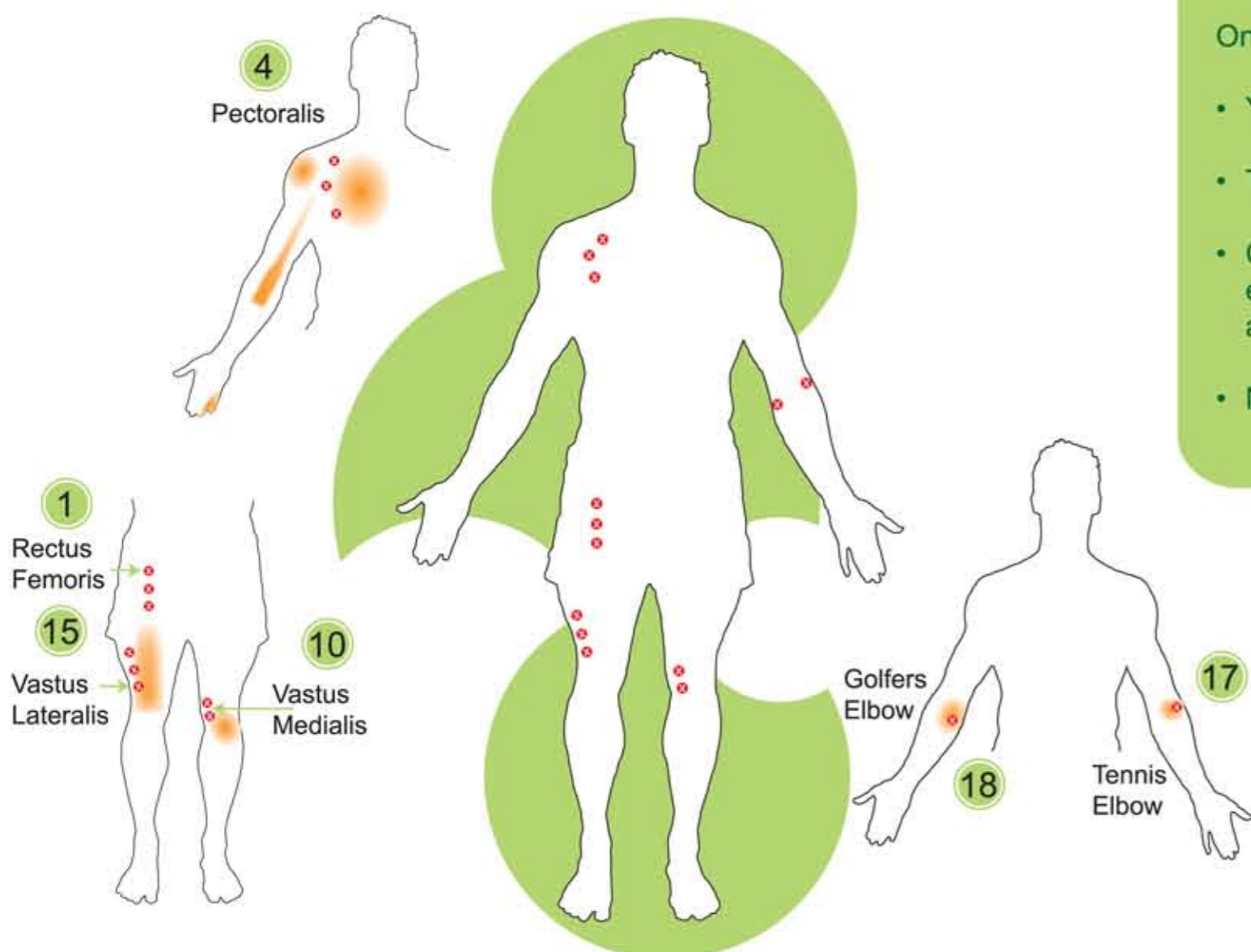


# How Pocket Physio™ works

## Front



### What to expect!

Once you find a trigger point by positioning the ball as described...

- You will feel initial discomfort and possibly radiating pain
- This will ease after approximately 1-2 minutes
- Continue to move the pocket physio on each point until your discomfort eases - your muscle is beginning to relax. Repeating this over a period will assist in removing painful muscle tension.
- Move to a new trigger point following the guide

### What is a Trigger Point

As a result of in most cases relatively minor trauma or muscle overuse people can develop hyperirritable spots or "Trigger Points" within tight bands of muscle or fascia.

