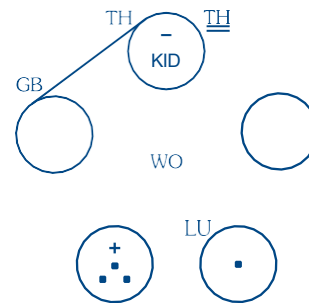


## CASE PRESENTATIONS 169

### CASE PRESENTATION 1 1923

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

He has had a Heart bypass operation

#### Prescription

BL-23, ST-36, HT-6

#### Explanation

Bladder-23 is the back shu point of the kidneys and like chi of the stem. Stomach-36 is the unlike chi of the stem and, used on the right, tonifies kidney yin. The stomach belongs to the element Earth and ST-36 is the deep energy point; both Earth energy and element are missing. Heart-6 moves the stuckness felt on the pulse and tonifies heart yin.

By using BL-23, which has a direct connection with the Kidneys, in combination with Heart-6 one enacts Shao Yin, which is favourable superior to his division.

The great movement is Fire in deficiency: the Fire will be insufficient, and the excess water causes coldness, compounded by three energies being Water. Symptomatically there can be thoracic problems, oppressive feeling, costal pain, pain in the shoulder blades and inside of the arms. As the deficiency worsens there is much pain in the heart spreading to just below the thorax and to the legs.

There is no Earth element or energy. The Fire-Water axis communicates through the centre Earth, so, communication is poor.

In T.C.M terms, the kidney yin fails to nourish and cool the heart, leading to the syndrome Heart Yin Xu.

## 170 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 2 1923

**FEMALE**

#### **Symptoms**

Right shoulder problem. Protein allergy. Sinusitis. Marriage problems.

#### **Prescription**

GB-34, LIV-3, CO-4

#### **Explanation**

GB-34 is the stem point; the Earth is too Watery due to the deep energy of Gall Bladder, and sedating GB-34 will remove the Water from the Earth. The GB is the unlike chi of the branch. LIV-3 feeds the yin of the Heart and its deep energy of Earth controls Water according to the Ké cycle and it relaxes muscles.

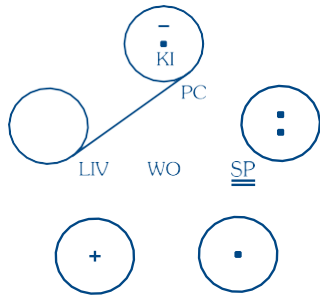
CO-4 has a drying action to reduce Water and will have strong controlling effect on the Gall Bladder.

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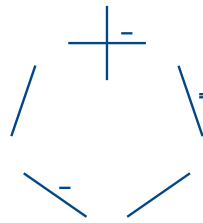
## CASE PRESENTATION 3 1923

**FEMALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
M	W
	WO
LU/CO Organs	

### Symptoms

Left hip pain. She has come for treatment prior to visiting a manipulative therapist. A weakness of energy, diagnosed through body diagnosis and the pulse. The problem relates to the thoracic/lumbar junction and weak stomach energy. She will be able to have manipulation in one month's time.

In body diagnosis, spinal problems are said to be an Earth-Water imbalance.

### Prescription

CV-12, ST-36, TH-4

### Explanation

CV-12 is the Front-Mu point of the Stomach and Three Heater. Using this point conforms to the Law of Opposites. Anatomically, this point tonifies the Spleen branch (hip problems often relate to a psychological conflict and branches are related to character).

ST-36 is the unlike chi of the stem. It is the deep energy point of Earth and, used on the right side, builds kidney yin.

TH-4 is the unlike chi of the branch. It has Water deep energy which is missing, conforms to the pulse diagnosis and promotes the extraordinary meridian Chong Mai, of which a main pathway runs up the vertebral column.

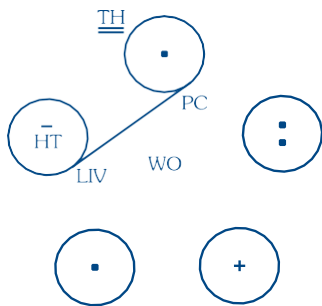
An anatomical trigram is created,  $\underline{\text{---}}\text{LI}$ , which relates to the Spleen; the spleen controls the whole spine.

# 172 STEMS AND BRANCHES

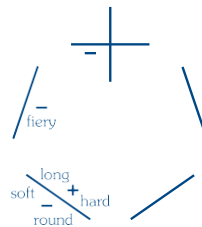
## CASE PRESENTATION 4 1947

**MALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	WO
M	M
E	
LU/CO/KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

He has Colon problems (ulcerative colitis) passing blood in the faeces. Ulcerative colitis can be a colon, small intestine or liver problem. He has been a heavy drinker of alcohol and claims to have stopped now.

### Prescription

BL-64

### Explanation

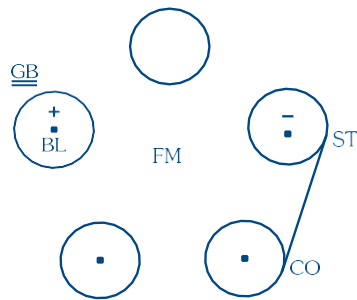
BL-64 takes chi down and is also the unlike chi of the stem. This point will receive excess kidney energy. This one point balances and calms the Wood as the patient's stem is Heart in Wood; therefore, by adding a Bladder point, one works on balancing the great movement of Wood. The liver being too fiery was the main problem and the needle was withdrawn after the liver pulse calmed down.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 173

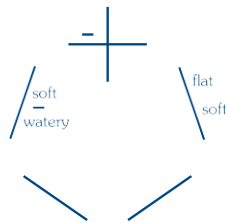
### CASE PRESENTATION 5 1972

**FEMALE**

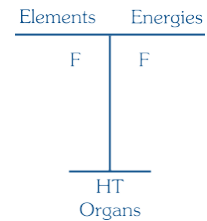
#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING



### Symptoms

She has been told she has allergy problems (Liver in body diagnosis). She has arrhythmia and panics when she is aware of this, leading to hyperventilation. She appears to be an anxious, sensitive person. It is said that people with Wood as their great movement tend to be hypochondriacal in their nature.

### Prescription

SI-9, LIV-4 added

### Explanation

SI-9 calms the Wood and brings up the Earth pulse without increasing the softness of Earth.

LIV-4 dries out the Watery deep energy of Earth in the liver. Liver is like chi of the branch, affecting quality of character.

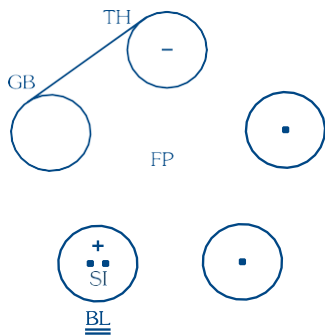
By using LIV-4, the stem point of the great movement Metal, one is also increasing control over her great movement Wood which in this case is too Watery (one of the four stem pulse possibilities).

# 174 STEMS AND BRANCHES

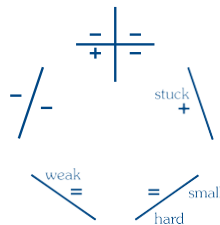
## CASE PRESENTATION 6 1956

**FEMALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
E	F
M	WO
SP/CO/LU Organs	

### Symptoms

Hyperventilation. She has emotional difficulties from having an affair with a married man that ended with an abortion.

### Prescription

ST-36, ST-41, SP-4, LIV-8

### Explanation

ST-36 builds kidney yin when used on the right.

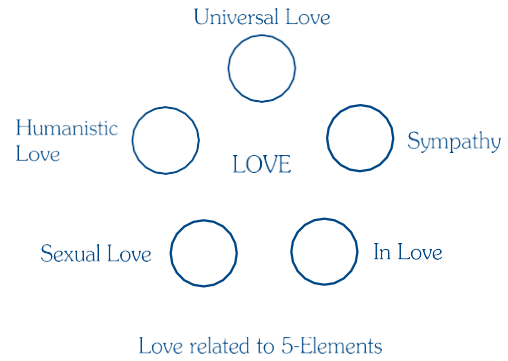
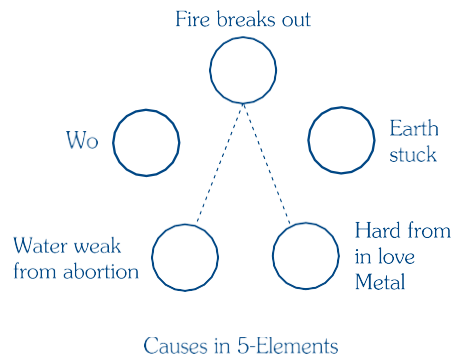
ST-41 builds kidney yin.

SP-4 moves Earth, being the Luo point.

LIV-8 builds kidney and the liver to feed the Fire.

The Water is weak from the abortion. It does not control the Fire which breaks out and over-controls, i.e. fights the Metal, leaving the Earth in stagnation. From this energetic scenario the emotional difficulty can be seen as one of depression. The Metal related to being "in love" according to the five element correspondence to love; often when one is in love the Metal pulse feels hard (similarly when sexual feelings predominate, the Water pulse feels hard) and so she is still in love and this is the underlying cause, together with the abortion. The hard Metal also subdues the weak Wood, subduing the Gall Bladder which is the decision-making organ!

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 175



In this case there were a lot of blockages, so SP-4 moved the blocked Earth.

LIV-8 took from the weak Water in order to pull the Metal into the Water.

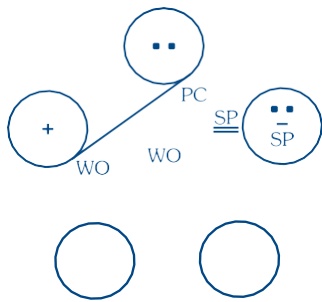
ST-36 and ST-41 were used to support this action by supporting Earth and tonifying kidney yin.

