



Ultrasound-guided galvanic electrolysis therapy

Triggering biological processes that generate new tissue

Ultrasound-guided galvanic electrolysis (USGET) is a technique most commonly used on chronically affected tissue.

A galvanic current flows through an acupuncture needle producing an inflammatory reaction in the tissue. The inflammatory reaction will trigger a host of biological processes in the body. These will ultimately start the generation of new immature collagen fibres. The fibres become mature by means of eccentric stimulus.

USGET and anti-inflammatory techniques

The aim of the inflammatory process is to bring the patient's injury from a chronic to an acute phase. The use of anti-inflammatory techniques is not recommended during the first 72 hrs after treatment, as they would limit the effectiveness of the treatment in the initial phase.

"The treatment with ultrasoundguided electrolysis has been positioned internationally as a first-rate tool to treat soft tissue injuries such as tendon, ligaments, fascia and muscle"



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Applications of USGET

The technique shows good results on tendons in the chronic phase^{1,2}, and may be used for injuries, such as long-standing muscle injury³ and treatment of myofascial pain syndrome and trigger points⁴.

The application of USGET should be limited to trained professionals and under ultrasound guidance*

* Abat F, et al. Current trends in tendinopathy: consensus of the ESSKA basic science committee. Part II: treatment options. J Exp Orthop. 2018 Sep 24;5(1):38

Ultrasound-guided Galvanic Electrolysis Therapy's place in the treatment of tendinopathies

In the treatment of tendinopathies, therapeutic options have been progressively moving toward restoring natural tendon biology⁵.

Eccentric exercises assist in the recovery of the tendon's biomechanical qualities, however prove to be insufficient if the tissue is significantly degenerated⁵⁶⁷.

At this point, it is important to use a therapy form that can cause an inflammation bringing the degenerated tissue from a chronic to an acute phase.

USGET causes a controlled local inflammatory process in the target tissue. This allows for phagocytosis and the subsequent regeneration of the affected tissue⁸⁹.

The results obtained with the combination of USGET and eccentric exercise have reported better outcomes than conventional electro-physiotherapy techniques¹⁰.

Application of Ultrasound-guided Galvanic Electrolysis Therapy on soft tissue problems

In their prospective randomised trial, Fernández Rodríguez et al¹² show that USGET may be used successfully in the treatment of plantar fasciitis¹³.

The treatment was safe and effective for chronic plantar heal pain in the short term (0 - 3 months), and was even better at the intermediate term (3 – 6 months), achieving better results than placebo in pain relief and improvement in functional disability.

Myofascial trigger points and Ultrasound-guided Galvanic Electrolysis Therapy

A myofascial trigger point (MTrP) is a hyperirritable spot in skeletal muscle that is associated with a hypersensitive palpable nodule in a taut band.

The spot is tender when pressed and can give rise to characteristic referred pain, motor dysfunction, and autonomic phenomena¹¹.

A needling treatment proposed for treatment of myofascial pain syndrome is dry needling combined with electrical current otherwise known as percutaneous electrolysis therapy (USGET)¹².

Early clinical research shows that percutaneous electrolysis (USGET) could be a promising alternative for the treatment of $MTrPs^{13\,14\,15}$.

Other applications for Ultrasound-guided Galvanic Electrolysis Therapy

USGET may still be seen as an emerging treatment method. Some pathologies treated are not yet supported by clear clinical evidence, these are however, showing encouraging results.

Muscle:

- Quadriceps
- Hamstrings
- Neck and shoulder muscles
- Calf muscles

Bursa:

- Shoulder bursitis
- Retrocalcaneal bursitis

Ligaments:

- Lateral knee ligament
- Lateral foot/ ankle ligaments

Other:

- Baker's cyst
- Haglund's syndrome
- Plantar fasciitis

Acure Electrolysis **8000**

The Acure Electrolysis 8000 is a high quality and high intensity electrolysis device

The intuitive touchscreen makes working with the Acure Electrolysis 8000 easy and uncomplicated. The handpiece, with its ergonomic design, gives full control during treatment.

