

ALLERGIES AND SPINAL FUNCTION

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As many as 40 percent of people in developed countries suffer from at least one allergic condition. Over 40 billion dollars is spent annually on allergy diagnostics and treatments.

Chiropractic adjustments do not treat allergies or the immune system. They remove interference to the nervous system to allow the body to function properly and to heal itself.

Abnormal autonomic nervous system responsiveness may contribute to the pathogenesis of allergic disorders.

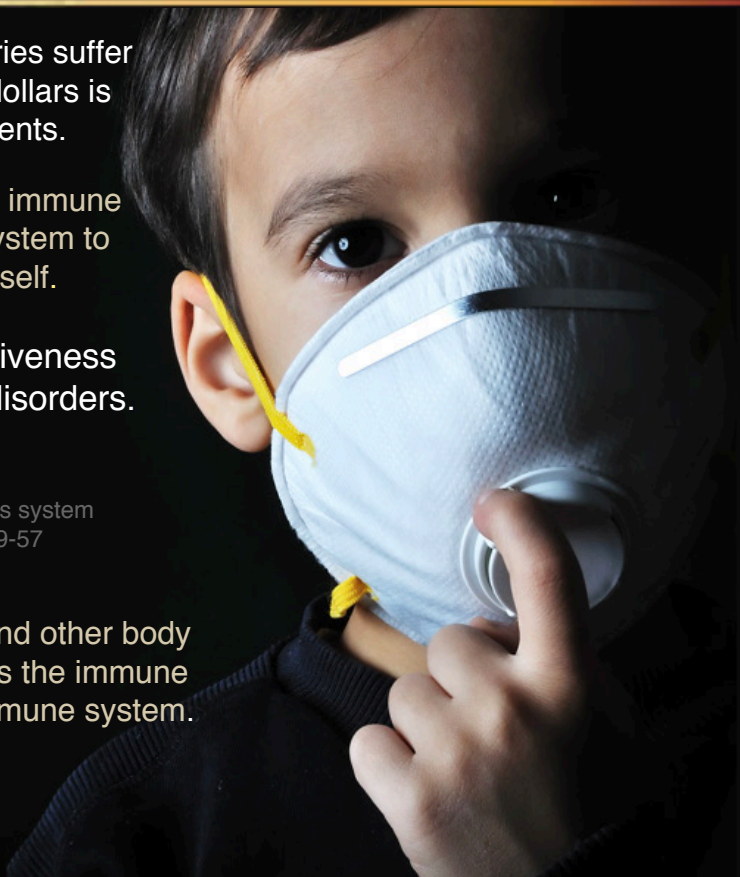
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Nerve dysfunction is stressful to the visceral nerve and other body structures and the lowered tissue resistance modifies the immune response and lessens the overall capability of the immune system.

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Among 120 patients who received spinal adjustments, 106 showed improvement in skin itching and 86 showed improvement in skin condition. Vertebral misalignment is a common finding in patients with atopic dermatitis.

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