# 176 STEMS AND BRANCHES

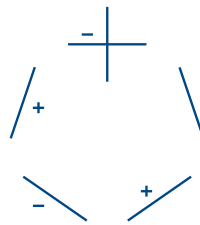
## CASE PRESENTATION 7 1929

MALE

STEMS/BRANCHES



PULSE



MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	W
M	M
	WO
KID/BL/LU/CO Organs	

### Symptoms

Prostate problem: cannot keep urine in the bladder, has to void urine immediately.

### Prescription

CV-3, BL-30, BL-67, SI-3

### Explanation

This is a six division treatment: Tai Yang as favourable generator to Jue Yin, his division, and representing more the physical, and indicated on the pulse and in body diagnosis.

CV-3 is the Front-Mu point for the bladder.

BL-30 is an empirical point for prostate problems.

BL-67 takes the excess from the lungs in five elements and the bladder is unlike chi to the lungs in the Chinese clock; so, to use a bladder point will balance their quantity energy relationship. The lungs also control the fluids, and they are not feeding the •bladder.

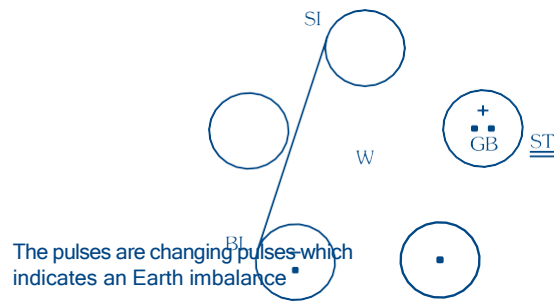
SI-3 calms the Wood (on the pulse) and makes the Tai Yang enactment.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 177

### CASE PRESENTATION 8 1964

FEMALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Has had influenza for 3 weeks. She suffers from asthma which is from an allergic reaction and in body diagnosis this indicates Liver.

#### Prescription

GB-34, SP-10, CV-22

#### Explanation

GB-34 is a stem point treatment and also takes the excess Earth out of the liver.

SP-10 is the unlike chi of the stem and is a point of extraordinary meridian Chong Mai, which relates to the liver pulse position and therefore tonifies the liver.

CV-22 is a point of extraordinary meridian Yin Wei Mai which travels through the middle of the chest, and it is indicated when a person has difficulty in getting deep breaths, as in this case. Yin Wei Mai also has a connection with the liver through LIV-14. CV-22 also tonifies the unlike chi of the stem, Spleen.

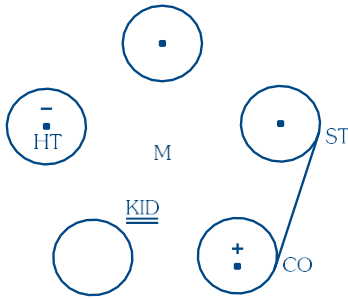
The whole treatment balances the great movement of Earth, indicated on the pulse.

# 178 STEMS AND BRANCHES

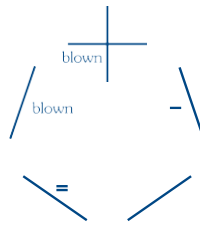
## CASE PRESENTATION 9 1957

**MALE**

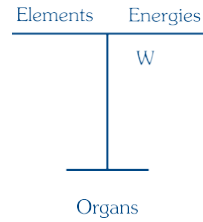
STEMS/BRANCHES



PULSE



MISSING



### Symptoms

Emotional distress after being told of divorce by his wife and losing his job in the same week.

### Prescription

CV-15, ST-36, CO-4, counselling

### Explanation

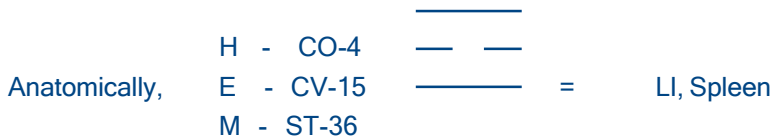
CV-15 is the Front-Mu of the Heart, supporting the Shen and the celestial stem.

ST-36 on the right builds kidney yin.

CO-4 builds kidney yin and is unlike chi of the branch (therefore psychological support).

Using stomach points enacts the Yang Ming division which is equal to his division.

This is a trigram treatment.



The Heaven point is always taken out first, i.e. CO-4. In this case, CV-15 is taken out last to emphasise Earth.

**CASE PRESENTATION 10  
1936**

**MALE**

**Symptoms**

A new patient who has high blood pressure 155/95 and has pain in the TH channel at the level of the hand. His heels are dry and cracked.

**Body Diagnosis**

He has two raised blemishes on SP-9 and on LIV-8.

**Préscription**

SP-9, LIV-8, LIV-3, LU-1, SP-2

**Explanation**

The stem is Small Intestine in Water, and one of the 4 stem pulse possibilities is Earth too Watery. The Spleen has to work very hard to control its functions, one of which manifests in controlling the diastole blood pressure; therefore, the diastolic blood pressure is raised. The liver is too fiery as a reaction.

SP-9 removes Water from Earth.

LIV-8 removes water from deep energy of Earth.

LIV-3 works on the balance of cholesterol in men (oestrogen in women) which is factor in raised blood pressure and has the deep energy of Earth to control Water.

LU-1 is the unlike chi of stem and balances the great movement of Water. It also makes the Tai Yin enactment to control water.

SP-2 works on the diastolic blood pressure, supports the spleen considering the sedation of SP-9, and nourishes the Small Intestine according to the five element deep energy tonification point arrangement. The use of 5 needles encourages change as 5 is the number of changes.

In this case the patient's heels are dry and cracked; in body diagnosis this area is related to the kidneys. This man works very hard, and the dry cracked heels are a reflection of what he does with his energy rather than a weakness of essential energy.

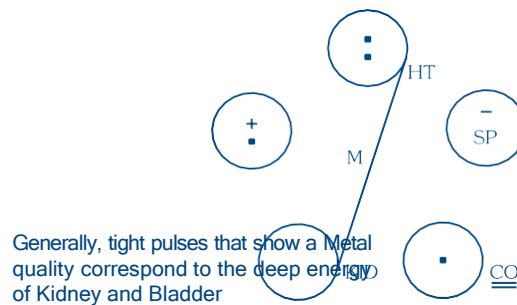
The raised blemishes on LIV-8 and SP-9 indicate an excess, and of course both are Water points.

## 180 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 11 1939

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



### Symptoms

Cramp in the big toes and calf muscles indicates a magnesium and calcium imbalance and therefore impaired parathyroid function.

### Body Diagnosis

Dry skin of legs confirms overall diagnosis.

### Prescription

GB-40, ST-37, added GB-25

### Explanation

GB-40 is the stem unlike chi and works on the parathyroids.

GB-25 is the stem unlike chi and increases the kidneys.

ST-37 is the stem unlike chi and enacts the Yang Ming division. It is the Lower-He Sea of the Colon and this organ was surgically removed except for the sigmoid section. Interestingly, this organ removal can be felt on the right superficial pulse at the chi position:

The pulse showed an excess of Colon energy which is Metal energy. This was the body's way of compensating for a lack of Metal, due to the operation and too much hard work. She is a politician coming up to election, and deep energy of Kidney and Bladder, which is Metal, is used up quickly. If the excess Metal on the pulse had been diagnosed as true and sedated in treatment then the patient would have collapsed!

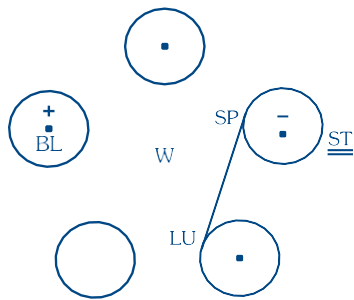
So, it is important to consult the stem/branch chart to see if the excess is true or false by explanation of energies, and to combine this with symptoms, patient history and lifestyle.

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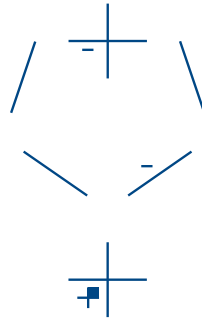
## CASE PRESENTATION 12 1952

**FEMALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



The four pulses of the Heart showing weak Fire

### MISSING

Elements	Energies
F	W
TH Organs	

### Symptoms

Previously had period problems and migraines.

### Prescription

HT-9, LU-1

### Explanation

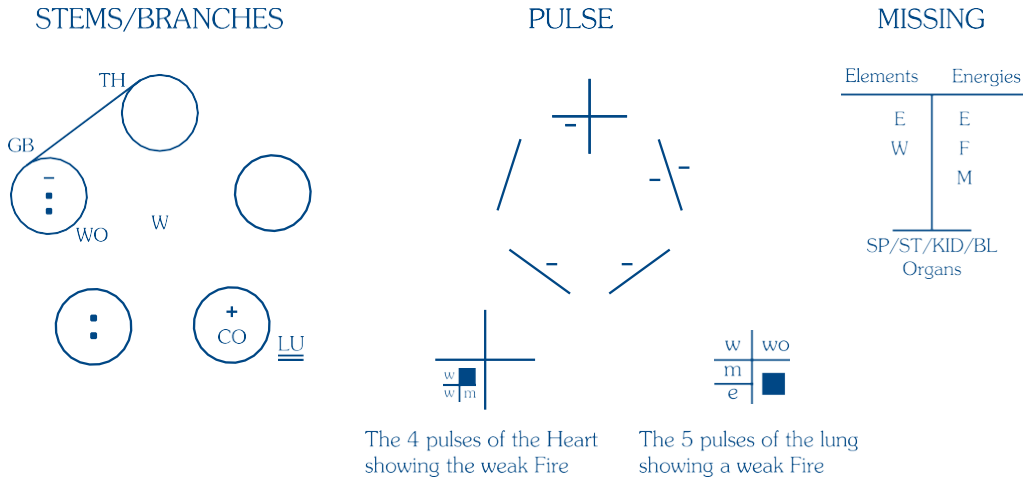
HT-9 tonifies the Fire on the pulse and is the stem point of the unlike chi of the stem.

LU-1 has the deep energy of Wood to feed the Fire and enacts Tai Yin division which is equal to her own division.

# 182 STEMS AND BRANCHES

## CASE PRESENTATION 13 1950

**MALE**



### Symptoms

He is exhausted and low in energy. He is an acupuncturist!

