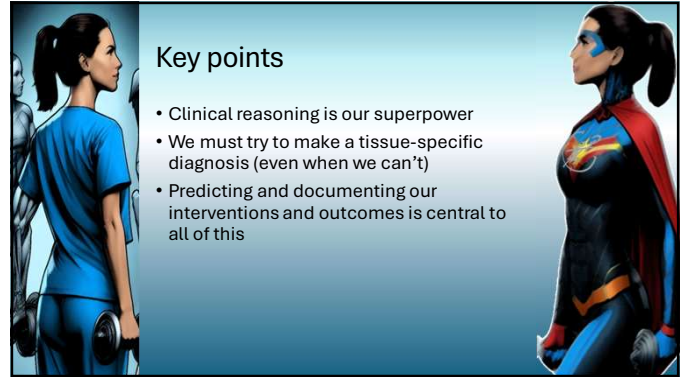


Clinical reasoning in shoulder pain

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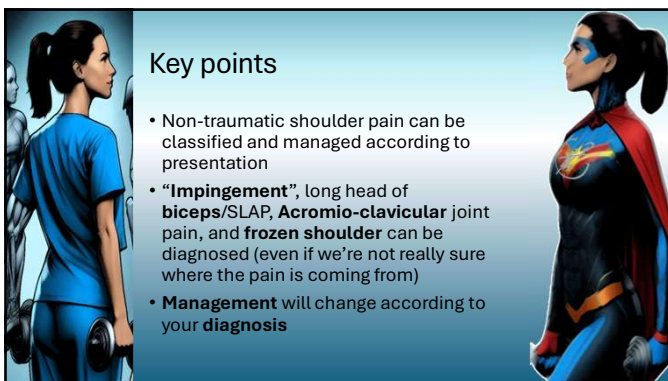
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Key points

- Clinical reasoning is our superpower
- We must try to make a tissue-specific diagnosis (even when we can't)
- Predicting and documenting our interventions and outcomes is central to all of this

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Key points

- Non-traumatic shoulder pain can be classified and managed according to presentation
- “**Impingement**”, long head of **biceps/SLAP, Acromio-clavicular** joint pain, and **frozen shoulder** can be diagnosed (even if we're not really sure where the pain is coming from)
- **Management** will change according to your **diagnosis**

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**Non-specific low back pain**

*Chris Maher, Martin Underwood, Rachelle Buchbinder*

Because non-specific low back pain does not have a known pathoanatomical cause, treatment focuses on reducing pain and its consequences.

*“You can't diagnose anything, so don't bother trying, and just give everyone the same treatment”*

*This is NOT what the authors said or meant*

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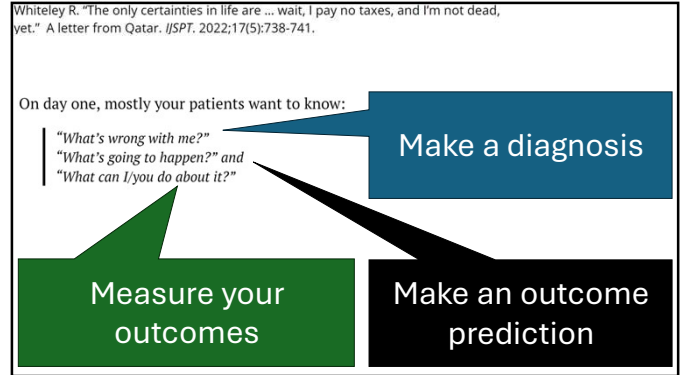
**What Do Patients with Chronic Spinal Pain Expect from Their Physiotherapist?**

*Sivona J. Kamper, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Tadjana M. Haanstra, PhD,<sup>2</sup> Kaitly Simmons, PT,<sup>2</sup> Mike Kay, MSc,<sup>3</sup> Tony G.J. Ingnum, MSc,<sup>3</sup> Justine Byrne, PhD,<sup>3</sup> Jessica M. Radcliff, MSc,<sup>4</sup> Alison Settle, PhD,<sup>5</sup> Amanda M. Hall, PhD<sup>6\*</sup>*

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in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, were included. They filled out a questionnaire detailing their expectations of treatment. **Results:** Before treatment, more than 90% of patients expected a physical examination, tests or investigations, a diagnosis, reassurance and advice, and clear explanations of causation, symptom management, and benefits and risks of treatment. Approximately half hoped for a prescription or referral to a specialist, and about 60% hoped to discuss problems in their life. **Conclusions:** the findings of this study indicate that patients attend physiotherapy with clear expectations about what information should be provided. Most expected tests or investigations leading to diagnosis and an explanation of causation; this presents a challenge for clinicians, given the current understanding of LBP reflected in international practice guidelines. The fact that more than half of the patients wanted to discuss problems in their life points to the need for physiotherapists to consider LBP from a bio-psychosocial perspective.

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**Importance of assessment**

Make a tissue-specific diagnosis or prove that you can't

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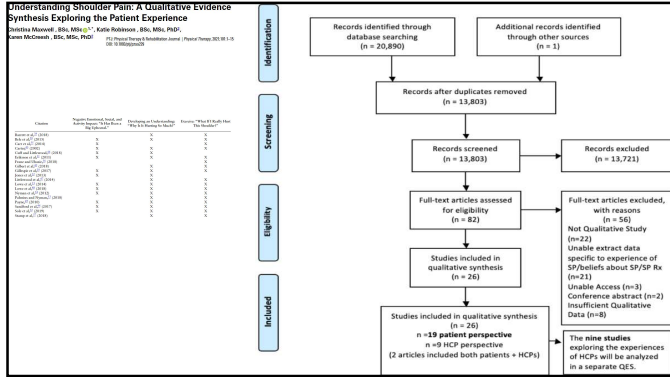
**Higher order thinking about differential diagnosis**

Chad E. Cook<sup>a,\*</sup>, Simon Décarý<sup>b</sup> Brazilian Journal of Physical Therapy 2020;24(1):1-7

**How a diagnostic label may overcomplicate care**

The creation of diagnostic codes from a patho-anatomical viewpoint has led to focus on tissue based musculoskeletal disorders. Here we argue that identifying and classifying patients based on this model can lead to overcomplicated or asymptomatic diagnostic labeling that may not translate into better patient outcomes.

