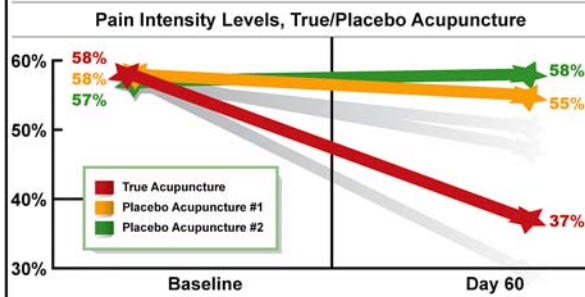


## Acupuncture Reduces Pain Levels in Cancer Patients

Seventy-nine patients with cancer-related pain were randomized into either a true acupuncture group or one of two placebo groups. Pain intensity levels in patients receiving true acupuncture decreased an average of 36 percent at a 60-day followup; in the placebo groups, the pain level was reduced only slightly, or actually increased.



**Note:** Placebo group #1 received acupuncture at placebo points. Placebo group #2 was treated with seeds placed on placebo points and affixed with an adhesive patch.

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