

Dear Dr. Neimtzow,

I apologize for the delay in writing to thank you for making your work with Battlefield Acupuncture available to us. I have used it with great success since returning from Rockville! It has even helped a Vietnam Vet's 88 year old mother, whom I would not even consider treating due to previous failure in treating this sort of case. She has severe nerve pain down her leg and across her back from stenosis impinging her nerves. I told this Vet I would use his mother as my guinea pig to see what Battlefield Acupuncture could do. She has had two treatments and everyone has noticed that she is moving around more easily and walking places she wouldn't have previously. She represents my toughest pain patient and I am amazed at the results. So I can't thank you enough for your brilliant work, and for your compassion in sharing this with your civilian counterparts to help our patients. This is just one case, I have many more that Battlefield Acupuncture has made a significant improvement with. Tomorrow I will be treating my first Smoking Cessation patient and am looking forward to applying your method!

My success with Battlefield Acupuncture has also encouraged me to expand the use of auricular acupuncture in many other areas of practice with great success. Your work has stimulated a renewed interest in auricular acupuncture and I am finding this modality to be very powerful. More so than I had previously given it credit for. In the past I have used it primarily as a support to body acupuncture. Now I would say that I am using it with equal emphasis to body points. Auricular acupuncture has potentiated my treatments and is providing many new ways to help my patients.

It was a pleasure to spend the weekend with you and your lovely wife. I was so happy she joined us, she was a welcome female assistant for our group. You requested a critique of the course, in order for you to know how to improve upon it. Really it was an exceptional course! I would highly recommend it to any acupuncturist. The only two comments I offer are that we have the opportunity to treat each other, and second regards the handouts. I felt they could have been organized a bit better. I had difficulty finding the correct page due to some over lap in content, and had to flip through all the papers, and often wasn't sure where the page was. The content and delivery of the material was outstanding. Very well organized and presented. It was clear and thoughtful. I am wondering whether you would have the ability to add an extra day to the course for those interested in attending Grand Rounds or observing your clinical work in some way. I have been inspired by your work and would love an opportunity to see you in action! Again, I can't thank you enough for sharing this material. It will make a huge difference in my patients lives!

This knowledge needs to be shared and I encourage you to present at as many acupuncture conferences as possible!

As for the practical logistics of the course, your little conference room was the perfect setting. The breaks were appropriately spaced, the practice materials were very helpful, water was very much appreciated! The location was in good proximity to accommodation and food. It doesn't get better than that! I feel fortunate that the class was so small but don't expect that will be the case in the future. It was a nice group, I very much enjoyed the other people in attendance.

During the class I asked about the protocol you worked out for the sense of taste. You referred me to your website. I have searched your site, but have not been able to find your reference. Currently I am working with a woman who has no sense of taste and I am hoping you would send me a link to that page. I would very much like to try your protocol on her.

I am looking forward to any future courses you might offer, especially electric stimulation. Please keep me in your loop!

Best regards,  
Marion Bergan Irwin