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# Gold Seed Implants: An Alternative Acupuncture Treatment

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## Abstract

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## CASE REPORT

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Little is written in Western medicine regarding efficacy and possible side effects of such implants. Some Eastern cultures use the technique to treat inflammatory conditions, such as

rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease and lupus erythematosus. However, gold compounds are being explored as an alternative option in the management of various other conditions.

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