These points are most often painful on compression with palpation (touch) and can give rise to referred pain, local muscle tenderness and occasional autonomic nervous system symptoms - coldness, burning or stinging

Travell and Symons 1995

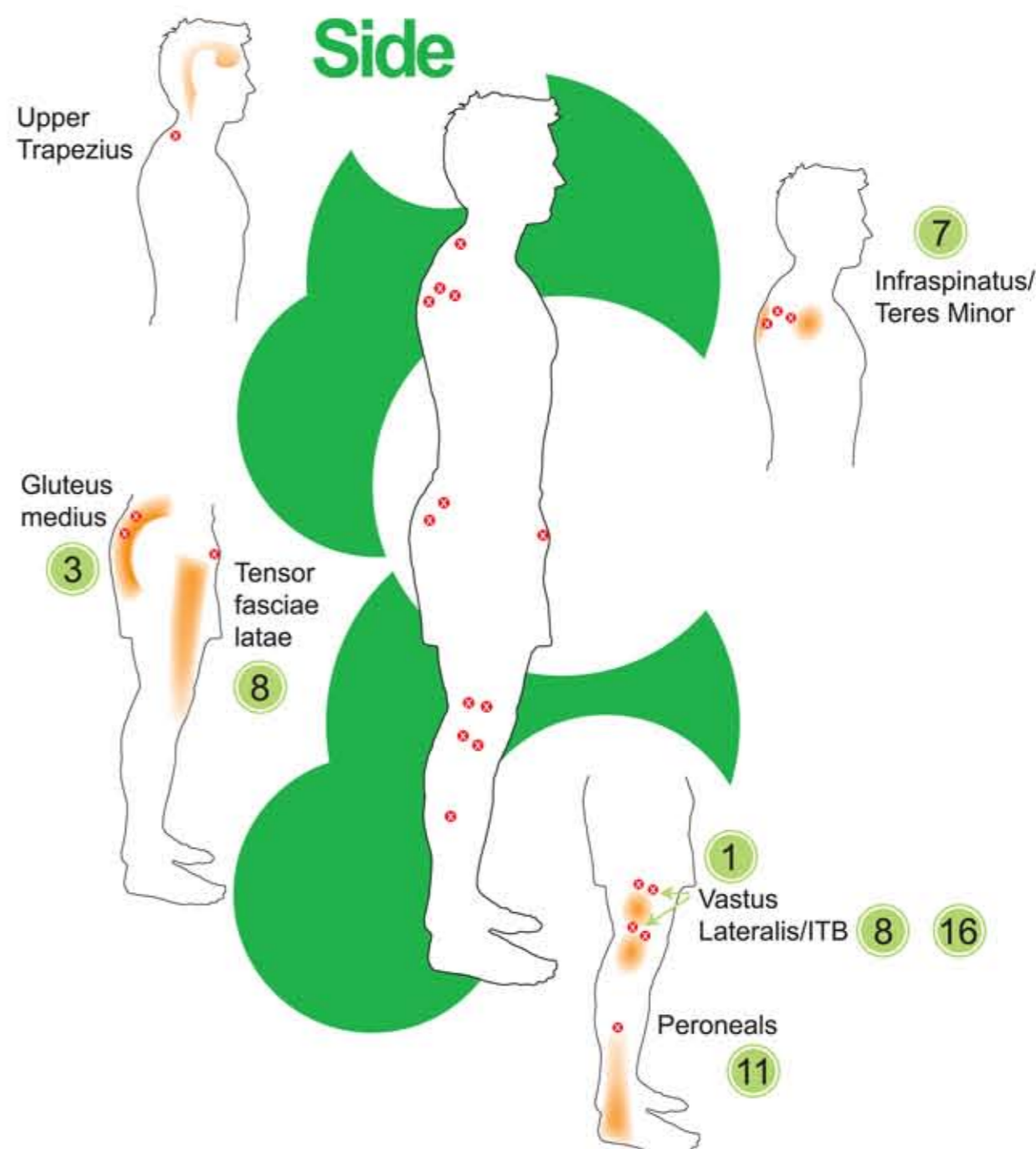
#### Trigger Points can be

- Deep or achy
- Cause decreased ranges of motion
- Often be limited to one area of the body