### Prescription

KID-23, GV-4, SP-3

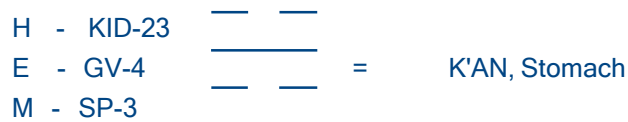
### Explanation

KID-23 stimulates and raises the spirit of the Heart, the Shen. The Chinese name is Spirit Seal, and this point can have the effect of protecting the spirit of the Heart by closing like an envelope around the Heart.

GV-4 is known as the Gate of Life.

SP-3 is an Earth stem point and so can nourish the patient's Metal great movement. There is neither Earth element nor energy in the chart to nourish Metal.

In fact, his treatment at the trigram level is:



to work on the missing Earth, to control the kidneys and to feed the kidneys, i.e. the stomach is the gate to the kidneys:

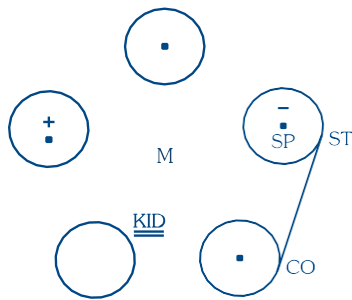


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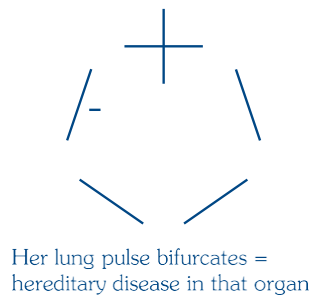
## CASE PRESENTATION 14 1969

**FEMALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
F	W
WO	
TH/GB Organs	



The five pulses of the lung  
show a weak wood

### Symptoms

Candida. Hereditary disease from her father.

### Prescription

KID-9, LIV-8

### Explanation

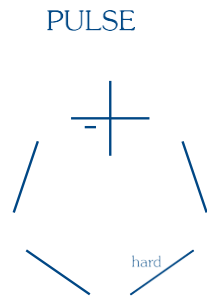
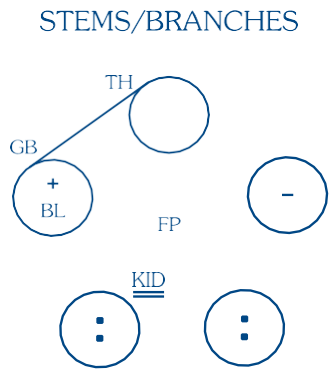
KID-9 works on hereditary problems and is the beginning of the extraordinary meridian Yin Wei Mai which affects RNA.

LIV-8 affects inflammatory allergies.

## 184 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 15 1923

MALE



The patient says he can feel pain when pressure is put on the pulses by the finger. He says the ST/SP position is the most painful

MISSING

Elements	Energies
E	E
M	F
	W
SP/ST/LU/CO Organs	

### Symptoms

Fluctuating blood pressure; presently 138/88

### Prescription

HT-9, PC-7

### Explanation

Everything points to an Earth imbalance: the lack of element/energy of Earth in the chart with excess Wood subduing the Earth; the fluctuating blood pressure because of no Earth, no balance; the pulse feedback from the patient; there is no Earth in the stem/branch chart for this second half of 1993. However, the pulses are difficult to diagnose, and this is a case where the corrective energy can be used, especially as it is the unlike chi of the stem.

HT-9 is corrective energy and the stem point of stem unlike chi. It is a point to nourish the Fire to feed the Earth and can take any pressure from the Wood over-controlling the Earth.

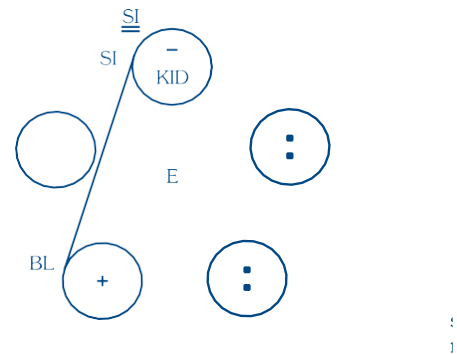
PC-7 is indicated when heart is deficient, and the Metal is tight on the pulse and is a point to feed the Earth.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 185

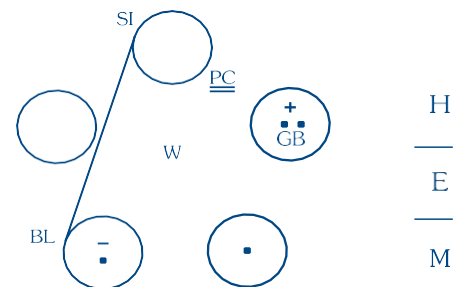
### CASE PRESENTATION 16 1943

**FEMALE**

PATIENT'S STEMS/BRANCHES



1994 STEMS/BRANCHES



### Prescription

ST-36, ST-37

### Explanation

This is a preventative treatment for the next six months (the patient is going abroad for this period).

ST-36 on the right builds kidney yin. It is unlike chi of the stem and its deep energy point of Earth helps control the Watery Earth. It is the last 18 days of the season and so is indicated. It will help the patient make the transition from Spring to Summer smoothly.

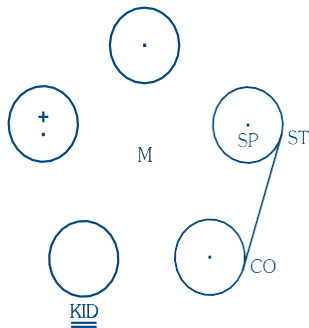
ST-37 is a point to enact the Yang Ming division which is favourable generator to the patient and also to the coming year 1994. It takes chi down to fill the empty Lower Jiao; the Upper Jiao has a chi excess, not feeding the Lower Jiao because of the Watery Earth, impeding communication between the three Jiao. The stomach also has the corrective energy of Earth.

## 186 STEMS AND BRANCHES

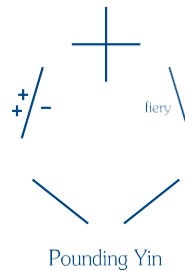
### CASE PRESENTATION 17 1969

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING ELEMENTS ENERGIES AND ORGANS



### Symptoms

Pain in the stomach region, distortion of the ankle, inability to cope with the family business when decision making/delegating. Many of his employees are much older than him.

### Body Diagnosis

Redness at the mouth corner indicating a duodenal ulcer. The toes are clawed indicating Stomach too Fiery (Stomach yang)

### Prescription

KID-2, LIV-1

### Explanation

KID-2 is the corrective energy, it feeds the stem Spleen in Earth and the stem unlike chi Gall Bladder, which is where the disease is rooted.

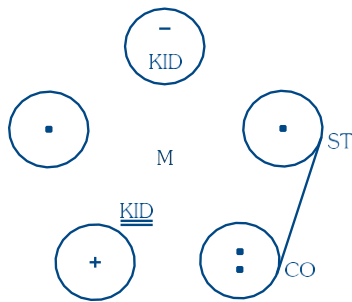
LIV-1 supports the gallbladder and roots it, being the yin horary point of Wood.

# CASE PRESENTATIONS 187

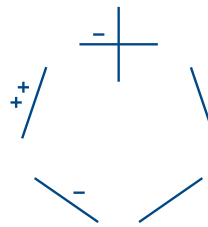
## CASE PRESENTATION 18 1933

**FEMALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
WO	F
	W
	GB
	Organs

### Symptoms

Just arrived back from a nine hour air trip from the USA

### Prescription

SI-3, ST-36 with MOXA 3

### Explanation

It is small intestine time and therefore one can use a small intestine point to synchronise the patient with present time energy. She is being tuned into the here and now. SI-3 is the tonification point, works on kidney yang, and calms the excessive wild Wood.

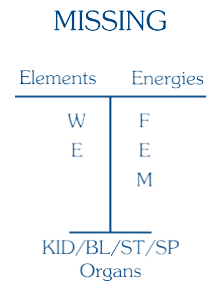
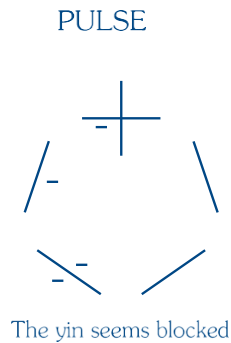
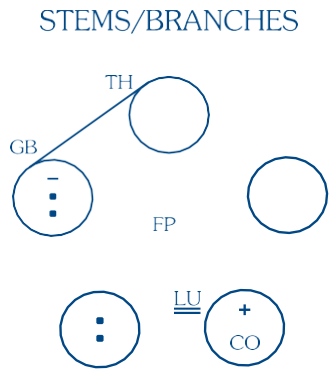
This is a treatment according to the Chinese clock. HT-9 and BL-65 with quantity needling technique were possibilities to contain the energy within the small intestine meridian but they happen to be Wood great movement stem points. Also, by using such a type of treatment according to the Chinese clock one would have to be sure that the unlike chi of the small intestine was not weak (and in this case that would be doubtful) or else the liver would become more deficient and the patient might collapse! So, pulse diagnosis must be very exact in such a technique.

ST-36 used on the right with MOXA tonifies kidney yin and is indicated in the last 18 days of a season, i.e. Winter, and this point will also assist the microcosmic energy in synchronising with macrocosmic energy. It is unlike chi of the stem.

# 188 STEMS AND BRANCHES

## CASE PRESENTATION 19 1950

**FEMALE**



**FORBIDDEN** 3 LEG YIN(L), HEART (L), KIDNEY (L)

### Symptoms

Chronic severe inflammation of the lips, mouth and throat linings.

### Body Diagnosis

The liver controls the linings of the throat, mouth and nose. It can be said that liver affects the linings of all tubes and holes in the body with its moistening function.

### Prescription

KID-10, LIV-8, HT-9

### Explanation

KID-10 tonifies kidney yin which is deficient on the pulse.

LIV-8 tonifies kidney yin, being the Water point cools the inflammation, tonifies the liver, which is deficient on the pulse, and is the unlike chi of the stem.

