

The Brookbush Institute Publishes NEW Course and Glossary Updates: 'Taut Band'

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Dr. Brent Brookbush, CEO of Brookbush Institute

Excerpt from the glossary term: [Taut Band](#)

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DEFINITION:

Taut Band: A taut band is a localized contracture of sarcomeres within a muscle without the activation of the motor endplate by an action potential. Taut bands likely result from muscle fiber dysfunction and are correlated

with trigger point development . Generally, taut bands are treated with release technique.

EXAMPLE PALPATION (UPPER TRAPEZIUS)

The upper trapezius courses from the occiput and cervical spine outward toward the spine of the scapula and acromion process. Although the upper trapezius is relatively flat, bands can be felt coursing laterally between these attachments. These bands can be "strummed" perpendicularly, by stroking the fibers from anterior to posterior (from front to back). A taut band will feel like a tightened guitar string among the rest of the more uniform continuity of the muscle. A hypersensitive nodule within the band may indicate the presence of a trigger point.

TREATMENT OPTIONS

- Manual Release Techniques (e.g., ischemic compression, pin and stretch)
- Dry Needling or Acupuncture
- Spray and Stretch
- Self-administered Tools (e.g., foam rollers, trigger point devices)
- Corrective Exercise to address contributing postural or movement dysfunctions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a taut band in muscle tissue?

- A taut band is a localized segment of hypercontracted muscle fibers, often associated with trigger points. It can be felt as a rope-like band under the skin and may cause pain, stiffness, or referral symptoms when pressed.

What's the difference between a taut band and a trigger point?

- A taut band is a structural muscle abnormality—a contracted section of muscle. A trigger point is a hyperirritable spot within that taut band. All trigger points are found within taut bands, but not all taut bands contain active trigger points.

What Causes Taut Bands?

- Taut bands can develop due to fatigue, chronic overuse, tissue trauma, movement impairment (postural dysfunction), and certain diseases. They are also associated with conditions like fibromyalgia and myofascial pain syndrome (MPS). Symptoms include pain, stiffness, the sensation of "knots" in muscles, and reduced range of motion (ROM).

How Do You Treat Taut Bands (release tight muscles)?

- Treatment options for taut bands include compression techniques, needling, and trigger point therapies. Methods include dry needling, acupuncture, ischemic compression (static manual release), spray and stretch, specific massage techniques, pin and stretch, foam rolling, and the use of devices for self-administered compression of trigger points.

How Do You Palpate Taut Bands?

- To palpate taut bands, gently strum the muscle fibers perpendicular to their direction, feeling for differences in tension between adjacent fibers. Taut bands often feel like an overly tight "guitar string" within the muscle, extending from origin to insertion.

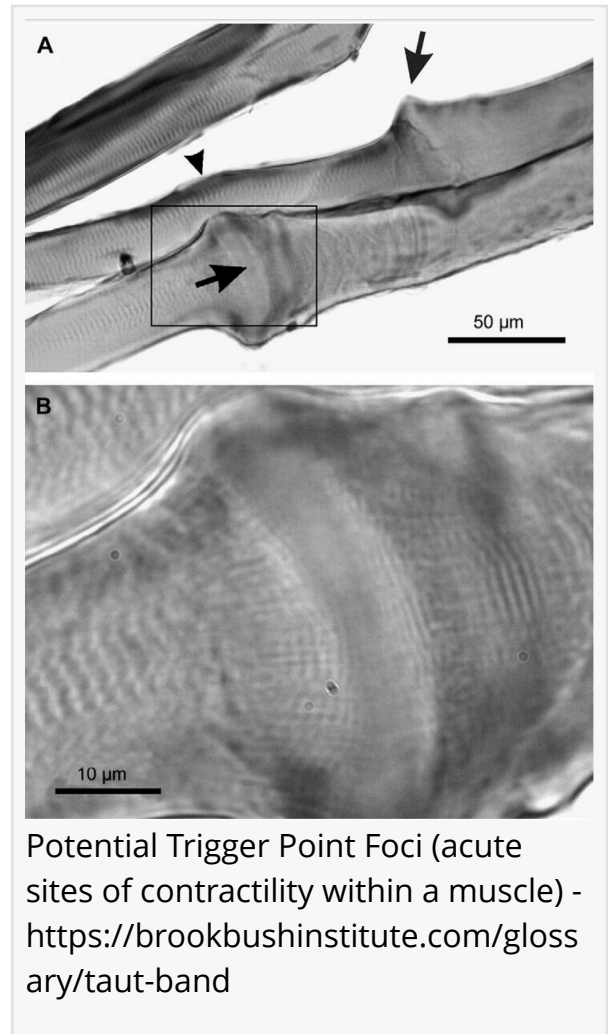
Can taut bands go away on their own?

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