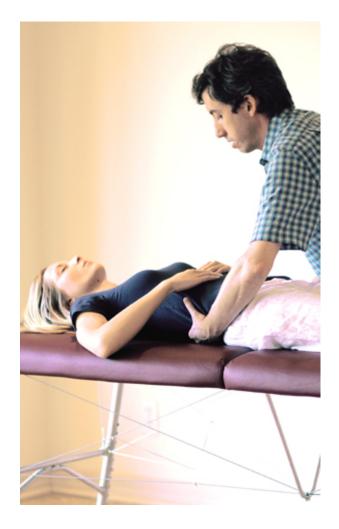
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Live Life in Balance<sup>™</sup>

## Introduction to Zero Balancing

- ZB is a hands-on body-mind therapy
- Developed in the 1970s by Fritz Smith, MD
- Performed through clothing
- Engages both body structure
  & energy
- Offers relief from pain and stress, enhanced well-being, improved function





### About Todd Williams

- Dancer, Choreographer, Dance Teacher
- Certified Massage Therapist (CMT)
- Certified Zero Balancer (CZB)
- Zero Balancing Teacher





## Zero Balancing Is Growing



- Over 525 certified ZBers and 40 faculty across North America
- ZB is practiced by MTs, PTs, Acupuncturists, Chiropractors, OTs, MDs, RNs and others.
- 150 hour certification program for health care professionals
- Zero Balancing is taught in 12 countries.
- ZB Associations in North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific



### How did ZB develop?



#### ZB Founder Fritz Smith, MD

- A pioneer in integrative medicine
- Osteopath
- Certified Rolfer®
- Acupuncturist
- Observed energy as a force in the body
- Discovered that bone tissues conduct the strongest energy currents



The name came about when one of the first recipients of this work got off the table and said, *"I feel great. I feel like I've been balanced to zero!"* 





### How does ZB work?



• Focuses on the skeletal system, and key bones and joints that conduct forces of gravity, posture and movement.

• Uses gentle lifting and traction to release and organize the body's energy flow.

• Works with both structure and energy.

• Brings more clarity to the energy fields of the body, releasing patterns from the deepest level.



# ZB can help you...



"Zero Balancing is a full-body, holistic therapy that is changing lives by balancing the structure and energy of the bones. You get off the table with a clear mind, bright eyes and a calm nervous system."

- EzineArticles.com, July 2009

- Increase feelings of health and well-being
- Relieve stress and improve energy
- Reduce pain and discomfort
- Enhance stability and balance
- Release mental, emotional and physical tension
- Amplify connection, peace and happiness



## What does ZB feel like?



"Zero Balancing is the best-kept secret in manual therapy. It eases your mind as much as it relaxes your body, giving you a direct experience of balance and internal harmony."

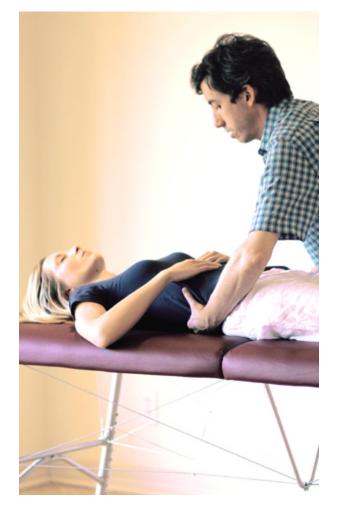
- Pam Geggus, Acupuncturist and Zero Balancing Practitioner

- SUPPORTIVE
- COMFORTING
- RESPECTFUL
- ENGAGING
- FEELS GOOD OR "HURTS" GOOD



## Hallmarks of Zero Balancing

- ZB touch is clear and respectful.
- No change is forced, but is allowed to happen naturally.
- ZB practitioners learn to hold themselves and others in the highest regard.





### Structure and Energy

The Wind in your Sails is like the Energy in your Body

- Skeletal structure = Sails
- Wind = Energy

ZB addresses the relationship of Energy and Structure in the human body.

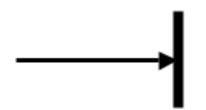




## Types of touch

Structural Touch

**Essential Touch** 



One touches the structure of another person, without consciously and knowingly engaging their energy. One makes an energetic connection with another person, with or without physical contact.



## Types of touch

#### **Donkey Touch**

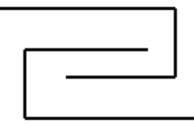
One touches both energy and structure of another person, consciously and knowingly.







#### Interface Touch

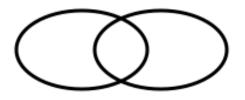


Desired mode of touch used in Zero Balancing. The boundary is clear. Both know where one's body/energy begins. The practitioner and client meet at interface. A clear bone to bone connection is made. The goal is that structure and energy of practitioner and client meet precisely, making all boundaries clear.



#### Blending Touch

Overlapping of boundaries. There is no clear author of the experience but rather combined vibration of both. "Practitioner " and "client" become indistinct.



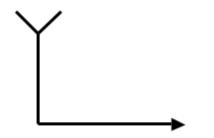
#### **Streaming Touch**

One sends one's own energy to the other.



#### Channeling Touch

One becomes a conduit for energy, not its source.





## Questions & Answers





"Over the years I have had the opportunity to try many bodywork modalities. I've found that one ZB session can trigger the most dramatic and positive energy shifts I have ever experienced."

- Cara Washburn, Somerville, MA





"After a ZB session, I feel a sense of order, clarity and calm. I feel in harmony with the true nature of life, and I feel real happiness. It is as if you are organizing yourself—body, mind and spirit."

– Nancy Elder, New York, NY





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### "For physical and emotional pain Zero Balancing is the most powerful tool I have to help people feel better."

- LW, Physical Therapist





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