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**Understanding Shoulder Pain: A Qualitative Evidence Synthesis Exploring the Patient Experience**  
 Sonoma Maxwell, BSc, MEd, PhD<sup>1,2</sup>, Katie Robinson, BSc, MEd, PhD<sup>1,2</sup>, James McCreesh, BSc, MEd, PhD<sup>1,2</sup> (1) *Physiotherapy Research Journal*, (2) *Physical Therapy*, 2023, 103, 1-8. doi:10.1016/j.pt.2022.10.003

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**"I wanted to know what was hurting so much": a qualitative study exploring patients' expectations and experiences with primary care management**

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Lowry et al. *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders* (2023) 24:755  
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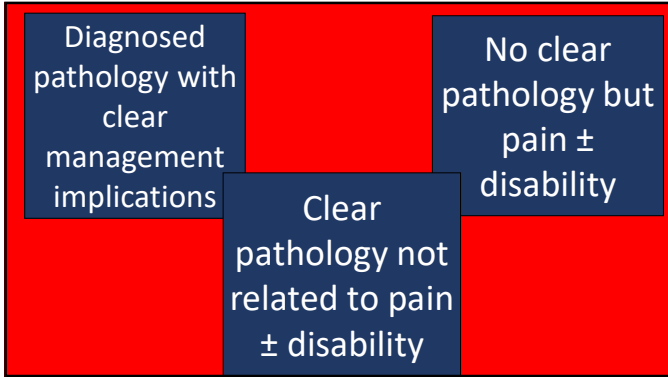
I can't sleep because of my shoulder...

I need to know what is happening...

But... we really need to see what is going on to help me!

Please take some time with me so that I can understand what is going on!

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Diagnosed pathology with clear management implications

No clear pathology but pain to pain ± disability

Clear pathology not related to pain ± disability

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No clear pathology but pain ± disability



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Diagnosed pathology with clear management implications

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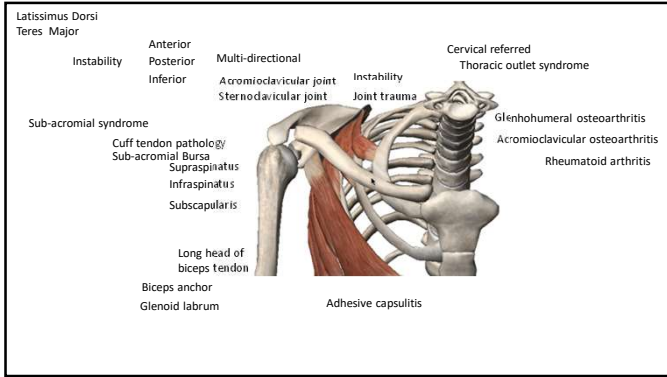
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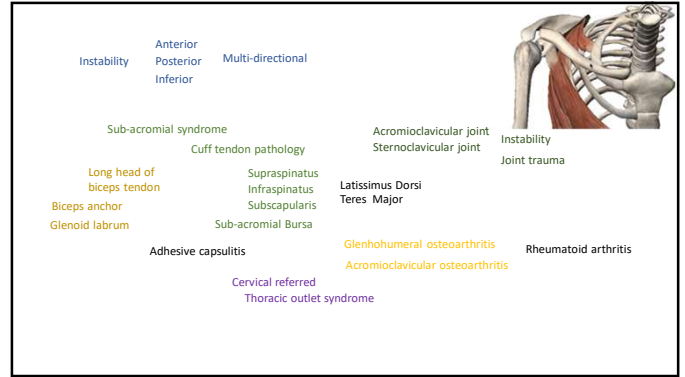
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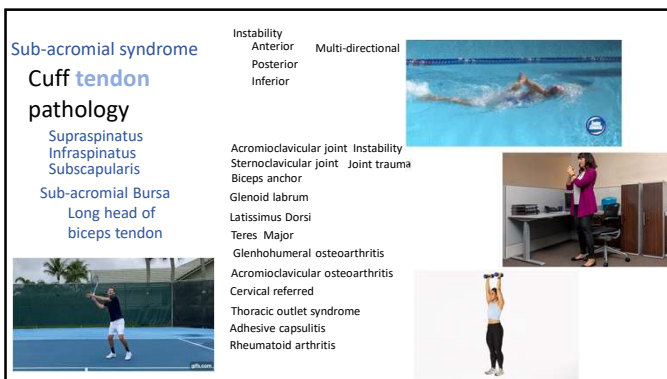
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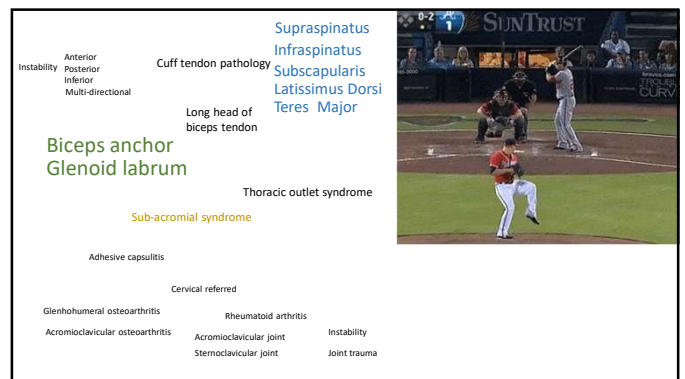
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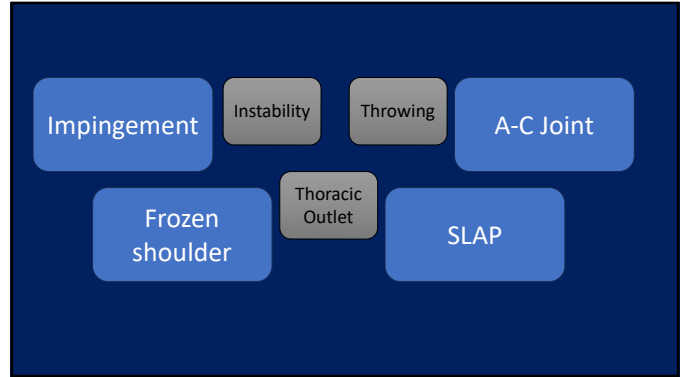
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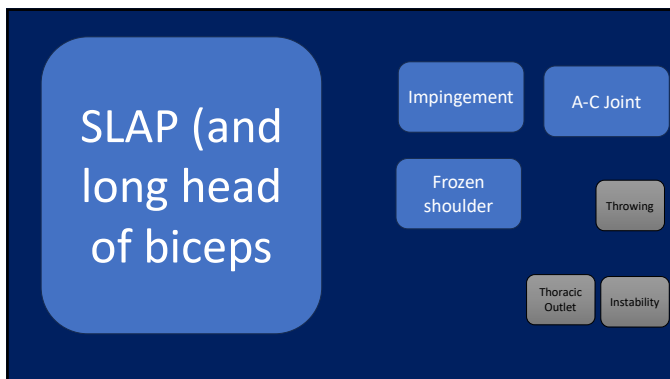
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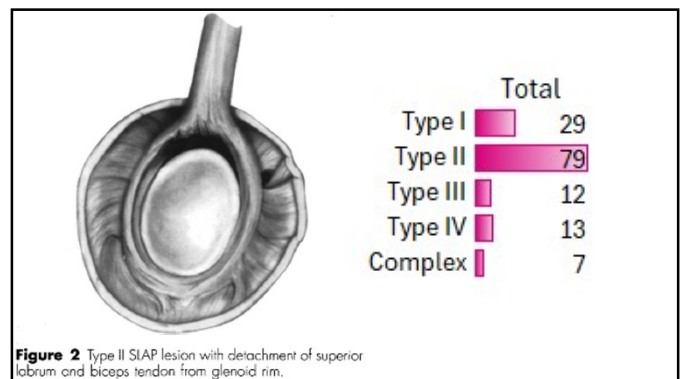
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**Figure 2** Type II SLAP lesion with detachment of superior labrum and biceps tendon from glenoid rim.

