

CHIROPRACTIC AND RESPIRATORY FUNCTION

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The respiratory system works with the circulatory system to provide oxygen and to remove the waste products of metabolism. A growing body of research is showing the link between spinal structure and the role of chiropractic in respiratory health and function.

Hyperkyphosis is often associated with adverse health consequences including impaired physical function, pain and disability, impaired pulmonary function, and increased mortality.

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Autonomic nervous system dysfunction likely plays a role in chronic upper airway inflammatory disease. Further investigation may lead to a better understanding of autonomic nervous system dysfunction in these disorders and hence, opportunities for innovative solutions.

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