Yintensive®

Foundations of Yin Yoga

FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

What is Yin?

And who is it for?

The Yin Process

- 1. Come into the pose at the appropriate "depth"
- 2. Resolve to remain
- 3. Hold for a time

"The alchemy of Yin is in duration NOT sensation"

Yin Yoga Impact

Physical

Energetic

Psychological

Physical

Annamaya Kosha

Stress connective tissues.

Energetic

Pranamaya Kosha

Encourage a robust flow of chi throughout the energetic body.

Psychological

Manomaya Kosha

Meditation for the rest of us.

YIN IS COOL





Male Elastic BRIGHTNESS, sun HEAT stimulation MOVEMENT activity EXCITEMENT vigor EXTERIORITY upwardness OUTWARDNESS increase

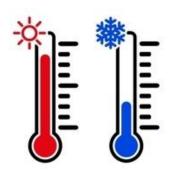
Female PLASTIC cold REST responsiveness PASSIVITY darkness INTERIORITY downwardness INWARDNESS decrease SATIATION tranquility

A myofascial case for coolness

At high Temperature

Muscle fibers are excitable, peak force and flexibility is high

Fascia stiffness is low and peak force is slow.



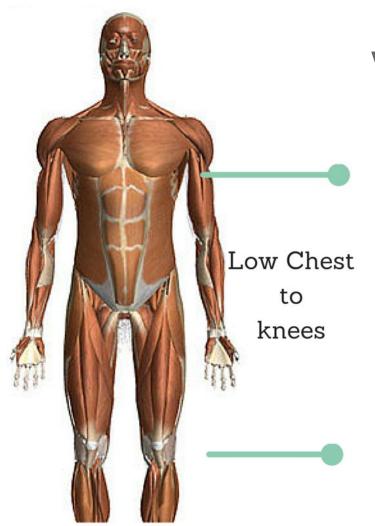
At low Temperature

Muscle fibers are stiff and slow

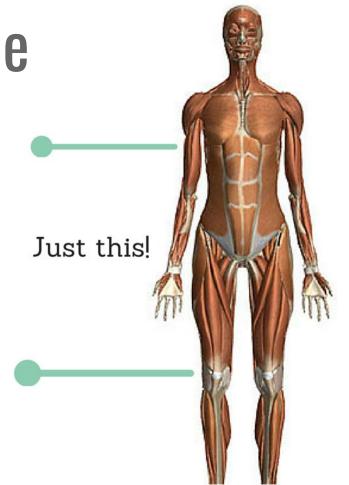
Fascial stiffness is high and speed (peak force) is high

With cold muscle, more tension is given over to the fascia. With working muscle, fascial tension is low and muscles take on more of the load bearing responsibility!

Movement Guidelines



Yin Zone



3 Vital Movements

Stretch = Tension

Compress = Compression

Twist = Shear

It's not all about the stretch!

A case for duration

- Myotatic Reflex
- Golgi Tendon Reflex
- Messenger Substance
- "Hydration"
- Reorganization of tissue





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