



## Client Information

### Key Information – Musculoskeletal Problems

Thank you for your enquiry about whether reflexology will help a particular condition. We have provided you with this information sheet because the condition that you have stated is medically considered to be within this group.

Firstly it is important to understand that reflexology does not claim to cure. Reflexologists may claim only to help relaxation and stress, however as stress is involved in many illnesses the prevention or reduction of stress may well help you. With a reduction in stress many other 'problems' may show an improvement.

The theory behind reflexology is that it returns the various systems of the body back to homeostasis, or back to working at their natural level and in doing so that it helps all systems work properly with each other.

The skeleton very complex, the no part stands alone and pain in muscles or joints anywhere may have come from strains elsewhere. There are also many different types of building blocks within the complicated skeleton including, bone, nerves, muscle and connective tissue like ligaments and tendons. Any of these can become damaged and or inflamed which in turn may reduce circulation to an area.

The theory behind reflexology, that systems are brought back to their normal level, might aid the body to reduce its muscular tension, and increase circulation thus resulting in a reduction in symptoms. There is also a suggestion that pain thresholds and pain tolerance may be increased after reflexology.

Like most other complementary therapies reflexology works on an individualised basis and the degree of effect is specific to the individual. The only way to know whether reflexology will help your particular symptoms or problems is to try it and see.

Should you have any concerns about receiving reflexology especially in conjunction with other medications or treatments then it is suggested that you seek medical advice before commencing treatment.

The Association of Reflexologists can help you to find a qualified Reflexologist in your area, log on to [www.aor.org.uk](http://www.aor.org.uk) and do a postcode search and then choose a therapist or two and phone and ask if they are experienced in treating problems like yours. The most important thing about finding a therapist is that they are well qualified and that you like them.

