and edema (lymph build up) so tricky? The body is trying to protect itself by making all that lymph. Do we really want to shut that off?

Faithful readers will recall that lymph ends up in the extremities so that the vital organs in the thorax and abdomen have less stress. Try this: Make one hand into a fist. Tightly wrap your other hand over the top of it. Now, try to open the fist. It is difficult to do so.

The main lymphatic drain for the chest cavity is the thoracic duct. This is a tube, smaller than your little finger, that follows close to your spine. It is found underneath your sternum (breast bone). This means that manual Massage Therapy alone is not able to reach it unless you allow someone to massage inside your chest cavity. (Ouch!)

Fluid pressure is not constant, as far as the lymphatic system is concerned. Just because you push on it 'here' doesn't mean that it is going to do anything significant 'there.' The weaker blockages in the system will have the potential to blow clean, but the more entrenched blockages will not.

The body wants to wash away what is bothering it but can't. So, it performs the next best thing: make much more fluid than usual to try to dilute it or wash it out.

How about toxins and lymphatic issues? Part IV will address toxins.

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Next issue: Toxins & Your Lymphatics



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by Russell Louie, Aromatherapist

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- ♦ Hav fever lavender, roman chamomile or ledum applied to chest, throat and nose to reduce symptoms.
- ◆ Insomnia apply lavender and chamomile on forehead and temples, clary sage on upper lip, or valerian on temples and back of neck. Alternative: apply all these insomnia oils on the soles of the feet before bedtime.
- Stress relief lavender, chamomile, sandalwood, frankincense, cedarwood and balsam fir to forehead and feet.
- ◆ Toothache apply clove oil on gums for pain. Saturate gauze with melaleuca, clove, naouli and rosemary oils, then hold in mouth around tooth to reduce abscess.
- ◆ Tendonitis cypress for circulation and lemongrass to regenerate ligaments.
- ♦ Virus infection clove, lemon. cinnamon, eucalyptus, rosemary, mountain savory, thyme, oregano, hyssop, melaleuca alternifolia, pine, frankincense or ravensara.

#### Next issue: Emotional Uses

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# **Chiropractic Adjustments and Techniques**

by Bela T Weiser, DC

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#### Next: Healthcare for the Next Century

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# **Superfoods: The Gentle Revolution** (Part II of VIII)

by Roland Thomas, BS, NC

Superfoods have been eaten by traditional cultures all over the world for millions of years. Cultures have focused on particular superfoods, as they were available in the locale and climate. With advancements in modern food technology. we are now able to carefully dehydrate, freeze dry and store these superfoods for use anywhere in the world.

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