## **CPD EVENT RECORD**

## TRIGGER POINTS

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For many years the existence of trigger points, and their role in causing or maintaining pain, was questioned. This discussion looked at the developing body of evidence which clearly shows, through both imagery and electomyography, that trigger points are real. Different approaches to treating them were contrasted. "Spray and Stretch" was said to be the most comfortable, but probable least effective. Manual inhibition was recognised as an alternative to dry needling, but was said to be a slower intervention.

The method of needling was described, with potential adverse side effects outlined. Containdications and safety precautions were also explained.



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This explanation of trigger points will prove useful in addressing many of the problems I see in clinic. The pain maps described will also be helpful in honing my diagnoses, leading to quicker resolution for patients.