

25. How to Use a TENS Unit with Buttock Pain. Correct Pad Placement.

How to Use the TENS Unit:

If you are using an iReliev TENS unit we provide step-by-step video instruction on how to use the following types:

iReliev 1313

iReliev 5050

iReliev 8080

Just go to the program section at BobandBrad.com and click on the TENS series. Under the series look for the videos with the 1313, 5050, or 8080 TENS units.

If you are using a TENS unit from another manufacturer you will need to follow the instructions provided with the product.

Where to Place the Pads:

There is NOT a specific right way to position or place the pads. The best approach is to place the pads wherever they relieve pain the most. Experiment and see what will work best for you.

General Guidelines for a Smaller Area of Buttock Pain (Hip Arthritis, Piriformis Syndrome, SI Pain):

Use one channel and two pads. Place one pad (either one) directly on the pain. Place the other pad either above the other pad (at least a pad's width apart) or below the other pad (at least a pad's width apart).

See Photo for Example

Use one channel and two pads. Place one pad directly above the pain and one pad below the pain or place one pad on each side of the pain.

General Guidelines for a Larger Area of Buttock Pain:

In our examples, channel one has yellow pads and channel two has green pads.

Option one: place one pad from channel one above the area of pain and place one pad below the area of pain. Place one pad from channel two in front of the

area of pain and place the second pad from channel two behind the area of pain. This arrangement forms a cross pattern.

Option two: place one pad from channel one in the upper right corner of the area of pain and place one pad from channel one in the lower left corner of the area of pain. Place one pad from channel two in the upper left corner of the pain and place one pad in the lower right corner of the pain. This arrangement forms an X pattern.

General Guidelines for Pain Referred from Another Area:

An example would be buttock pain that is coming (referred) from the back. Using channel one, place the two pads along the nerve pathway.

Reminder: do not place pads over open wounds or areas with excessive hair. Clean the area with soap and water prior to placement of the pads.

Buttock Treatment: Piriformis Stretch