

INNOVATION IN TECHNIQUE AND THERAPY

CHARACTERISTICS OF ALL CHRISOFIX® PRODUCTS

- STABLE AND FORMABLE IN THE SAME TIME
- ADJUSTABLE WITHIN SECONDS WITHOUT WATER OR HEAT
- SEMICIRCULAR STABLE FIXATION WITH ORTHOSIS





CHRISOFIX® ORTHOSES WITH IMMOBILISING STRAPS:

- GYPSUM (POP)-EQUIVALENT IMMOBILISATION WITHIN SECONDS
- IMMOBILISATION EVEN WITH INTERRUPTIONS FOR DAILY HYGIENE
- ADJUSTABLE AND RE-ADJUSTABLE IMMOBILISATION WITHIN SECONDS
- NEW THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES WITH IMMOBILISATION AS A SINGLE THERAPY



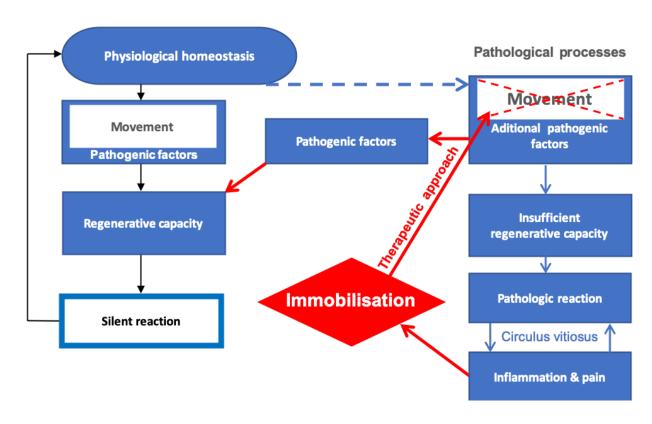


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Temporary immobilisation as a new therapeutic approach

Both, the **thumb saddle joint osteoarthritis** and **carpal tunnel syndrome** are classified as multicausal disease. Heritability, micro-traumas, hormonal disorders, gravidity etc. belong to the possible pathogenic factors. Within these, the movement of the hand is at least **a steady co-factor** and frequently the only one which can **be alleviate (inhibit) or even eliminate (immobilise).** As long as the regenerative capacity of the organism can neutralise the combined effect of the actually working pathogenic factors as a whole, the well-being is secure (<u>first column: under physiological homeostasis</u>). The pathological processes start with the increase of the pathogenic factors (<u>second column</u>: under pathological processes). By reducing the movement and even more **in the case of immobilisation** (red line), become the pathogenic factors on the whole reduced and as such neutralisable by the regenerative capacity of the organism.

Flowchart of the assumed mechanisms



New therapeutic possibilities with immobilising Chrisofix® orthoses

- Replacing the time-consuming POP and thermoplastic fixation after surgery or in non-dislocated fractures (improving the possibilities for daily hygiene and earlier start of physiotherapy)
- Reducing the duration of POP-fixation after the callus-development phase
- Increasing the frequency of patients healing without surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome
- Reducing or even replacing the use of NSAIDs in patients with thumb osteoarthritis and carpal tunnel syndrome
- Overnight immobilisation as single therapy in thumb osteoarthritis
- Reducing the severity and frequency of recurrences in patients with thumb osteoarthritis

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