

Conditions that respond to Acupuncture according to *Acupuncture: A Comprehensive Text*, Shanghai College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, a text used in most American acupuncture colleges. Text information and page numbers will be found at the bottom of this page for further reference.

I have published this list only for the edification of the reader, as some of these conditions will probably never be seen in the USA, e.g., leprosy or filarial elephantiasis. For some that do occur in the USA, they will probably not be seen in an American acupuncture clinic for legal or logistical reasons, e.g., “coma.” The list will show that in China, acupuncture is used to treat a very wide range of conditions.

The text does not state that all of these conditions can be cured. Some can only be ameliorated or treated symptomatically. In one case, I included extra information italicized in parentheses, namely that of “drowning,” where I want to make it clear that according to the text, acupuncture can help revive a person who has nearly drowned but unfortunately does not raise people from the dead. It should also be mentioned that these lists are by no means comprehensive, as there are conditions not mentioned that acupuncture is often helpful with, e.g. vertigo.

The names of the main categories and conditions are the same as in the text. Some of them will require of a motivated layperson the use of a medical dictionary to understand, e.g. *schistosomiasis*. I have changed their order to an alphabetical one for easier reference.

Acupuncture Anesthesia

Emergency Acupuncture

- Coma

- Convulsion

- Drowning (*reviving a person who has nearly drowned*)

- Fainting

- Heat exhaustion or sunstroke

- Shock

Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat

- Acute Tonsillitis

- Aural Vertigo

- Chronic Sinusitis

- Color Blindness

- Conjunctivitis

- Deafness

- Deaf-Mutism

- Electric Ophthalmia

- Glaucoma

- Myopia

- Optic Neuritis or Atrophy

- Rhinitis

Strabismus
Tinnitus,
Toothache

Infectious Diseases

Bacterial Dysentery
Chyluria
Common Cold
Contagious Parotitis (Mumps)
Filarial Elephantiasis
Infectious Hepatitis
Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Schistosomiasis
Scrofula
Sequelae of Infantile Paralysis (Polio)
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Internal and Pediatric Diseases

Arthritis
Bronchial Asthma
Bronchitis
Cerebral-vascular Accident (stroke)
Chronic Heart Failure
Diabetes Mellitus
Enuresis
Facial Paralysis
Headache
Hypertension
Hyperthyroidism
Hysteria
Indigestion
Intercostal Neuralgia
Multiple Neuritis
Neurasthenia
Paraplegia
Prolapsed Stomach
Psychosis (Schizophrenia)
Sciatica
Seizures (Epilepsy)
Simple Goiter
Spasm of the Diaphragm (Hiccough)
Stomach-Ache
Trigeminal Neuralgia

Obstetric and Gynecological Disorders

Abnormal Uterine Bleeding

Amenorrhea
Artificial Abortion
Dysmenorrhea
Induction of Labor
Irregular Menstruation
Insufficient Lactation
Leukorrhea
Malposition of Fetus
Morning Sickness
Prolapse of Uterus

Surgical and Dermatological Diseases

Acute Appendicitis
Acute Disease of the Biliary Tract (Cholecystitis, Gall Stones, Round Worm)
Acute Intestinal Obstruction
Acute Mastitis
Acute Perforation of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer Erysipelas
Acute Sprain of Lower Back
Buerger's Disease
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
Chronic Low Back Pain
Diseases Affecting the Soft Tissues of the Shoulder
Eczema
Frostbite
Furuncle (Boil)
Hemorrhoids
Impotence
Injuries to the Soft Tissue of the Ankle
Injuries to the Soft Tissue of the Knee
Leprosy
Neurodermatitis (Chronic Lichen Symplex)
Pain at the Sole of the Foot
Prolapsed Rectum
Renal Colic
Spermatorrhea
Stenosing-Tenosynovitis of the Radial Styloid Process
Stiff Neck
Tendinitis of the Elbow
Tenosynovial Cyst
Tenosynovitis or the Flexor Digitorum Muscle
Tetanus
Urinary Tract Infection
Urinary Retention, Incontinence
Urticaria

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