

A Beginner's Guide to Energy Medicine

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Energy medicine is both a complement to other systems of medical care and, in itself, a complete system for self-care and self-help. It can address physical illness and emotional disorders, and it can also promote wellness and peak performance.

**Energy Medicine is both an independent approach to self-care
and a complement to medical care.**

Because we receive so many requests from people who are new to energy medicine for help with health conditions, we have written this brief guide to help orient you and to direct you to a wealth of available resources, many of them free.

A key concept in energy medicine is that the words "diagnosis" and "treatment" have a different meaning than they do in conventional medicine. In conventional medicine you *diagnose* and *treat* an illness. In energy medicine, you *assess* where the energy system needs attention and *correct* the energy disturbances. Physical symptoms may be a clue, but they are not the focus. For instance, the same stomachache might trace to an imbalance in heart meridian in one person, in liver meridian in another, and in stomach meridian in a third. The same physical symptoms can reflect many kinds of problems in your energy system and call for different kinds of attention.

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TWO WAYS ENERGY MEDICINE CAN HELP

There are TWO LEVELS where energy medicine might make a difference with a health condition:

1. THE FIRST has to do with getting your body's energies into a good flow, harmony, and balance. While not focusing on your health issue directly, this can create within your body an energetic environment that supports your overall health, vitality, and healing.

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- This is the place to start, even if you are also taking additional steps, such as assessing and working with specific vulnerabilities in your energy system or consulting with an energy medicine specialist. Unlike treatments that offer pills or surgery, energy medicine focuses on the entire body as a system. Before doing more specific treatments, energy medicine practitioners routinely help people get their body's *overall* energies into a strong and healthy flow.
- Over the years, Donna Eden designed a five-minute “Daily Energy Routine” that combines the most potent techniques we know that are able to help the greatest number of people to stimulate each of the vital energy systems and bring them into harmony and balance.
- In the Daily Energy Routine are some of the methods an energy medicine practitioner might give to you after an initial consultation to help you strengthen and balance your own energies. You can do much for yourself through the Daily Energy Routine alone. The Daily Energy Routine takes about five minutes, and then also dedicating five additional minutes for experimenting with other methods can make a real difference in your health and vitality.
- We guide you through the Daily Energy Routine in every introductory publication we have. You can find it in the book *Energy Medicine* (Chapter 3), on our “Energy Healing” videos, and in the Sounds True “Energy Medicine Kit.” You can find these resources at www.innersource.net.
- Five areas you might experiment with as adjuncts to the Daily Routine are 1) the the “Homolateral Crossover,” 2) “Connecting Heaven and Earth,” 3) techniques for sedating the triple warmer meridian, 4) the “Neurovascular Hold,” and 5) the “Blow Out.” All are presented in each of the above resources.

2. THE SECOND LEVEL by which energy medicine might make a difference with a health concern involves an assessment of your body's energies and the ways they are related to the condition.

- Based on that assessment, individualized treatments can be designed to make your energy system more robust, specifically in the ways that will help with the health condition.
- If you are a beginner with energy medicine, this is more than we recommend you attempt without the help of a qualified practitioner (see below for suggestions on how to find one).
- However, various resources mentioned below will give you an idea of where to begin. The book *Energy Medicine* gives further instruction in how to assess your energies and correct problems with them.

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- Meanwhile, everything you might do in terms of the Basic Daily Routine would only support work with a professional energy medicine practitioner or other health care provider.

Energy Medicine *first* approaches a health condition by strengthening the person's overall energy system and *then* by working with specific energies that are involved in the problem.

Books, Videos, and Other Learning Resources

While *Energy Medicine* is our flagship book, Donna's and David's other books have won four national awards, including two "Book of the Year" designations in their respective categories. The 6-hour "Energy Healing" video program takes most of the exercises from *Energy Medicine* and shows Donna personally instructing you in how to use them. It is like bringing her into your living room. See all their books, DVDs, and CDs, and the superb "Energy Medicine Kit" by Sounds True, on the www.LearnEnergyMedicine.com website.

Finding Classes and Trainings

Every community is offering classes in various aspects of energy medicine. In larger cities, widely distributed free monthly local magazines announce dozens every month. Courses with Donna and David can be found on the "**Classes**" area of www.LearnEnergyMedicine.com.

Eden Energy Medicine Certification Program

Taught by gifted practitioners who have been studying with Donna for many years, and still overseen by Donna, this two-year program has earned rave reviews from hundreds of graduates. Energy medicine is a career for the future, and this program is a route into it. Learn more on the "**Certification Program**" area of www.LearnEnergyMedicine.com

Join or Start a Local Study Group

A great way to learn energy medicine is to find study buddies with whom you can practice. This may be one other person or a small group, and it may be as simple as discussing this book or practicing techniques together after watching them on a DVD. Many communities have local energy medicine study groups. You can find them, along with other individuals interested in energy medicine, at www.EnergyMedicineDirectory.com

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Home Study Resources

Many of our books and videos can form the basis of home study programs with exams, Certificates of Completion, and Professional Continuing Education Credit available. Learn more at www.EnergyHomeStudy.com.

The Energy e-Letter

Learn about numerous topics of interest, new books, DVDs, and other resources, upcoming classes and training events, and generally stay informed about Donna's and David's approach to energy healing. You can sign up on www.LearnEnergyMedicine.com. Your name will never be given to others.

The Energy Medicine Handout Bank

As more and more of our students have been teaching energy medicine, they were putting great amounts of energy into developing handouts for their classes, often were covering material that was similar to handouts being developed by other students. We decided to take the best of the best of these handouts and place them on our "Handout Bank." The Handout Bank is a free resource designed to 1) help make energy medicine more widely accessible, 2) aid those who are teaching classes or providing services in energy medicine, and 3) create a high quality archive of principles and methods. It is designed for the energy medicine practitioner, but others interested in the field may also find it a valuable resource. The Handout Bank is posted on the site of our sister organization, the non-profit Energy Medicine Institute, www.HandoutBank.org.

Finding an Energy Medicine Practitioner

Every local community is enjoying a rapid increase in the number of health practitioners who incorporate an energy medicine perspective. Practitioners may be found in all of the healing professions, from physicians and chiropractors to nurses and personal trainers to massage therapists and life coaches. Practitioners of acupuncture, qi gong, Reiki, Ayurveda, applied kinesiology, homeopathy, Touch for Health, Healing Touch, and Therapeutic Touch, among many others, are all working directly with the body's subtle energies. An excellent guide to finding a qualified energy practitioner in your own local community, as well as a listing of practitioners trained in Donna Eden's approach to energy medicine, can be found in the "**Practitioners and Links**" area of www.LearnEnergyMedicine.com.

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Getting an Energy Medicine Perspective on Health-Based Questions

Again, energy medicine does not *diagnose* or *treat* illness or disease. Instead it corrects energetic imbalances that are at the foundation of health and vibrancy. But physical symptoms often provide clues about the types of energy imbalances the body needs to have addressed. Donna has received thousands of inquiries about how to apply energy medicine with various health-related concerns. While the numbers now make it impossible to answer each, for many years she did just that, so we have hundreds of responses to such questions. Our staff has selected questions and answers that may apply to others with similar concerns, concealed the writers' identities, and edited and posted them so the information might serve many. These are well-indexed in the "**Questions and Answers**" section of www.LearnEnergyMedicine.com.

Learn About Energy Psychology

Applying the principles of energy medicine to emotional problems and to promoting peak vitality is proving to be one of the most exciting developments in the field of psychology. Learn more in the "**Energy Psychology**" area of www.LearnEnergyMedicine.com.