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### Innervation

- Free nerve endings were noted in the surrounding connective tissue.
- Occasional free nerve endings were noted in the fibro-cartilage tissue of the labrum and these appeared only in the peripheral half.

Neural Anatomy of the Glenohumeral Ligaments, Labrum, and Subacromial Bursa

C. Thomas Vangness, Jr., M.D., Michael Ennis, M.D., Jeremy G. Taylor, B.S., and Roscoe Atkinson, M.D.

*Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic and Related Surgery, Vol 11, No 2 (April), 1995; pp 180-184*

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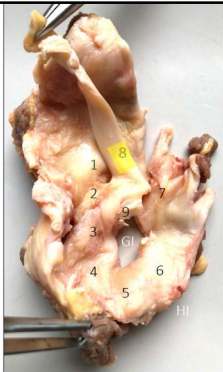
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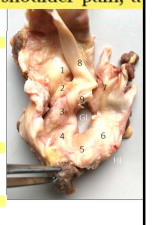
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DENSITY PER CM <sup>2</sup>	Free nerve endings	Simple lamellar corpuscles	Pacin corpuscles	Golgi-Mazzoni corpuscles	Ruffini like corpuscles	Others
<b>HEALTHY SHOULDER</b>						
Zone 1	4.8	3.2	-	-	6.2	-
Zone 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 6	3.2	1.6	-	-	3.6	-
Zone 7	4.4	5.1	-	1	5.9	-
Zone 8	5.5	3.8	-	0.5	4.2	-
Zone 9	4.6	3.9	-	-	3.2	-
Zone 10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 11	5.8	3.2	1	-	4.4	-
Zone 12	7.6	4.1	-	-	6.8	-
Zone 13	4.2	3.8	2	1	5.4	-
<b>CHRONIC SHOULDER SYNDROMES</b>						
Zone 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 2	1.8	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 3	1.3	1	-	-	-	-
Zone 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 6	2.4	0.8	-	-	3.1	5
Zone 7	2.7	3.2	-	-	1	-
Zone 8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 9	5.2	2	-	-	2	-
Zone 10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 11	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SUBACROMIAL SYNDROMES</b>						
Zone 1	3.4	-	-	3.2	3.3	-
Zone 6	5.2	4.1	1.9	-	-	-
Zone 9	5.2	-	-	-	-	-
Zone 11	3.1	-	-	-	-	-

**On the other hand, in joints from subjects suffering chronic shoulder pain, a reduced innervation was found.**



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**MRI Findings in Throwing Shoulders**  
*Abnormalities in Professional Handball Players*

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Although 93% of the throwing shoulders had abnormal magnetic resonance imaging findings, only 37% were symptomatic.

**Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the Shoulder in Asymptomatic Professional Baseball Pitchers**

The labrum was abnormal in 79% of the 28 shoulders.

Anthony Miniaci,<sup>1</sup> MD, FRCSC, Anthony T. Masella,<sup>1</sup> MD, FRCPC, David C. Salonen,<sup>2</sup> MD, FRCPC, and Edwin J. Becker,<sup>3</sup> MD, FRCPC

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SLAP (and long head of biceps)

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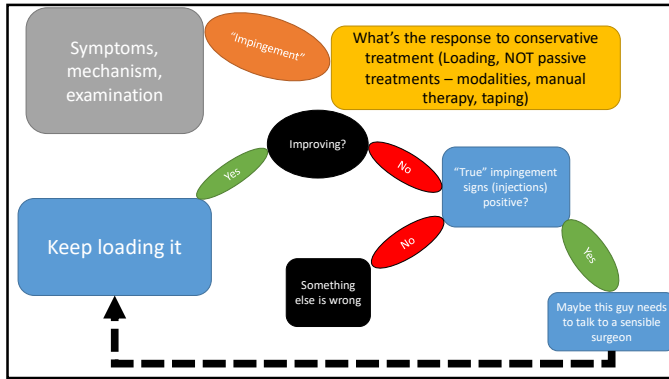
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“Impingement”

(Mostly) it's **not** impingement of the acromion, it's a tendinopathy

Tendinopathy is best managed with graded exercise, but it takes time

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### “Subacromial impingement”

- Jaravay JF. Sur la luxation du tendon de la longue portion du muscle biceps humeral: sur la luxation de tendons des muscles peroniers lateraux. Gaz Hebd Med Chir **1867**;21:325.
- Neer CS II. Anterior acromioplasty for the chronic impingement syndrome of the shoulder. A preliminary report. J Bone Joint Surg **1972**; 54A: 41.

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### “Sub-acromial syndrome” (Impingement)

- “It hurts here – deep in the top of my shoulder, and can run down my arm”
- “It hurts to sleep on it”
- “Sometimes it catches and gives me a really sharp pain”

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While Neers Classification of SIS was key to understanding shoulder pathology at the time, SIS was further broken down into four subtypes associated with either **External Impingement** (Primary or Secondary) and **Internal Impingement**.

#### External Impingement

- **Primary External Impingement** related to structural changes, either congenital or acquired, that mechanically narrow the subacromial space such as: bony narrowing or osteophyte formation, bony malposition after a fracture, or an increase in the volume of the subacromial soft tissues.

Figure 1. Acromion Shapes

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### THE 'HOOKED' ACROMION REVISITED

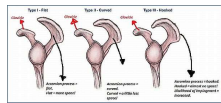
J. G. EDELSON

From Poriya Hospital, Tiberias, Israel

Examination was made of 750 scapular dry bone specimens from museum collections and 80 cadaver shoulders. Hooking of the acromion was not found in subjects under the age of 30 years. The hooked configuration developed at later ages in an increasing proportion of subjects as a result of calcification of the acromial attachment of the coracoacromial ligament.

*J Bone Joint Surg [Br]* 1995;77-B:284-7

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### SAI: reactive acromial changes

- Neer 1972: 8 of 19
- (Budoff et al 1998: 20 of 79)
- Recommendation:

Acromioplasty:

100%

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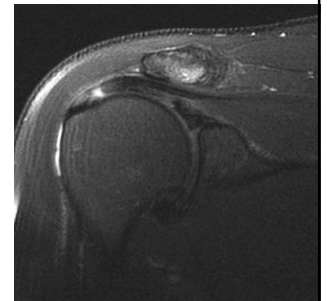
### Cuff Tears and SAI

- Ozaki et al 1988 200 cadaveric shoulders:  
Lesion on undersurface of anterior 1/3 of acromion always associated with a RCT
- **Reverse is not true**

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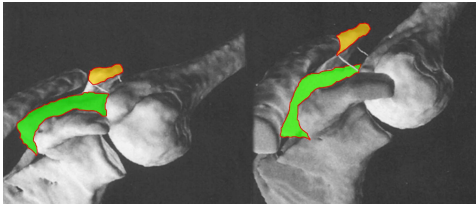
### Pathophysiology: tear site

- Uthoff et al 1998 Ozaki et al 1988:  
Cadaveric study: vast majority undersurface tears
- Loehr & Uthoff 306 degenerative cuffs 1987: articular side, near the insertion
- Payne et al: 91% of 43 athletes with partial thickness tears: undersurface



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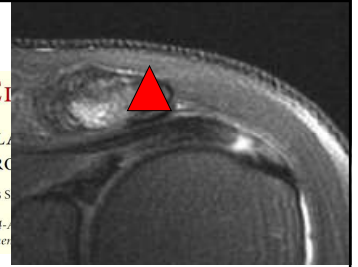
Graichen 1999



- Beyond 120° of abduction the entire supraspinatus footprint is medial to the acromion

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How has the information in the article withstood the "test of time"?  
 Neer believed that impingement causes rotator cuff tears. This hypothesis does not appear to have withstood the test of time. It is more likely that rotator cuff dysfunction results in upward displacement of the humeral head and causes impingement of the humeral head against the acromion with shoulder use rather than the reverse. Arthroscopy and magnetic resonance imaging arthrography have elucidated many conditions that cause shoulder pain and that previously have been misdiagnosed as impingement. The liberal use of acromioplasty to treat "impingement" is being replaced by a trend toward making an anatomic diagnosis, such as a partial or a complete tear of the rotator cuff, and performing corrective surgery, such as repair of the torn rotator cuff.