HT-9 tonifies heart yin, which is deficient on the pulse.

The use of 3 needles produces the trigram  $\equiv \equiv$  corresponding to kidney and liver.

Using KID and HT enacts the division Shao Yin which is favourable superior to her division and also sandwiches the liver to bring up the liver.

This patient has had acupuncture for the above symptoms for one year. There was an initial improvement which did not continue. The evaluation is that the patient seems to be blocking the treatment at some level.

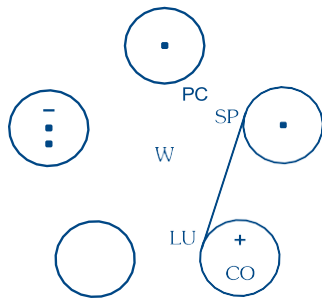
She declares she will have Prednisol (steroid) treatment next month; so, acupuncture prescriptions will discontinue.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 189

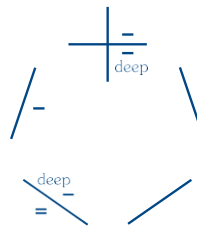
### CASE PRESENTATION 20 1910

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	W
WO	M
KID/BL/GB Organs	

### Symptoms

None. This a preventative treatment for an 84 year old woman.

### Prescription

LIV-9, CV-23

### Explanation

LIV-9 is the unlikeness of the stem, it tonifies yin in general and liver points help to bring patients into Spring, and according to her pulses she is too much in Winter.

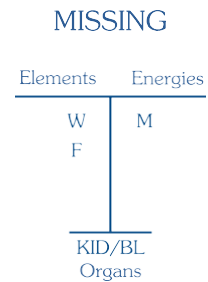
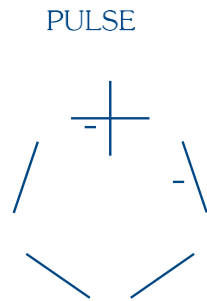
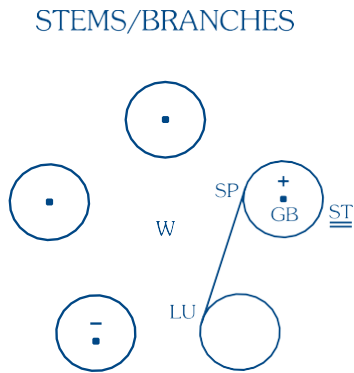
CV-23 tonifies the kidneys to feed the liver, and receives chi from the progenitor of all yin, Chong Mai.

In this case, using methods of treatment to nourish the elderly, one could use CO-11 or SP-3 or GB-34 to nourish the stem. Colon in Metal is the stem energy and CO-11 is the stem energy tonification point, being the Earth point. SP-3 is the Earth stem point of the previous element to Metal, and therefore nourishing, and Spleen in Earth is the previous stem to Colon in Metal in the cycle of stems, i.e. Chi comes immediately before Keng. GB-34 is also a possibility as previous element stem point. In all these above possibilities, in this case, none of them fit the pulse!

## 190 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 21 1964

**FEMALE**



### Symptoms

She had a car accident 3 years ago and still suffers bouts of numbness of the arms (whiplash effect).

### Prescription

SP-3, GV-14

### Explanation

SP-3 is the stem point of the stem unlike chi. It is a point for the aftereffects of shock, even years after the event. Spleen is the like chi of the branch, working on character.

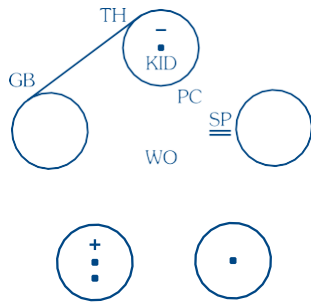
GV-14 is indicated on the pulse, the Fire yin position relating to the extraordinary meridian Du Mai and this point's anatomical position often relates to cervical nerve damage in whiplash injuries.

# CASE PRESENTATIONS 191

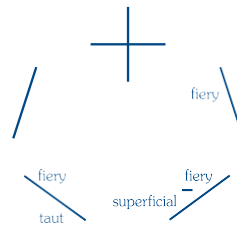
## CASE PRESENTATION 22 1953

**MALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



One of the 4 Stem possibilities is felt: the kidneys/water is too fiery. The deep energy of kidney is Metal and the Metal position reflects the fiery deep energy.

### MISSING

Elements	Energies
M	WO E
CO/LU Organs	

### Symptoms

He works too hard and ends up exhausted. This is a common trait of people born kidney in fire.

### Prescription

KID-2, LU-9

### Explanation

KID-2 is the stem point and takes away the excess Fire in the Water as it is the Fire point.

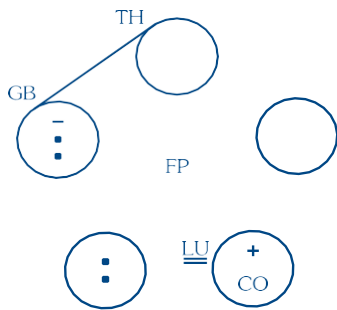
LU-9 is the Earth point of the Metal; putting Earth on the Fire in Metal will damp down the Fire. The lungs were superficial with nothing inside, so this point summons the Lung chi through the Yuan source. The lungs descend chi for the kidneys to grasp in production of kidney yin, and so this point will support kidney yin which can easily be depleted by excess Fire in the Water.

# 192 STEMS AND BRANCHES

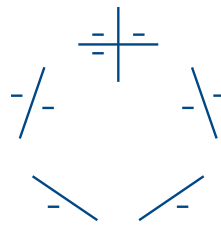
## CASE PRESENTATION 23 1950

**FEMALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



All the Yang are down and small

### MISSING

Elements	Energies
E	E
W	F
	M
ST/SP/KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

In December, 2 months ago, she had a sore throat which has now returned. She feels very tired. She has a history of sugar intolerance with completely blown stomach pulse in the past.

### Prescription

GV-14 with MOXA 5, LIV-1

### Explanation

GV-14 meets all the yang meridians, and Du Mai is deficient according to the pulse. Using MOXA at this point raises yang energy.

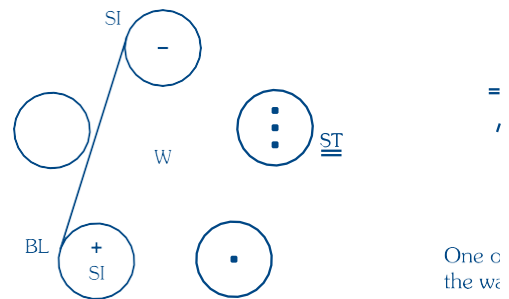
LIV-1 is the horary point to tonify the liver which is responsible for moistening the soft tissues in the nose and mouth. Liver Qi is the unlike Qi of the stem.

# CASE PRESENTATIONS 193

## CASE PRESENTATION 24 1976

FEMALE

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### Symptoms

Epilepsy; currently taking Tegretol (anti-convulsant) 400mg daily.

### Prescription

GB-34, GB-30, GB-40

### Explanation

The gallbladder was insufficient and, in order to make sure that the Heart was still nourished, the trigram of Fire ≡ had to be created. It is not the Gall Bladder that feeds the Heart but liver. Gall Bladder is the unlike chi of the Heart and therefore can deplete the Heart.

Epilepsy can be said to be due to an insufficiency of chi or blood, and in this case it is due to insufficiency of blood.

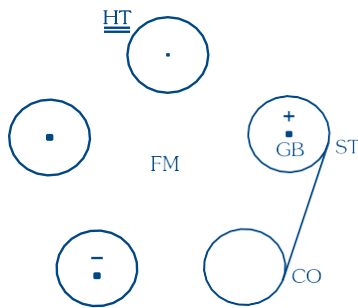
The Gall Bladder is the corrective energy.

## 194 STEMS AND BRANCHES

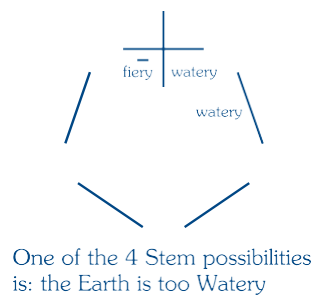
### CASE PRESENTATION 25 1954

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	M
KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

Epilepsy; does not lose consciousness.

### Prescription

GB-34, HT-3

### Explanation

GB-34 is the unlike chi of the stem point and will remove excess Water (GB has deep energy of Water) from the Earth.

HT-3 is used because the heart pulse is too rounded and fiery.

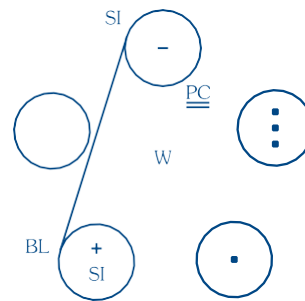
Previous treatment of this client was based on the Chinese clock with quantity needling technique of LU-5. LU-5 needled against the flow and clockwise increased the Lung energy, which was empty, and depleted its unlike chi of Bladder, which was full.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 195

### CASE PRESENTATION 26 1946

FEMALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

No zest to do anything.

#### Prescription

TH-9

#### Explanation

TH-9 drains from the Upper Jiao and subdues Metal very well. It moves energy to the four limbs and is the corrective energy of Water.

Metal has the deep energy of Wood; so, an excess of Metal can affect the Wood and the Wood becomes metallic, not allowing the Wood to function correctly in the free flow of chi.

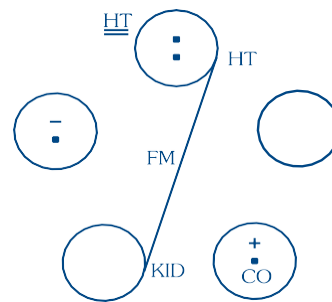
The Three Heater is the like chi of the branch, supporting and working on the character.

## 196 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 27 1930

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### **Symptoms**

She has been treated for cancer in the past. Her blood sugar is high (almost to diabetic level).

#### **Prescription**

GB-39, PC-3

#### **Explanation**

GB-39 is the unlikeness chi of the branch, is the meeting point for three leg yang and so will tonify yang insufficiency, and builds kidney yin, jing and blood.

