



# Modern Problems Need Timeless Solutions

## How Massage Therapy Helps Us Detox from Technology Overload

Let's be honest—we're all a little too plugged in. Whether it's checking emails at red lights (guilty), scrolling social media in bed, or spending 8+ hours a day in front of a screen for work, most of us are living in a world of nonstop notifications and blue light. The digital age has brought convenience—but at a serious cost to our bodies and minds.

As a wellness professional, I see the effects of this “tech burnout” every day in my clients: chronic tension in the neck and shoulders, frequent headaches, anxiety, poor sleep, and a nervous system that's constantly on high alert. The truth is, our bodies were never designed to process this much information 24/7.

But that's where ancient wisdom comes in.

Massage therapy has been used for thousands of years across nearly every culture for one reason: it works. While technology is still relatively new to humanity, massage is a timeless tool that can help us adapt, recover, and restore balance—physically, emotionally, and mentally.

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## The Hidden Cost of Constant Connectivity

Let's look at the facts:

- The average American spends over 7 hours per day looking at screens—and that number keeps climbing.<sup>1</sup>
- Since the rise of smartphones in 2007, anxiety and depression rates have increased **\*\*by** over 70% in teens and young adults.<sup>\*\*2</sup>
- “Tech neck” and digital eye strain have become so common they're now recognized by physical therapists and doctors as real diagnoses.
- In a 2023 study, 89% of adults reported feeling “digitally overstimulated” at least once per week.<sup>3</sup>

We are more connected than ever, yet our nervous systems are suffering from the constant alerts, endless scrolling, and lack of stillness.

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## So What Can We Do?

While we might not be able to eliminate technology from our lives, we can be intentional about how we reset from it. And massage therapy is one of the most powerful ways to do just that.

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## Massage Therapy: A Time-Tested Solution for a Modern-Day Epidemic

Massage isn't just about relaxation (although that's a wonderful part of it). It's a research-backed, therapeutic approach that helps unwind the exact kinds of stress tech overload creates.

Here's how:

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## **Relieves Physical Tension from Device Use**

Phones and laptops have us hunched, crunched, and tilted forward all day. Massage helps release deep tension in the neck, shoulders, back, and jaw—common areas affected by poor posture and repetitive use.

Clinical research has shown that just a single 60-minute massage can significantly reduce muscle soreness and improve range of motion.<sup>4</sup>

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## **Calms the Nervous System and Reduces Anxiety**

Massage activates the parasympathetic nervous system (the “rest and digest” state), helping reduce levels of cortisol (the stress hormone) and increase serotonin and dopamine—neurotransmitters associated with happiness, calm, and mental clarity.

In fact, studies have shown that regular massage therapy can decrease symptoms of anxiety by as much as 50%.<sup>5</sup>

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## **Improves Sleep and Reduces Overstimulation**

Blue light and overstimulation from screens can disrupt our sleep cycles. Massage helps by promoting deeper relaxation, reducing racing thoughts, and supporting the body’s natural rhythms.

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## **Rebuilds the Mind-Body Connection**

In a world where we’re often living in our heads (and in our phones), massage helps bring us back to our bodies. Touch is powerful—it anchors us, grounds us, and reminds us to tune in instead of constantly tuning out.

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## **Why Ancient Practices Still Matter Today**

Massage therapy has been used in healing traditions from Traditional Chinese Medicine to Ayurveda to Indigenous practices. And it’s not just because it feels good—it’s because it helps regulate the human body on every level: physically, emotionally, energetically.

At Karma Wellness Spa, we believe that wellness doesn’t have to be complicated—but it does need to be intentional. As technology continues to evolve, so must our commitment to caring for ourselves in meaningful, body-centered ways.

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## **Feeling the Tech Burnout? You’re Not Alone.**

If you’ve been feeling more anxious, scattered, sore, or disconnected lately, know that it’s not just in your head—and you don’t have to push through it.

Sometimes, the best way to move forward is by going back to what’s always worked.

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## **Take a Screen Break—For Your Body and Mind**

Book a session with us at Karma Wellness Spa and give your nervous system the deep reset it’s craving. Whether it’s a 60- or 90-minute massage, this is your time to disconnect from the noise—and reconnect with yourself.

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