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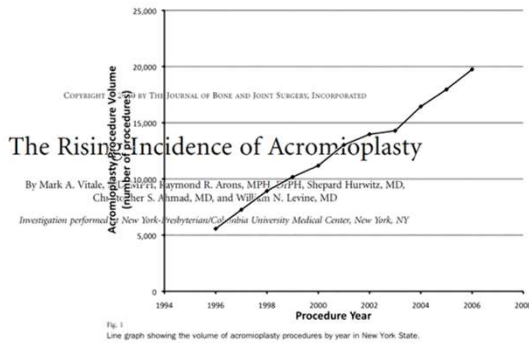
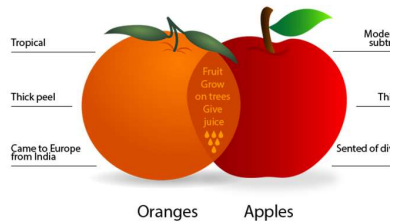


Fig. 1 Line graph showing the volume of acromioplasty procedures by year in New York State.

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Shoulders are different, but are they?

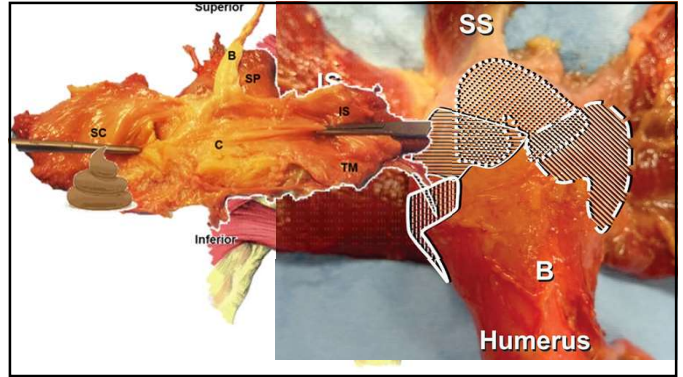


- It's just tendonopathy (mostly)
- Tendons don't know they're in the shoulder or leg

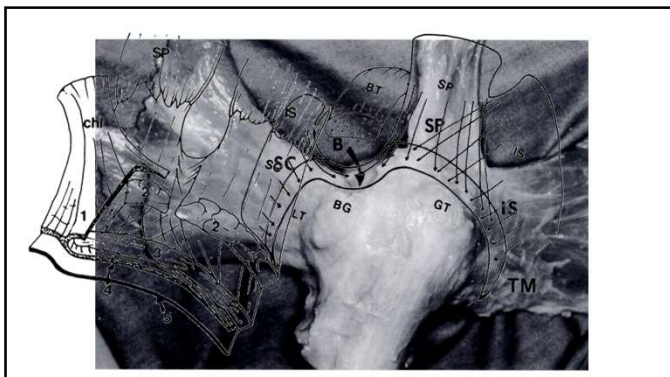
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The anatomy is the same, only different

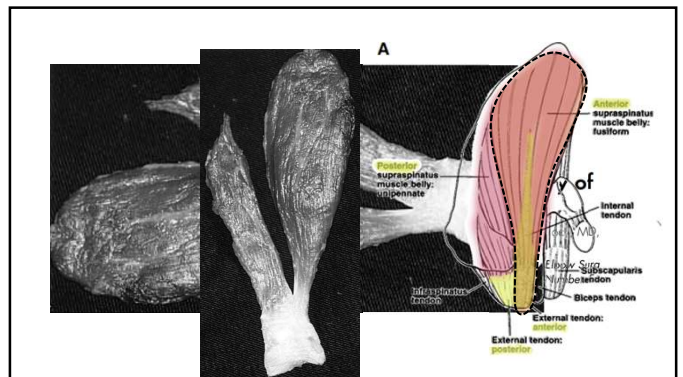
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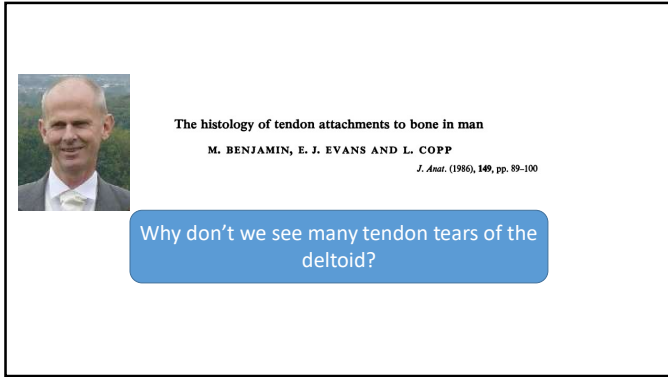
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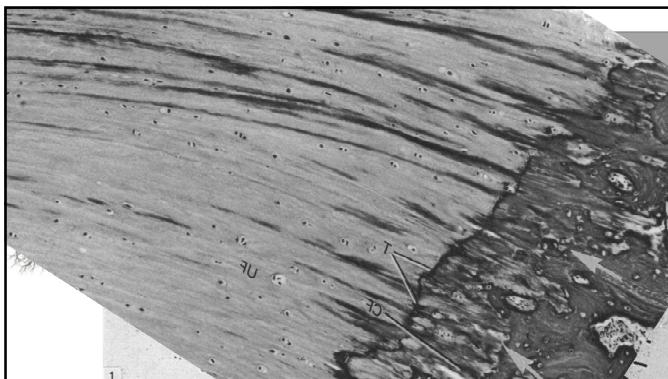
The histology of tendon attachments to bone in man  
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Why don't we see many tendon tears of the deltoid?