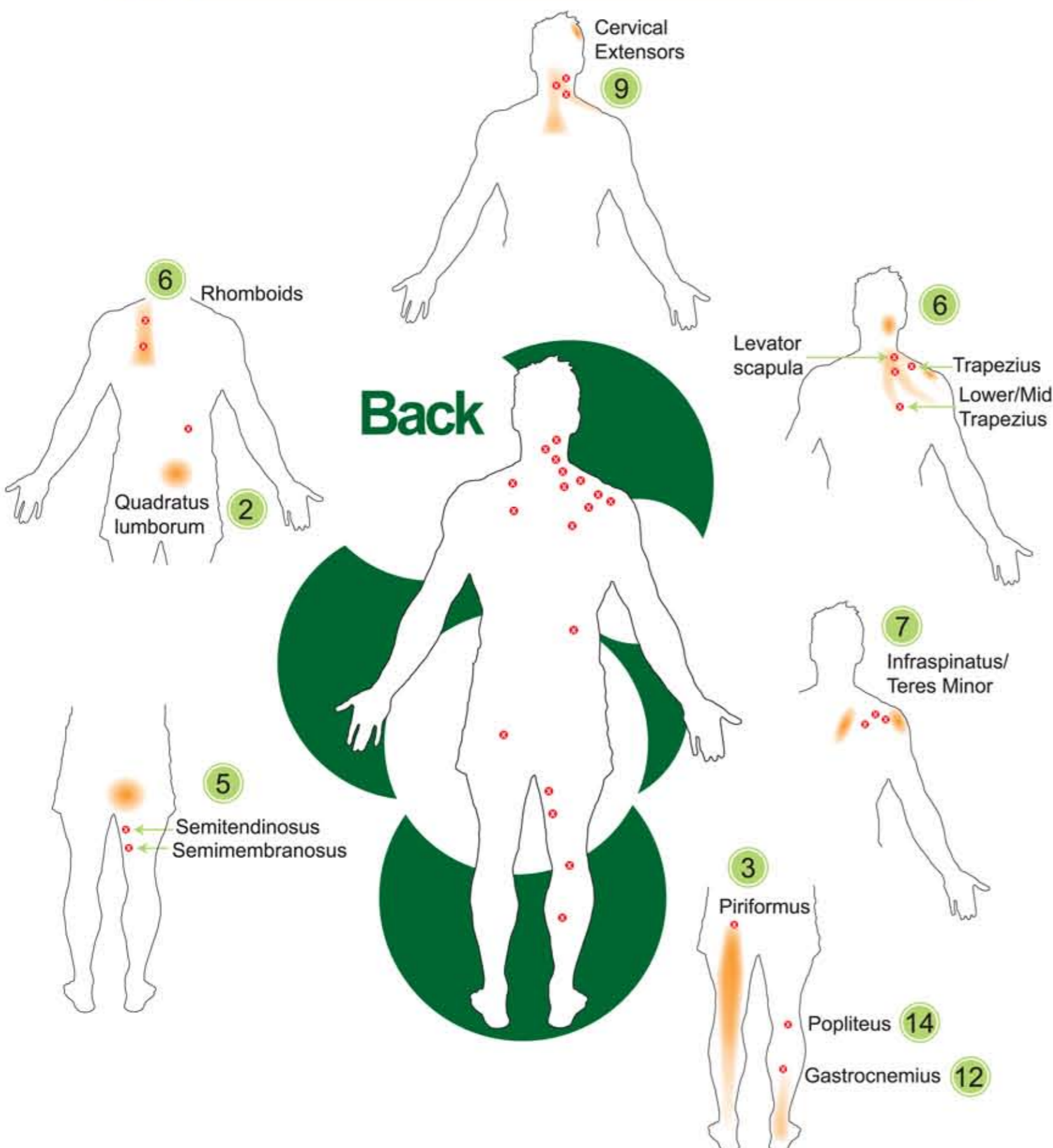
#### Palpation will reveal

- Either a knotty or doughy area in a muscle
- A twitch response...sudden pain with palpation
- Latent pain...pain following sustained pressure i.e. after one minute

## Side



## Back



### How to use

Tight Area	Activity	Trigger Point and Referral Pattern	Alternative Treatment Options
Neck	Sitting, Poor Posture	6,9	Ice Mate, Heat, Physio/Massage
Shoulders	Posture, swimming, Racquet sports	4,6,7,9	Flexibility, Physio, Ice
Forearm	Typing, Tennis, Golf	4,6,7,17,18	Physio/Massage, Ice
Upper Back	Gardening, Waterskiing, Tennis	2,6,7,9	Physio/Massage, Heat, Strength
Lower Back	Manual Labour, all sports or activity	2,3,5,8,16	Physio/Massage, Heat, Flexibility
Gluteals	Lifting, Gym exercise, Manual work	3,5,8	Stretches, Physio/Massage, Heat
Hamstrings	Running, Gym	2,3,5,8	Flexibility, Strength, Ice, Heat, Physio/Massage
Quadriceps	Cycling, Strength activities	1,3,8,10,14,15,16	Flexibility, Physio/Massage
Knee	Any lower limb activity	1,3,5,8,10,11,14,15,16	Ice, Strength, Flexibility, Physio
Calf, lower leg	Running, Jumping	3,8,11,13, 14,15,16	Ice, Heat, Physio/Massage, Strength
Foot	Any activity	11,12,13,14	Ice, Strength, Appropriate footwear, Foot supports

12 Matching numbers for triggers

X Trigger point for Pocket Physio

Often area affected