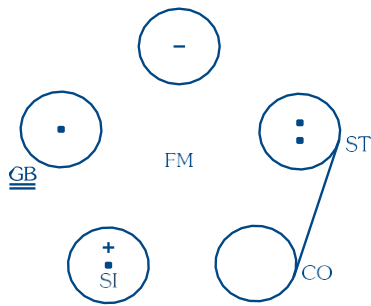
PC-3 is the corrective energy and tonifies kidney yin. It is the Water point and has the deep energy of Earth and so is good for damping down the fiery Earth.

# CASE PRESENTATIONS 197

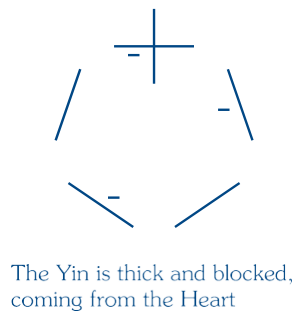
## CASE PRESENTATION 28 1936

**FEMALE**

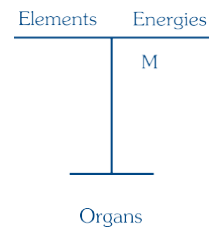
### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING



### Symptoms

Back pain (can often be due to a Fire yin problem). Previously has had left ankle and foot dystrophy which was successfully cured (this is often a Fire-Earth problem).

### Prescription

HT-6

### Explanation

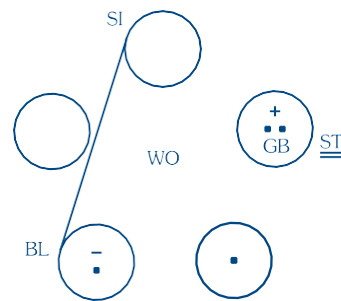
HT-6 is Xi-Cleft point to move the blocked yin, it tonifies the Fire yin and is the unlike chi of the branch. Heart chi is the like chi of the stem, working on supporting the framework of energy.

## 198 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 29 1964

FEMALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Migraine (chronic): Yang Ming area spreading behind the eyes. Suffers painful periods occasionally. She works hard on a day/night shift rota in a home for handicapped children.

#### Prescription

CO-3, SP-8

#### Explanation

CO-3 is the Wood deep energy point and therefore increases Wood to control Earth on the Ké cycle, which will, on the Sheng cycle, relieve Metal of the excess Earthness.

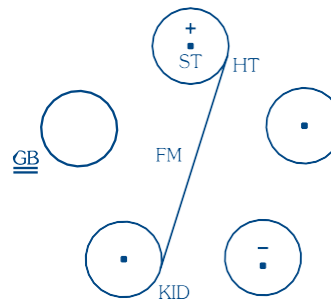
SP-8 is a moving, accelerating point with Fire energy to work on the sluggish pulse; it is a point that subdues pain in the menses, and it is the unlike chi of the stem, thus balancing the Earth great movement. Spleen is the like chi of the branch, supporting the character of this hard working person.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 199

### CASE PRESENTATION 30 1948

**FEMALE**

STEMS/BRANCHES



### Symptoms

Sciatica on the right.

### Prescription

BL-54, GV-4, KID-10, plus back massage

### Explanation

The time of day is Bladder time, which accentuates a Bladder/Lung imbalance, along with a fiery Bladder pulse. BL-54 takes Earth to the Fiery Bladder and damps down the Fire. She has a lot of Earth, so this will not be depleted.

BL-54 is a much used point for low back pain.

GV-4 is a point local to the pain that can fill the empty Fire yin pulse and bring up the kidneys. KID-10 is the horary point of the kidneys, increases Water and is the unlike Qi of the stem.

## 200 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 31 1955

FEMALE

S'



BL

#### Symptoms

An acupuncturist who has come for a preventative treatment.

#### Prescription

ST-36 with MOXA × 3, ST-41

#### Explanation

The Spleen is the missing organ. Working on the stomach points works on the spleen; ST-36 on the right builds kidney yin and is the change of season treatment (we are in the last 18 days of Winter). It is the deep energy point of Earth and is the corrective energy.

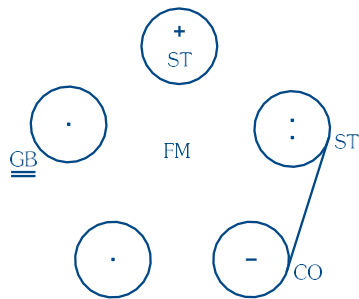
ST-41 subdues the Metal Great movement according to the Ké cycle of the great movements and feeds the Earth Great movement on the Sheng cycle, so nourishing the spleen, and tonifies the kidney yin. Once again, it is the corrective energy.

# CASE PRESENTATIONS 201

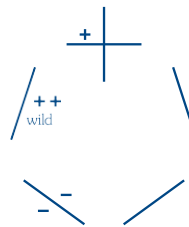
## CASE PRESENTATION 32 1948

**FEMALE**

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	M
	F
KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

Heavy periods.

### Prscription

BL-11, BL-14, BL-38, LIV-5

### Explanation

The Liver moves the blood too fast; the liver has a wild feel on the pulse (LIV-5 is a Luo point and therefore sends energy out of the Wood).

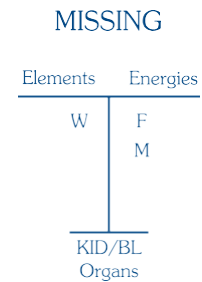
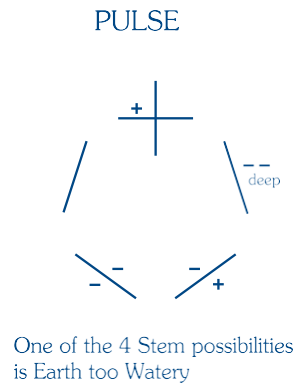
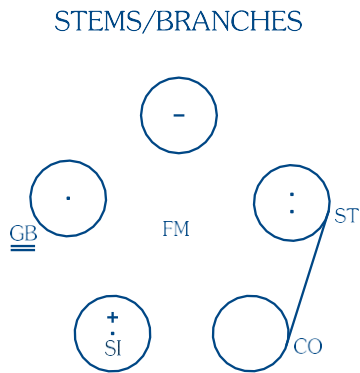
BL-11 acts like a tap to turn the blood supply off. This point is an entry point for the Sea of Blood. SP-10 is a Sea of Blood point that has an opposite energetic flow to BL-11, turning the blood tap on for a lack of flow of blood.

BL-14 and BL-38 replenish lost blood.

## 202 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 33 1936

**FEMALE**



### Symptoms

The digestion is slow, food is retained in the stomach causing discomfort. She also has varicose veins which are in the Liver area according to body diagnosis.

### Prescription

CV-10, SP-6 with MOXA × 3

### Explanation

All the birth energies are yang, so it is good to work on the yin. The Stomach is deep, the energy from the Upper Jiao to the Lower Jiao is impeded, making the Lower Jiao empty. When there is a disturbance of the stomach it is often good to work on the spleen or liver.

CV-10 is called the *lower part of the stomach*, stimulating digestion and moving Wei Chi and body fluids to the Lower Jiao, affecting the kidneys, and this is a point that works on the internal duct of the Three Heater.

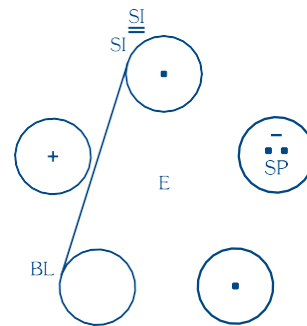
SP-6 with MOXA dries the Watery Earth and works on the varicose veins, which are in the liver area.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 203

### CASE PRESENTATION 34 1980

FEMALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

She has swollen glands and earache. She tends towards hyperactivity. Previously she suffered from asthma which was successfully treated.

#### Prescription

TH-5

#### Explanation

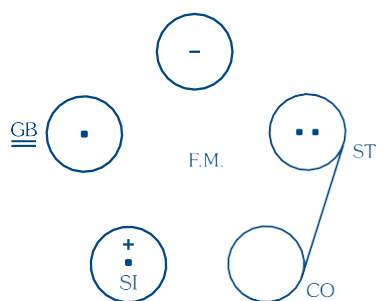
TH-5 is the outer gate and, when opened, takes the yang to the yin, which was indicated on the pulse. Three Heater governs the lymph glands, and these were in excess (swollen). Three Heater has a strong connection with the ear and TH-5 is particularly good for otitis media. She is hyperactive and is coming towards the end of her second 7 year cycle, the Fire phase, and so releasing the yang of Fire is indicated.

## 204 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 35 1936

FEMALE

STEMS/BRANCHES



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### Symptoms

Diarrhoea. Had a CVA 2 years ago.

### Prescription

SP-15 with MOXABOX over the abdomen

### Explanation

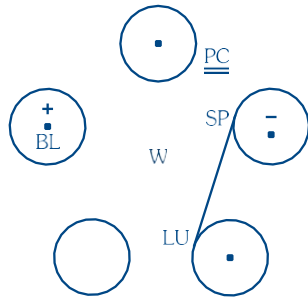
The Earth is too Watery from the four stem possibilities. SP-15 is a favourite TCM point for diarrhoea, to the stems/branches chart is suitable in this case.

The MOXA box over the abdomen dries out the Watery Earth and is gentle treatment.

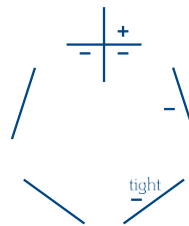
**CASE PRESENTATION 36  
1982**

**MALE**

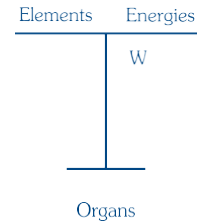
STEMS/BRANCHES



PULSE



MISSING



**Symptoms**

This child has been diagnosed in Western medicine as "borderline", i.e. he cannot easily distinguish between fantasy and reality.