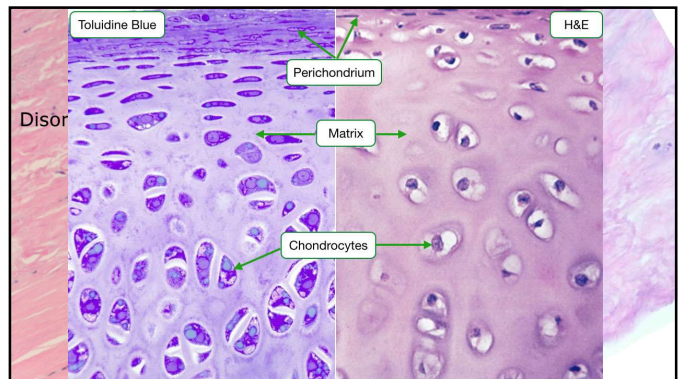
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### New regimen for eccentric calf-muscle training in patients with chronic insertional Achilles tendinopathy: results of a pilot study

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	Good	Poor	Good	Poor
	(n=90)	(n=11)	(n=10)	(n=1)

Table 2 Characteristics of 34 tendons in 27 subjects with chronic insertional Achilles tendinopathy: comparison between subjects who were satisfied and not satisfied with treatment

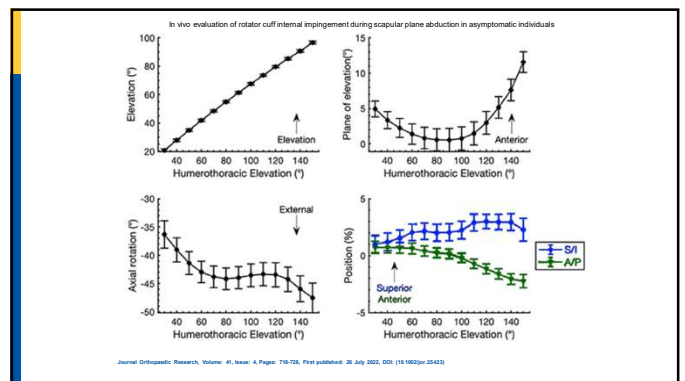
Variable	Satisfied (n = 23)	Not satisfied (n = 11)	p Value
Female	15/23	3/11	
Age	54.9 (14.7)	50.3 (7.8)	0.336
Height (cm)	171.1 (9.3)	176.1 (7.1)	0.130
Weight (kg)	86.7 (19.8)	83.0 (14.0)	0.584
BMI	29.7 (7.0)	26.7 (3.9)	0.206
Duration of symptoms (months)	23.3 (22.6)	33.4 (16.3)	0.196
Haglund's deformity	18/23	9/11	0.813
Bursitis	17/23	5/11	0.110
Bone spurs	20/23	5/11	0.373
Baseline VAS	69.9 (18.9)	77.5 (8.6)	0.115
Follow-up VAS	21.0 (20.6)	58.1 (14.8)	<<0.001*

