

# Intramuscular Manual Therapy aka Functional Dry Needling (FDN)

## Consent Form

IMT / FDN 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 / FDN 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.

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

Though unlikely there are risks associated with this treatment. The most serious risk associated with FDN 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 / FDN 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 / FDN 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

**NOTE: Dry Needling is not covered by commercial insurance companies or Medicare. As a result, there will be an additional one time out of pocket charge of \$5 to cover the costs of this intervention.**

**[ ] I wish dry Needling to not be part of my plan of care.**