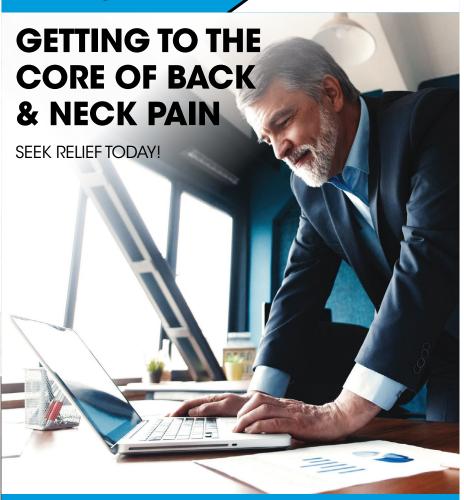


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# **NEWSLETTER**





Neck Pain 101. There are a lot of reasons why neck pain may develop, including everything from sudden incidents like a car accident or a slip-and-fall injury, to more chronic issues, such as regularly hunching over a desk at work or even practicing poor posture. One of the biggest problems with neck pain is that it often triggers headaches. as the pain is so closely connected to the spine and nervous system. A physical therapist can help treat neck pain by improving range of motion, using targeted massage techniques, and by improving strength as needed.

Back Pain 101. Severe back pain impacts more than half of the population, and many of those with pain in the back as a result of injury end up dealing with that pain long term. One of the biggest problems with back pain is that once it develops, it is difficult to work around it, and many people begin modifying their movements as a result, causing their back to compensate for the injury by putting pressure on other muscles that eventually just leads to more back pain. Physical therapy can address back pain by helping to improve your range of motion, strengthen the muscles in your back and surrounding areas, and by using targeted massage to reduce tension. In many situations, working with a physical therapist to improve core strength can significantly reduce the severity of your back pain.

Core Strength and Back Pain. You may be surprised how frequently issues with the neck and back actually stem from issues with core

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strength. Your core refers to the muscles that make up your torso, including your abdomen. These muscles are called the core because they are at the center of your body, and they are necessary in just about every action that you engage in. Everything from walking and running and swimming to sitting and driving require you to engage your core. When you improve your core, you are likely to also improve your posture and thereby reduce your risk of developing further back pain in the future.

Sometimes, when your core is weak, it can cause you to experience added pressure on areas like your neck and back. If you haven't spent much time building core strength in the past, then working with a physical therapist is a great place to start. For more information about how to start improving your core, contact us.

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#### SHAMROCK GREEN SMOOTHIE



#### INGREDIENTS

- •2 bananas, frozen
- •1 green apple, core removed
- •2 cups water or milk (non-dairy •1 teaspoon vanilla extract if necessary)
- •1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- •2 handfuls of spinach (about 1-2 cups)

  - Honey to taste (optional)

#### DIRECTIONS

In a blender, add all ingredients. Blend until smooth, adding more water if you want a thinner smoothie. Adjust sweetness with additional honey, if desired.

Recipe: https://www.momables.com/healthy-shamrock-green-smoothie/

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#### Real View Diagnostics (RVD)

Musculoskeletal ultrasound (MSKUS) has become one of the most practical and rapid methods of producing images of the musculoskeletal system, and it can be performed readily and quickly in the clinic. Often, if too much time passes without accurate diagnosis, outcomes can be compromised and healing can be delayed. MSKUS allows your physical therapist to design the



best treatment plan for you by allowing them to see directly inside the area of your pain to better identify problems such as joint swelling and arthritis, ligament and tendon tears/sprains, loose bodies, and nerve swelling and/or compression.

MSKUS also allows for imaging during movement (dynamic assessment,) giving your clinician the ability to provide a better mechanical assessment of joints and tendons in real-time. No other imaging modality can evaluate tendons during movement of the joint. This allows clinicians to bridge the gap between pain at rest and pain during movement.

MSKUS enhances the clinical understanding of patient conditions and improves patient outcomes. Often times, MSKUS is considered to be equally as effective as MRI in diagnosing movement dysfunction in a more cost-effective, painless and non-invasive environment. Additionally, ultrasound is safe for all patients, including all age ranges and those with surgical hardware. Some conditions that can be assessed with MSKUS include but are not limited to:

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Osteoarthritis
- Tennis elbow & golfer's elbow Knee injuries
- Bursitis
- Tendonitis/tendinosis
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- · Rotator cuff dysfunction
- Ankle sprains
- Joint swelling
- Impingement syndromes

Given the current health climate including rising healthcare costs, MSKUS is a great option to quickly identify musculoskeletal problems, allowing your physical therapist the ability to provide specific treatment options for fast recovery and return to function.

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