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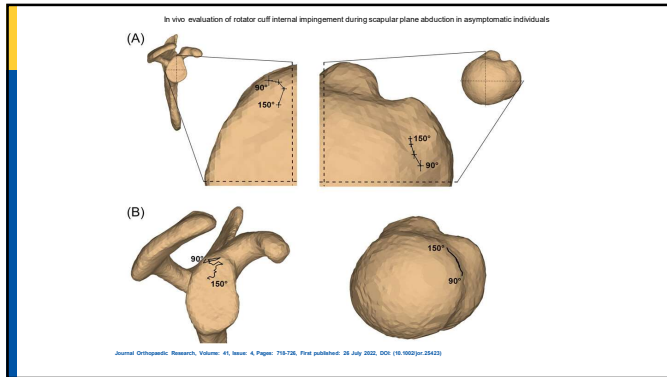
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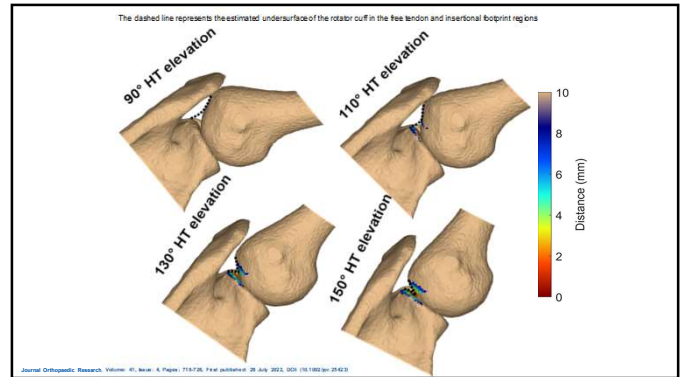
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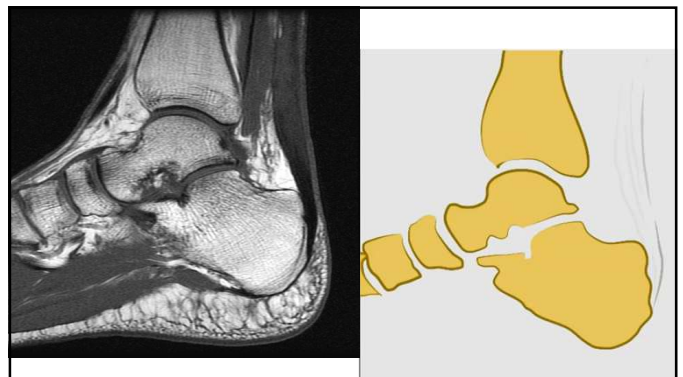
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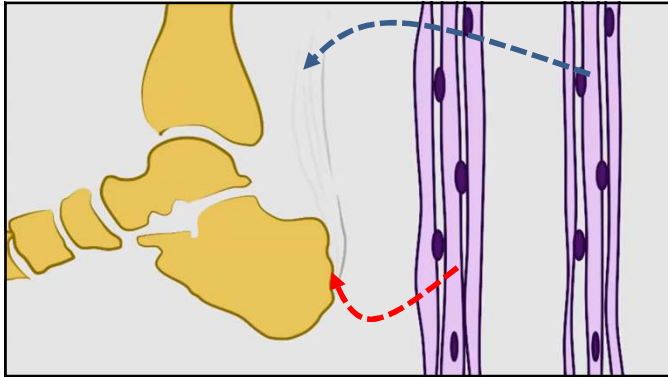
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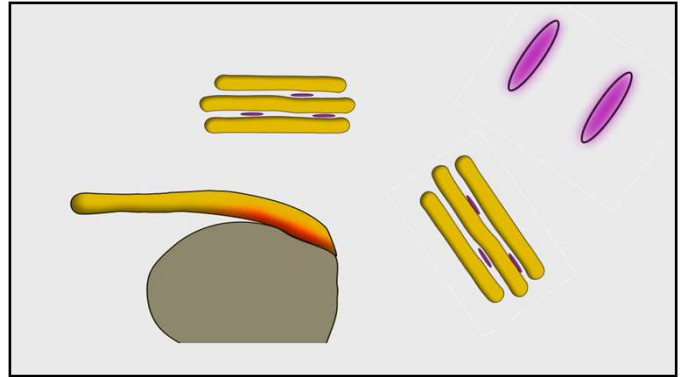
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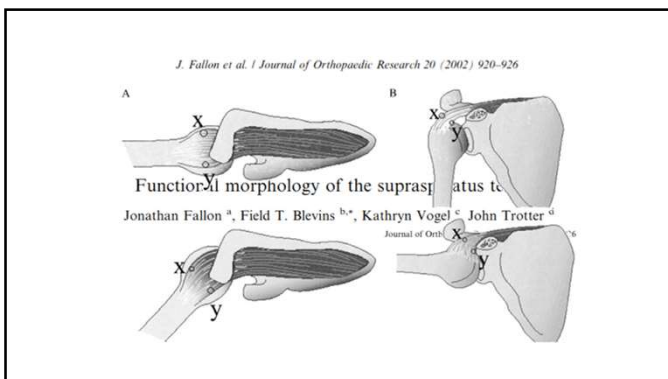
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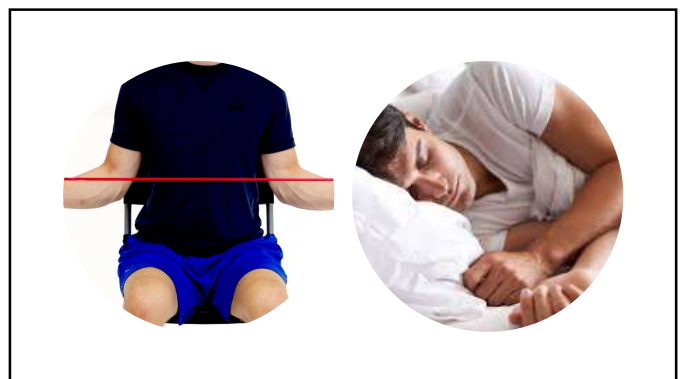
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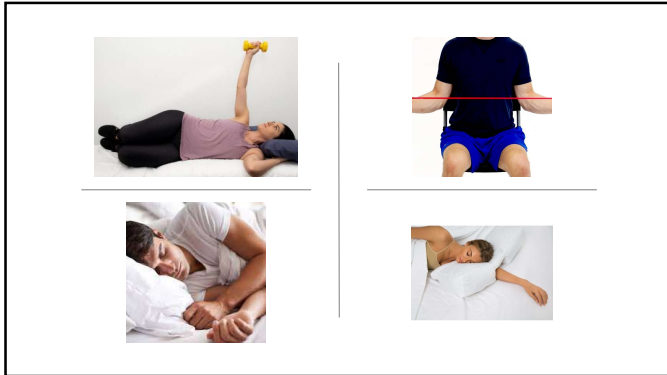
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### “Neutral” cuff, long lever

- Supine, Sidelying
- Weights
- Weights + elastic (“artificial gravity”)




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## How to diagnose plantaris tendon involvement in midportion Achilles tendinopathy - clinical and imaging findings

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**Fig. 2** US-CD results: Occurrence of a plantaris tendon-like structure (arrow) in close relation to the medial side of the Achilles tendon (A). Localized medial hypoechoic changes (B, asterisk) and high blood flow close to the medial side of the Achilles and deeper to the ventral side (C)

In conclusion, in patients with midportion Achilles tendinopathy, medial tenderness and activity related medial pain might indicate plantaris tendon involvement.

**Fig. 1** Thickened plantaris tendon in close relationship to the medial Achilles tendon head during surgical exploration

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# Clinically Relevant Anatomy and Biomechanics of the Proximal Biceps