- High maximum intensity of 8 mA for more effective and time-efficient electrolysis with dedicated applications for Ultrasound-guided Galvanic Electrolysis Therapy and dry needling
- Handpiece with ingenious and safe needle grip mechanism, works as wired remote control to start/stop therapy and adjust desired intensity directly
- Mains and battery power operation with smart battery management system allowing maximum life of the re-chargeable li-ion battery

Correct operation Attention required Failure modes

• Body area menu allows treatment selection based on anatomical locations and to create own protocols





Galvanic Current:

General

Current waveform: Output stage type: Channel: Polarity: Limitation:

Accuracy:

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Range: Step size: Treatment time:

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Extra specific parameters Ramp curve time: Pre-set intensity:

Fully supported with, guided safety precautions:

Treatment time:

TP Trigger points (dry needling) Range: Step size:



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Technical device specifications:

Languages Mains voltage Current rating Maximum power rating Power supply voltage Maximum current rating Power supply weight Handpiece (wxdxh) Handpiece weight Unit (wxdxh) Unit weight Weight incl. accessories Operation mode Electrical safety protection Applied parts MDD Classification Conformity

7 100-240 V, 50-60 Hz 0.6 A - 0.3 A 24 W 12 VDC 2 A ~ 0.17 kg 175 x 16 x 16 mm ~ 0.060 kg 210 x 160 x 90 mm ~ 0.85 kg ~ 1.00 kg suited for continuous operation Class II Type BF lla European Medical Device Regulation (MDR 2017/745) CE0344

Notified Body

Acupuncture needle:



Purchase acupuncture needles from a local supplier strictly complying with the applicable local legislation

- Only use high quality, single use, sterilized, acupuncture needles
- Needles must have medical CE approval, including Notified Body number
- Needle packaging must state percutaneous electrolysis
- Needle is made of single thread uncoated stainless steel with a braided steel handle without a head

Direct continuous current (galvanic) Constant current source 1 Channel for both galvanic electrolysis and dry needling Acupuncture needle is the negative pole 150% of the set value at 10% of the maximum range decreasing to 110% of this maximum By a load of 500-1000 Ω the accuracy of the output is \pm 10% of the set value

0 <-> 2500 μA 50 - 100 - 250 - 500 μA 00:00 <-> 30:00 min

2 - 4 - 8 seconds 50 <-> 2500 μA

0 <-> 8 mA

0,5 mA - 1 mA 00:00 <-> 30:00 min

2 - 4 - 8 seconds 0,5 mA <--> 8 mA

Monitoring the closed patient circuit (using an auxiliary current) Warning level for the administered charge Q

0 <-> 1000 μA 500 μA 00:00 <-> 30:00 min

Standard accessories



370 310	
368 005	Gymna Mobile Fit
370 601	Acure handpiece
369 018	Acure handpiece holder
329 967	1-Pole patient cable; 4mm M to 2 mm F
340 703	Rubber electrode brace, size 6cm x 8cm ; 2 mm
340 681	Sponge for electrode brace, size 6cm x 8cm (2pcs)
108 935	Fixation strap, elastic, size 60 cm
369 148	Acure circuit test adaptor
369 006	External medical grade power supply
369 010	Set of power adaptor sockets for other countries
369 014	Rechargeable battery pack 7,4V 5200mAh (li-ion)
Optiona	accessories
340 714	Rubber electrode brace, size 8cm x 12cm ; 2 mm
340 692	Sponge for electrode brace, size 8cm x 12cm (2pcs)
108 934	Fixation strap, elastic, size 30 cm
108 936	Fixation strap, elastic, size 120 cm
368 027	Gymna Mobile Fit storage tray
Manuals	
370 810	Acure quick start manual
370 822	Acure activation guide
370 814	Acure safety instructions, multi language
370 826	Acure instructions for use in English
370 818	USB-stick with instructions for use, multi language

- Dimensions:
 - o Needle diameter (d)
 - o Handle outer diameter (D)
 - o Needle body lengths (I1)
- 0.30mm <-> 0.35mm 1.25mm <-> 1.45mm 20mm <-> 100mm 25mm <-> 30mm





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