**Prescription**

PC-7

**Explanation**

PC-7 feeds the Earth, builds yin, calms Shen, takes excess from the Three Heater and is indicated in a pulse where the Heart is deficient with a tight Metal pulse. In previous treatment the Three Heater has been sedated, e.g. TH-3; now it is time to build the yin.

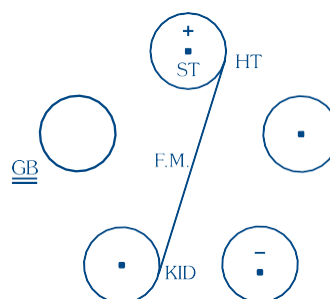
The "borderline" diagnosis relates to a Three Heater problem. The Three Heater is concerned with feeling comfortable in the world and with the harmonious interaction between the interior and exterior (the environment), e.g. TH-5 harmonises the interior/exterior relationship. The Three Heater is the connection between Heaven (pre-incarnation) and Earth (incarnation). Post-heaven energy arrives first through the Three Heater. A lack of Three Heater energy corresponds to a lack of imagination, coldness, etc. An excess of Three Heater energy corresponds to too much imagination, etc.

## 206 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 37 1948

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Low back pain. Every Autumn/Winter he gets respiratory problems.

#### Prescription

TH-5, KID-3

#### Explanation

TH-5 is the Luo point to release the tightness felt in the pulse, to feed the Pericardium and take the Ké cycle pressure off the Metal. The energy released will travel via the Sheng cycle to nourish the slightly deficient Spleen and support the Earth to allow the use of KID-3, the unlike chi of the stem and the Water source point, so receiving excess energy from the Bladder.

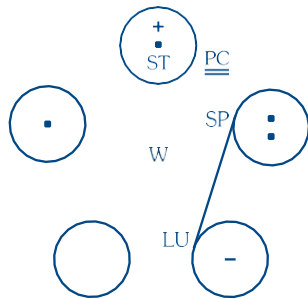
Tight proximal pulses in the superficial position often reflect a degree of pain in the body. Low back pain can be attributed to a deficiency of Kidney energy.

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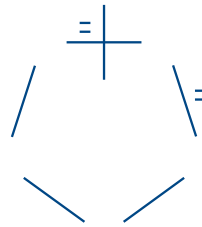
### CASE PRESENTATION 38 1958

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



The stomach pulse is very weak,  
and this is her essential energy

#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	W
WO	M
LU/CO/KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

Headaches, becoming more severe since they started after a thyroid operation in 1980. She has tried many therapies to cure this, but all have failed, including TCM acupuncture.

### Prescription

Scar Treatment, CV-4 with MOXA × 3

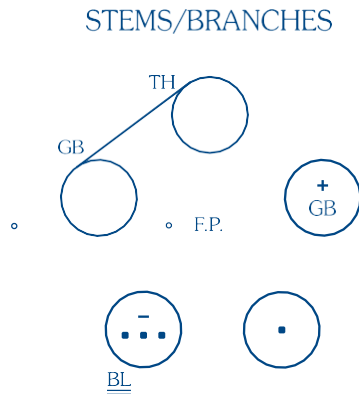
### Explanation

The scar treatment is an attempt to overcome the energy flow damage to the Small Intestine and Stomach meridians that resulted from surgery. Four needles are used at the four ends of the scars with long, superficial insertion.

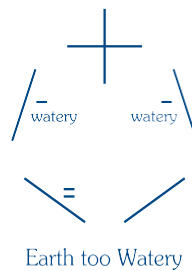
CV-4 is used without needling but with direct MOXA. She cannot stand each MOXA for very long, indicating a very underactive and weak Small Intestine; this point is the Front Mu point of the Small Intestine and is known as the Gate of Yuan chi, the juncture of original yang and original yin. Needling this point is considered to be contraindicated in this case because the stomach is so weak that she might collapse.

## 208 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 39



### PULSE



### FEMALE 1944

### MISSING

Elements	Energies
M	WO
	F
	E
LU/CO	
Organs	

### Symptoms

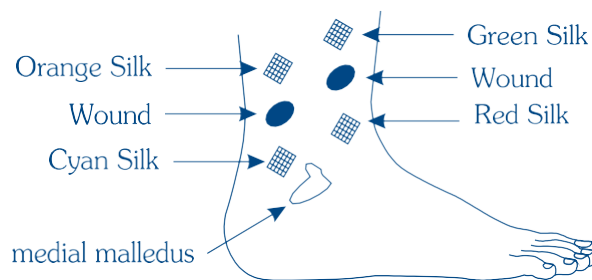
Varicose veins. Leg ulcers.

### Prescription

SP-9, SP-3, LIV-8, LIV-3, KID-10

### Explanation

Varicose veins are considered to arise from Liver and Spleen energetic pathologies. The leg ulcers appear on the yin aspect of the leg as a reaction to the Watery Earth. So, the Water is taken out of the Earth by sedating Liver and Spleen Water points; then there is no need for a fiery reaction. The patient is travelling to Africa in two weeks' time, and she is concerned about the open wounds! The ability to self-heal open wounds is dependent upon the state of the Gall Bladder and Earth energies. The Chinese Silk Wound Healing Technique is used to encourage rapid tissue granulation (see Chart ?? on page ?? for a full colour key to this technique).



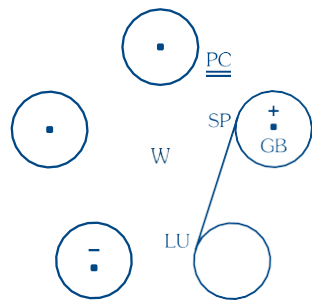
Left foot - medial aspect

# CASE PRESENTATIONS 209

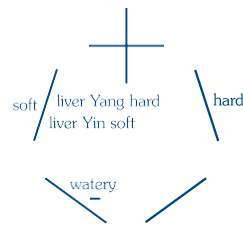
## CASE PRESENTATION 40 1934

MALE

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	M
KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

Pain in the neck. Acid stomach. Oedema.

### Precription

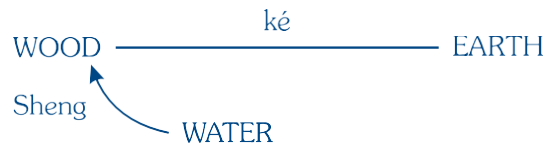
LIV-8, LIV-3, ST-28

### Explanation

The Earth is too Watery, and the body reacts with Fire to try and make a balance. This is why there is acid in the stomach and why the liver feels hard and fiery.

To know whether the pulse quality indicates action or reaction then one must relate the pulse diagnosis to the stems/branches chart and work out why this could happen.

Usually there will be three elements involved in pathology; in this case they are:



If one were to take away the Fire in this case the patient would be left with an excess of Water and may "drown". So:

LIV-8 reduces the water in the deep energy of Earth which relieves the body of the need to use Fire as a balance. LIV-3 supports the sedation of Liver and is the deep energy point of Earth for Earth to control Water.

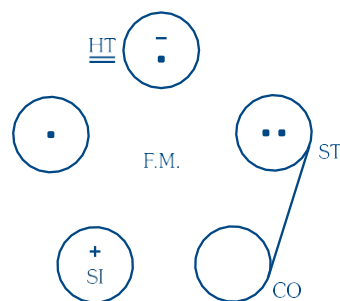
ST-28 communicates with the kidneys via the extraordinary meridian Dai Mai and its name is Water Path. It is very effective in cases of oedema, and of course the Stomach is the "Gate to the Kidneys".

## 210 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 41 1966

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Sexually abused as a child, now she hears voices that shout and curse and touch her.

#### Body Diagnosis

Her laugh indicates a Shen disturbance. The involuntary jerking of her muscles indicates a Liver disturbance.

#### Prescription

BL-39, BL-42

#### Explanation

The outer bladder points are more spiritual. BL-39 is the spirit of Shen. BL-42 is the spirit of Hun.

The number of needles is four, and four is the number of Earth. The needles are taken out according to the five elements thus:

1 = Wood      2 = Fire  
3 = Metal     4 = Water

The Created Centre = Earth

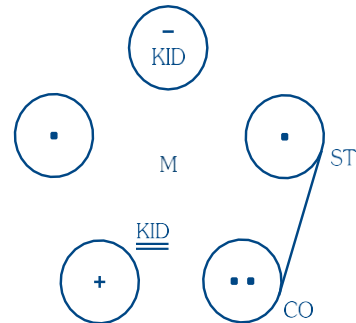
as opposed to the usual rules thus:

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 211

### CASE PRESENTATION 42 1933

FEMALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Preventative treatment, comes every change of season

#### Prescription

ST-36 with MOXA × 5

#### Explanation

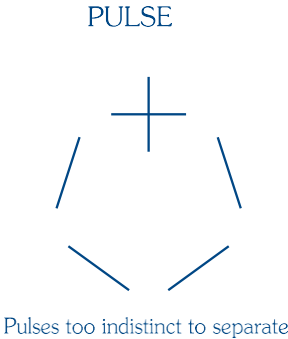
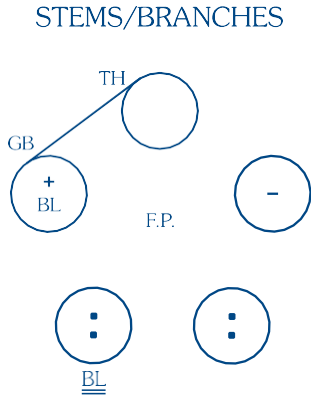
We are in the last 18 days of Winter; ST-36 on the right is indicated, it is the unlike chi of the stem and, used on the right, builds kidney yin. The pulse is hard (Metal), and it can be seen that MOXA (Fire) can melt the Metal.

This patient was once treated with Yin Qiao Mai because the yin appeared very hard, but in fact the yang was entering into the yin and the treatment of Yin Qiao Mai sent the patient mad and quite ill!! The antidote was CO-6, SI-7, SI-8 and ST-36, i.e. part of the yang depression formula.

# 212 STEMS AND BRANCHES

## CASE PRESENTATION 43 1992

MALE



MISSING

Elements	Energies
E	E
M	W
	F
ST/SP/LU/CO Organs	

### Symptoms

Allergies to sugar and dairy products

### Prescription

LU-5 needed but not retained

### Explanation

Pulse diagnosis was inappropriate in this infant.

