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E-stim

- Application of low-level electrical impulses through electrodes (sticky pads) placed on the skin for the purpose of pain relief to a specific area of the body.
- Types:
 - o TENS- transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
 - Used to manage acute and chronic pain
 - Block pain signals traveling from your body to your brain
 - o IFC- Interferential current
 - Used to decrease pain and muscle spasms, while improving localized blood flow to the muscles/tissues

What to expect?

- You will feel a light tingling sensation
- The sensation will be increased until it is strong, but not painful and does not elicit a muscle contraction.

Possible reasons for use

- Low back pain
- Post-surgical pain
- Muscle weakness or poor motor control
- Tendonitis
- Bursitis

Contraindications

- Do not use if any of the following conditions apply:
 - o A pacemaker or other implanted device
 - Cardiac (heart problems)
 - o Pregnancy
 - o Cancer malignant tissue
 - Altered tissue sensation
 - o Altered mental status
 - Irritated or broken skin
- * This is not a fully comprehensive list of all contraindications, as factors change based on patient and diagnosis.