



What People Are Saying About IMT

"After 13 years with Facial Paralysis, my face and eye pain are gone and I do not have to use drops in my eye."

KS, patient

"As a therapist, it's great to have techniques that really improve facial symmetry... even after 10 years!"

LW, physical therapist

"I feel like I have been helped a lot as far as how the whole side of my face feels, moves and looks."

CH, patient

"IMT improved synkinesis (involuntary movements) when nothing else worked."

JS, occupational therapist

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Innovative Solutions with Integrative Manual Therapy



CenterIMT Atlanta

IMT: Integrative Manual Therapy for Facial Paralysis

Using gentle, non-invasive, hands-on techniques, Integrative Manual Therapy (IMT) addresses facial paralysis resulting from:

- ❖ Bell's Palsy
- ❖ Ramsey-Hunt Syndrome
- ❖ Acoustic neuroma
- ❖ Surgery
- ❖ Lyme Disease
- ❖ Pregnancy
- ❖ Trauma

This comprehensive approach addresses many aspects of residual facial paralysis including facial weakness, asymmetry, facial spasm, face and head pain, sensory deficits and difficulty with speech, vision and hearing.

Rehabilitation

The IMT Facial Paralysis program begins with a detailed assessment of the nerves and muscles of the face, head and neck. Eye protection and blink function are primary concerns which are addressed immediately.

Standardized still photographs and videos are taken during the initial IMT evaluation to provide a benchmark, and repeated periodically throughout treatment to determine progress.

Integrative Diagnostics identify the source of patho-anatomy through a variety of manual evaluation methods. Once specific sites of dysfunction are identified, the practitioner correlates them

with the patho-physiology and functional impairments. The results of this diagnostic process are the foundation for developing an individualized plan for rehabilitation.

Treatment

Facial paralysis is a multi-system problem. IMT outpatient treatment address multiple systems of the body, including the facial arteries and veins (the vascular system); lymph nodes and vessels of the head and face (the lymphatic system); facial, trigeminal and other cranial nerves (the nervous system) and muscles and joints of the face and jaw (the musculoskeletal system).

A custom home therapy program is designed for each patient which includes unique cranial/facial exercises, neuromuscular re-education and biofeedback exercises.

Finally, the IMT Facial Paralysis protocol incorporates an innovative facial muscle stimulator. Clients are trained to use this stimulator daily at home to strengthen and bulk facial muscles.

Locations and Training

To find the Center for Integrative Manual Therapy nearest you, or for information about training, visit www.CenterIMT.com or call CenterIMT and the Connecticut School of Integrative Manual Therapy at

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Dr. Giammatteo's unique integration of manual, neuro-rehabilitative and cranial work led her to develop Integrative Manual Therapy™, The Integrated Systems Approach™ and Integrative Diagnostics™. She has been developing these protocols since 1971 and teaching this work since 1981

She graduated from Wingate Institute of Physical Therapy in Israel, received a BSc in Advanced Health Sciences and Medicine from University of Hartford, and a graduate degree in Clinical Neurosciences.

Her PhD was awarded for the study of manual cranial therapy in the field of rehabilitation for the neurological client.

In developing the Facial Paralysis program, Dr. Giammatteo has worked closely with her colleagues at Center IMT, including:

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