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# PAIN RELIEF BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF TCM





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#### 1. WHERE DOES IT HURT?

Consider where pain is located and how to treat it according to the axis principle.

Yang Ming: large intestine - stomach Tai Yang: small intestine - bladder Shao Yang: triple burner - gall bladder

### 2. WHEN DID IT START HURTING?

**Near points** refer to acupuncture points and Ah-Shi points that are located in the area of pain or discomfort. (Ah-Shi: acupuncture of pressure painful points).

**Distant points** refer to points that exert a remote influence on the area of pain, such as points located on an axis or points with a superordinate effect.

### For acute pain: Think about starting with distant points.

Common distant points based on the axes: Large intestine: 4, 11; Stomach: 36, 40, 44 Small intestine: 3, 6; Bladder: 60, 62 Triple buner: 3, 5; Gall bladder: 34, 39, 41

For chronic pain: Think about combining distant points and near points.

### 3. HOW DOES IT HURT?

PAIN QUALITY	POINT COMBINATION
Comes, goes, wanders <u>or</u> caused by wind	<u>Wind points:</u> <u>Gb20/21, TB17, Bl10, Du14, Gb31</u>
Burning, pulsating <u>or</u> caused by heat	<u>Heat points:</u> <u>LI11, DU14, bleeding all second points from distal</u>
Dull, oppressive <u>or</u> caused by moisture	<u>Humidity points:</u> <u>SP9, SP6, ST40</u>
Deep, drilling <u>or</u> caused by cold	Moxibustion

## 4. MASTER POINT OF MUSCLES AND TENDONS: GALL BLADDER 34



5. LIVER 3 RELAXES THE MUSCLES.