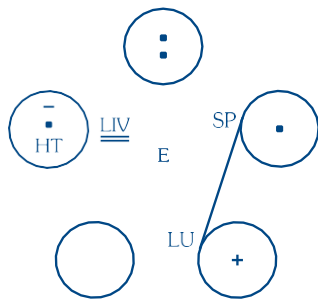
LU-5 was chosen as it is favoured TCM point for allergies, and one of the four stem possibilities is the Wood can be too Watery. It is also the unlike chi of the branch.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 213

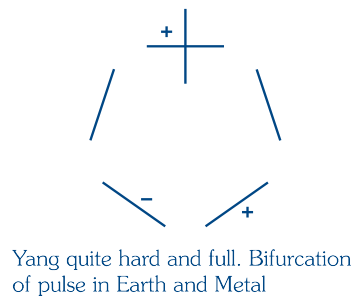
### CASE PRESENTATION 44 1937

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	M
	W
KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

Rheumatoid arthritis. Recent bereavement. Hearing loss

### Prescription

CO-6, SI-7, CV-23

### Explanation

There is no yang in the birth chart, so it is good to work on the yang and especially yang points that create yin.

CO-6 with SI-7 takes energy down and works on the internal duct of the Three Heater and therefore Kidney yin. These two points are part of the yang depression formula and SI-7 is the unlike chi of the branch and the like chi of the stem that is able to feed the stem energy.

CV-23 is a concentration point of kidney energy and a point of Yin Wei Mai. It opens the ears by working on clearing the eustachian tubes.

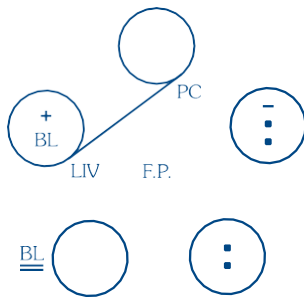
The bifurcating pulse shows a hereditary weakness which disappears with improved pulse balance. One may work on hereditary weakness through the use of Yin Wei Mai or kidney points such as KID-7 or KID-9.

## 214 STEMS AND BRANCHES

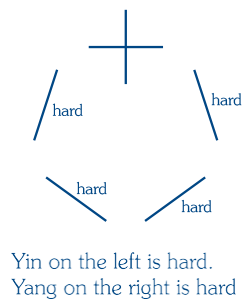
### CASE PRESENTATION 45 1992

**MALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
E	F
M	WO
	W
SP/LU/CO Organs	

### Symptoms

Fingertips on the left hand are missing

### Prescription

CO-6, KID-9

### Explanation

The missing fingertips are due to a hereditary factor.

KID-9, the first point of Yin Wei Mai, works on hereditary disease and is the like chi of the stem and branch.

CO-6 is the Luo point to release the Metal and move energy.

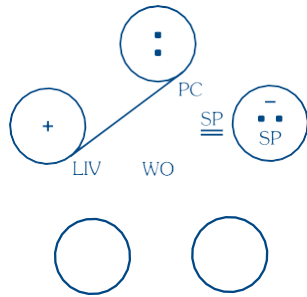
Together the two points relate as unlike chi of branches.

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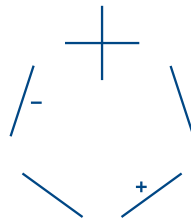
## CASE PRESENTATION 46 1989

MALE

### STEMS/BRANCHES



### PULSE



### MISSING

Elements	Energies
M	M
W	W
	WO
LU/CO/KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

Insomnia; hyperactive. Ear problems

### Finger Diagnosis

The blood vessel is almost to the Second Gate

### Prescription

LU-5 needed

### Explanation

There are no yang energies in the birth chart. There is a lot of Earth in the chart and, without the yang to move energy, stagnation and phlegm has built up.

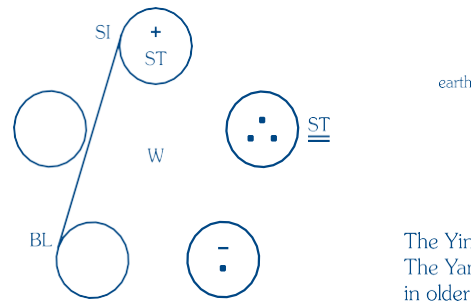
LU-5 relieves stagnation and phlegm; the body becomes cleansed (or the phlegm is vomited). This point moves energy and is also the corrective energy.

## 216 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 47 1928

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Sciatica (R) Leg. Takes Brufen

#### Eye Diagnosis

#### Prescription

GB-44 (Right), GB-44 (Left), GB-34, GB-30; LIV-2 and LIV-3 added

#### Explanation

There is a lot of Earth, and therefore damp, in the chart. The body reacts to produce Fire to dry the damp; so, take the damp away to remove the Fire. If a lot of Fire was to remain, perhaps due to the excess great movement of Stomach in Fire, then it might be possible to balance the Fire great movement by using kidney points, such as KID-10.

The idea behind the use of the Gall Bladder Jing-Well points is to pull out the perverse energy in the Gall Bladder on the right side and push in healthy Gall Bladder energy from the left side.

GB-34 removes the damp from the excess Earth.

GB-30 is a local point, with deep insertion, and clears the divergent Gall Bladder channel.

After insertion of the GB points the Liver appeared fiery on the pulse; so, LIV-2 and LIV-3 were added.

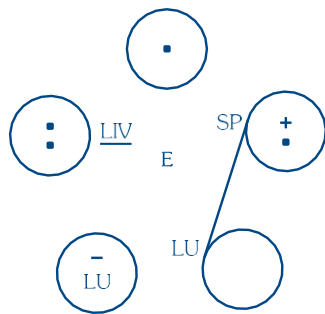
The sedated GB points bled after withdrawal, indicating a release of perverse energy

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 217

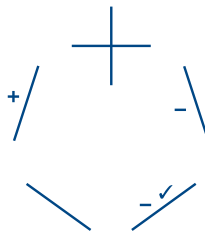
### CASE PRESENTATION 48 1901

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
F	W
	M
TH Organs	

#### Symptoms

Chest pain, sickness and diarrhoea. Has post-hepatic neuralgia of the groin.

#### Prescription

GB-34, SP-3

#### Explanation

The great movement Water is in deficiency, so there is excess Earth, implying dampness. There can be pain in the thighs and loins, followed by numbness. Later the energy flows to the diaphragm, which causes pain in that area. These are sure symptoms of great movement Water in deficiency.

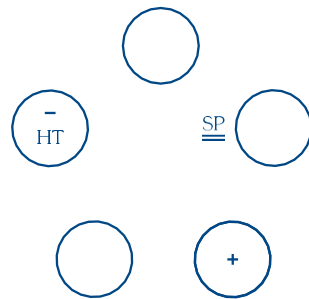
GB-34 reduces the damp in the Gall Bladder region; SP-3 is good for sickness and diarrhoea. Together they are the unlike chi, working on balancing the great movement Earth which, in excess, is causing these symptoms.



**CASE PRESENTATION 50  
1968**

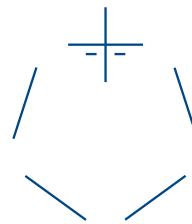
**MALE**

STEMS/BRANCHES



MONTH CHART

PULSE



The heart pulse is Empty.  
The overall feeling in the pulse is "spaced out".

**Symptoms**

Drug addict

**Prescription**

BL-15, BL-39

**Explanation**

The Bladder is unlike chi of the stem of the month. BL-15 is the Back-Shu point of the Heart and BL-39 is the outer spiritual point of the Shen.

The monthly chart relates more to the surface of the soul and social relationships. The taking of hallucinogenic drugs is a pathological response to the weak Shen, the drugs providing a boost to the Shen creating a false Shen.

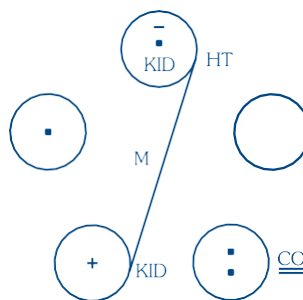
He is in the Metal phase (24-32 years) of his life, which is associated with contraction and introspection. This phase is affected by the yearly stem Stomach in Fire and the division Shao Yang that also gives a lot of Fire in his yearly chart. There is a conflict between excess Fire and Metal: the excess Fire breaks out and the Metal tries to fight back. Taking drugs is an attempt to escape from this conflict.

## 220 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 51 1963

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Dry, cracked skin on the palms of both hands, indicating Earth in body diagnosis. Dry, cracked soles of feet, indicating kidneys in body diagnosis. The big toes curl up, indicating Yuan Chi depletion in body diagnosis.

#### Prescription

ST-36, LIV-8 added for 5 minutes

#### Explanation

The Stomach is unlike chi of the stem and, used on the right, ST-36 builds kidney yin. There is no Earth element/energy and Stomach is the missing organ.

The body response to this treatment was mild, according to the pulse change, so LIV-8 was added, having the deep energy of Earth and tonifying Kidney yin and also being another missing organ energetically. The Middle Jiao was not communicating with the Lower Jiao, and in body diagnosis this was indicated by a line across the lower abdomen.

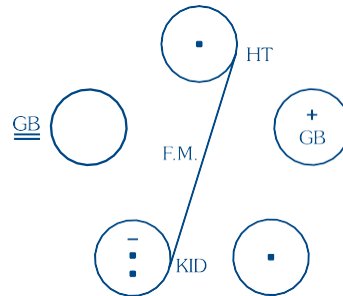
## CASE PRESENTATIONS 221

### CASE PRESENTATION 52 DAUGHTER

### MOTHER AND

Daughter 1984

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



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#### Symptoms

A dull, withdrawn child with learning difficulties. Cold extremities

#### Prescription

SP-3, HT-9

#### Explanation

SP-3 is the unlike chi stem point of the stem. It balances the great movement Earth and increases Earth quality to control the Water.

HT-9 takes from the excess Wood and tonifies the deficient Fire to dry out the Water.

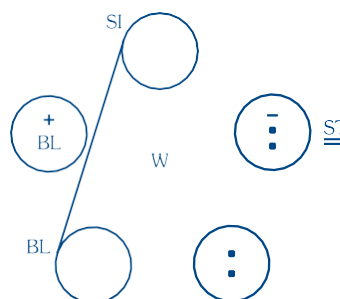
## 222 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 52

### MOTHER AND DAUGHTER (CONT.)

Mother 1952

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

She is a single parent with a difficult child and finds her situation difficult to cope with

#### Prescription

CO-6, CO-7, SI-7, SI-8

#### Explanation

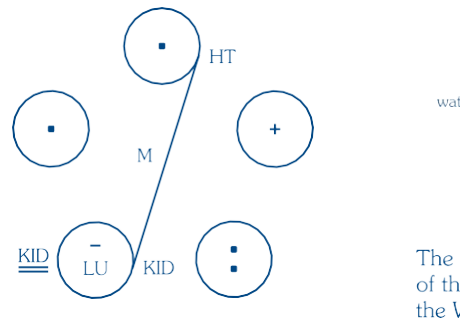
Part of the yang depression formula, and these points stimulate the internal duct of the Three Heater, tonifying the kidneys.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 223

### CASE PRESENTATION 53 1981

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Dyslexia: A Fire yin problem

#### Prescription

CO-11

#### Explanation

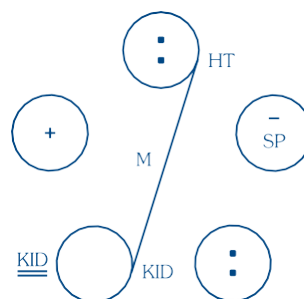
Colon is the unlike chi of the branch and CO-11 brings up the Earth and Metal pulses. It is the deep energy tonification point and therefore can feed Fire. This is necessary because the Wood is too Watery and cannot feed the Fire very well.

## 224 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 54 1969

FEMALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Hyperacidic stomach. Pain at ribs 11/12 indicates a liver disharmony. Her colour is very yellow indicating the deep energy of Earth.

#### Prescription

CO-11, LIV-8

#### Explanation

Colon is the unlike chi of the branch and CO-11 brings up the deficient Earth and Metal pulses. It is the deep energy tonification point of Wood to feed the deficient Fire.

LIV-8 tonifies the depleted liver and kidneys and has the deep energy Earth.

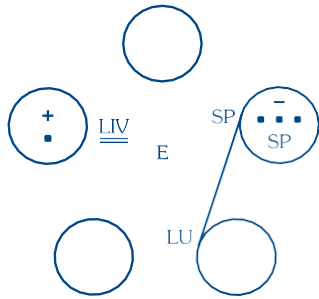
Several treatments ago the Earth was fiery (one of the four stem pulse possibilities) and so the treatment was LIV-2, LIV-3 which left the liver depleted. So, part of the current treatment is to raise Liver energy. Thus, one should see a process in sequential treatment; in such cases it is important to treat the most out of balance pulse, remembering how many ramifications there will be!

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 225

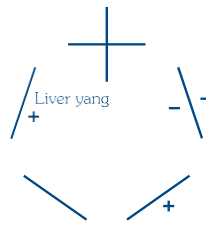
### CASE PRESENTATION 55 1949

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
F	F
W	W
	M
HT/TH/KID/BL Organs	

#### Symptoms

Pain in (R) arm: the biceps brachii. History of high blood pressure, currently 140/100

#### Prescription

CO-15, HT-9, ST-38

#### Explanation

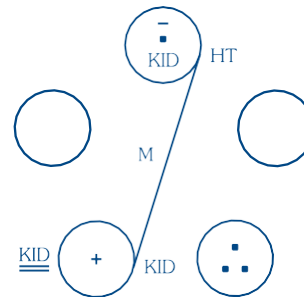
CO-15 tonifies and strengthens the heart and chest and is the main point for shoulder problems. The pain in arm-shoulder junction is an excess pain, painful upon touch and so the point is sedated. HT-9 supports the Fire when sedating CO-15 and takes from the excess Wood. ST-38 works on the opposite shoulder and is the corrective energy.

## 226 STEMS AND BRANCHES

### CASE PRESENTATION 56

MALE 1993

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

The baby cries all day long. Diagnosed as suspected digestive problems

#### Prescription

SI-7 needled, then quickly withdrawn

#### Explanation

When the pulse shows all yang and no yin it is often reasonable to use the most yang Luo point, i.e. SI-7.

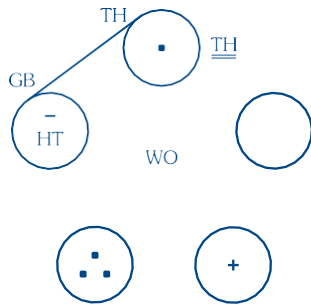
SI-7 calms down the Shen and is a point for acute abdomen inflammation.

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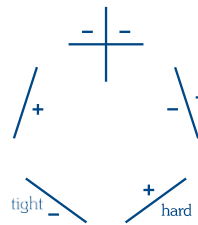
### CASE PRESENTATION 57 1947

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
E	E
M	M
W	WO
ST/LU/CO/KID/BL Organs	

### Symptoms

Bursitis (L) shoulder, specifically head of biceps, indicating a lung problem. Neck problems: articulation

### Prescription

ST-12, LU-7, SI-9 (Left), neck manipulation

### Explanation

ST-12 meets all the yang, which is down, and connects with DU-14 - the area of the neck problem.

LU-7 is the Luo point of the lungs to release the stuck Metal. LU-7 has the deep energy of Wood, which is the corrective energy.

SI-9 has a lung connection in two ways: it is connected to the Lung through the great movement Water and physically has a posterior-anterior relationship at the level of the shoulder.

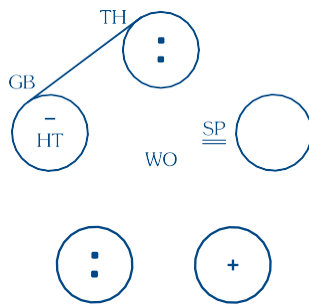
SI-9 calms the excess Wood.

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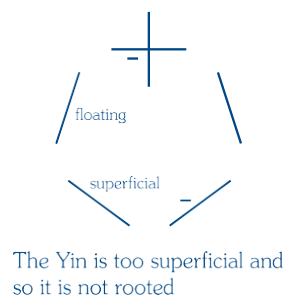
### CASE PRESENTATION 58 1977

**FEMALE**

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
W	WO
M	M
	E
KID/BL/LU/CO Organs	

### Symptoms

A shoulder problem that recurs, specifically the supra-spinous tendon

### Prescription

PC-6, 4 directions needle sedation on the Ashi point of the shoulder problem, cupping over the Ashi point for 20 minutes

### Explanation

PC-6 closes the door; it is the master point of Yin Wei Mai.

The Yin Wei Mai extraordinary meridian communicates with all the yin and protects the yin. In order to communicate with all the yin, the energy of Jue Yin must be chosen, since Tai Yin opens on the exterior, Shao Yin opens on the interior and Jue Yin is the hinge. Its specific point is PC-6, the inner gate. The Chinese character for *gate* suggests the possibility of dual function, according to whether it is open or closed. In the Luo role the gate should be open to allow the flow of energy from the yin to the yang. In the case of the extra meridian then it is the opposite: the gate should be closed to protect the yin.

For the same reason TH-5 is chosen as the master point for the Yang Wei Mai, which communicates with all the yang.

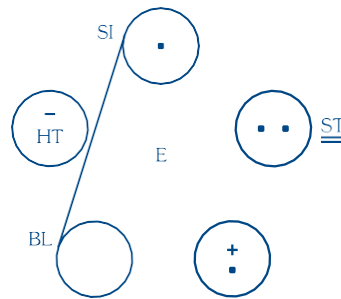
The rest of the prescription is TCM

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 229

### CASE PRESENTATION 59 1937

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### Symptoms

Previously he has had problems which have been controlled by diet. This time he has come for a check-up

#### Prescription

BL-10 inserted in the direction of GB-20

#### Explanation

Unlike chi of stem.

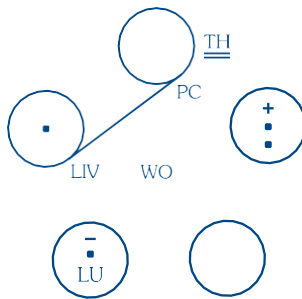
Raises and pushes the yang on the Sheng cycle:

## 230 STEMS AND BRANCHES

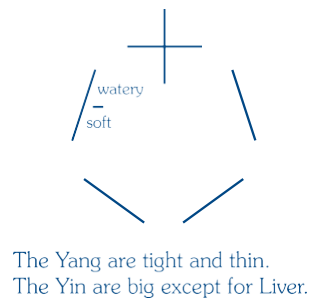
### CASE PRESENTATION 60 1971

MALE

#### STEMS/BRANCHES



#### PULSE



#### MISSING

Elements	Energies
E	F
	M
SP	
Organs	

### Symptoms

Fiery nature, volatile behaviour. Excessive body workouts!

### Body Diagnosis

Red face, indicating Fire deep energy. Orange hair over the body, indicating Fire imbalance. Orange palms; brown blemishes on points LIV-13 and LIV-8. Yuan chi line appearing on ears.

### Prescription

LIV-8, LIV-3

### Explanation

The liver is too Watery, hence the need to work out to create Fire in the muscles for balance, producing the red face and orange hair and palms. The Wood is too Watery is one of the four stem possibilities and the reaction is Fire. LIV-8 sedated takes the water out of the Liver, LIV-3 supports the Liver and is the deep energy point of Earth to control Water. It is also the point for muscle spasm.

## CASE PRESENTATIONS 231

<u>Age ranges:</u> 0-10 years= 7    11 - 20 years = 11 21 - 30 years= 16      31 -40 years= 19 41 - 50 years= 31      51 - 60 years = 44 61 - 70 years= 16      71 - 80 years= 14 81 - 90 years= 5      TOTAL = 163																																																																																			
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