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Zone 1

Zone 2

Zone 3

SS

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AM Pulley

PL Pulley

Humeral Head

LHB

LCHL

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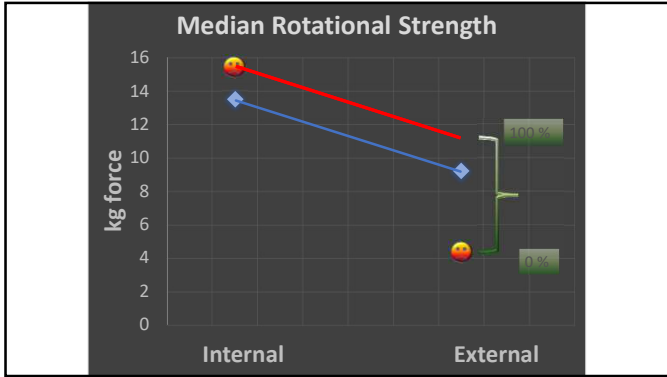
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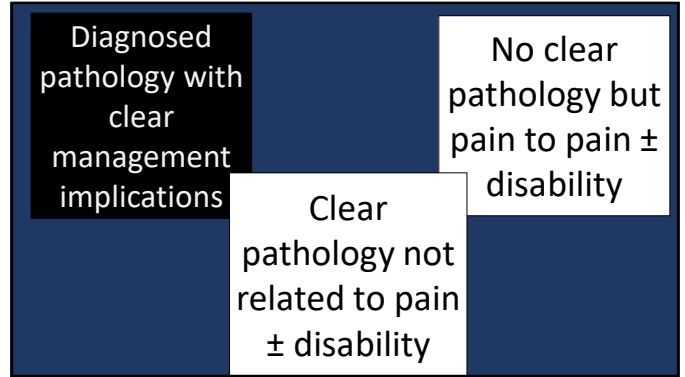
**Figure 1** Normal arthroscopic anatomy of the pulley. HH, humeral head; LCHL, lateral coracohumeral ligament; LHB, long head of the biceps; MCHL, medial coracohumeral ligament; SGHL, superior glenohumeral ligament; SSC, subscapularis tendon; SSP, supraspinatus tendon.

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**Clear pathology not related to pain ± disability**

No clear pathology but pain to pain ± disability

Diagnosed pathology with clear management implications

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<b>1.KNOWN UNKNOWN</b> (Things we are aware of and do not understand)	<b>2.KNOWN KNOWN</b> (Things we are aware of and understand)
<b>4.UNKNOWN UNKNOWN</b> (Things we are not aware of and don't understand)	<b>3.UNKNOWN KNOWN</b> (Things we aren't aware of but understand)

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Individual's Perspective

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**Key Question**  
What are your main problems or concerns?  
- Provides overall context for the clinical interaction.  
- May be related to pain, function or quality of life.  
- Acknowledgement and addressing individual's perspective required.

Functional Capacity

**Key Questions**  
How do these problems affect your daily activities / quality of life?  
What can you do?  
- Could be difficult to delineate in a 'pain focused' individual.  
- Look for what can be done and build from there.

Goals/ Expectations

**Key Questions**  
What do you expect from this session/interaction?  
What are your goals or what are you hoping to achieve?  
- Addressing goals and expectation are important for individual compliance and 'buy-in' and to align with individual-centred care.

To demonstrate a common understanding of the individual's problem, a simple but highly effective strategy is to repeat to the individual the main salient points from the clinical interview.

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Diagnosis

Red flag disorder present?

Yes → Refer for appropriate further investigation/management

No → Signs and symptoms of Specific Disorder? Refer for specific investigations to confirm diagnosis

Signs and symptoms of Specific Disorder? Refer for specific investigations to confirm diagnosis

Yes → Is the specific diagnosis contributing to the disorder? → Yes → Implement appropriate management for the patient's specific disorder

No → Consider that other elements of the Framework may also be contributing to the disorder

Diagnosis of Non-Specific Disorder is indicated

Consider which elements of the Framework may be contributing to the disorder

Implement management to address the relevant identified contributing factors

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Stage

Acute

**Definition**  
Onset pain is the 'typical' or predicted time limited response to trauma or other nociceptive event. E.g. ankle sprain in the last 24 hours.  
Should not meet criteria for the absence of clear radiological signs (osteoid matrix, e.g. acute bone of osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis)

**Management implications:**  
- Immediate pain control  
- Treatment of further tissue damage/fracturation  
- Reassurance and other 'softer' management advice

Sub-Acute

**Definition**  
This phase represents the transition following a traumatic injury to normal expected tissue healing (2-6 weeks or longer for some tissues e.g. tendon). In the absence of a traumatic injury it represents the period of a disorder where symptoms usually subside as part of the natural history of the disorder

**Management implications:**  
- Gradual restoration of functional capacity  
- Individualised pain control as needed to ensure a threshold is not to get better

Recurrent

**Definition**  
Experiencing a new episode of previously experienced musculoskeletal symptoms following a period of being symptom free. It usually occurs within two weeks with ongoing, mild persistent symptoms, but have recent episodes of increased symptoms that are comparable to the acute episode

**Management implications:**  
- Change treatment approach as per individual acute disorder  
- Investigation of possible factors contributing to recurrence (specific nature of the disorder, long term condition)  
- Reinforce active management and re-educate if required

Chronic/Resistant

**Definition**  
Other commonly defined by a time frame of greater than three to six months duration, or pain that extends beyond the expected period of disorder resolution

Some disorders are chronic, though episodes of pain are non-orthopaedic

**Management implications:**  
- Ensure there is no missed or associated serious pathology that continues to contribute to the intensity of the disorder  
- Investigation of possible factors contributing to the chronic nature of the disorder for long term management

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### Pain Features - Types

**Neurogenic**

**Neurogenic (Inflammatory)**

**Neurogenic**

**Neurogenic**

**Mixed**

**Multidisciplinary Clinical Translation Framework**

Feature	Neurogenic	Neurogenic (Inflammatory)	Neurogenic	Mixed
Neurogenic	Low	Low	Low	Low
Neurogenic (Inflammatory)	Low	Low	Low	Low
Neurogenic	Low	Low	Low	Low
Mixed	Low	Low	Low	Low

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### Pain Features - Characteristics

**Mechanical** ↔ **Non-Mechanical**

**Mechanical:** Stimulus-response appears coupled (activity-dependent). Response proportionate to the stimulus. Pain fluctuations clearly linked to aggravating and easing activities. Example: In an individual with an acute sprained ankle, moving the ankle hurts, and resting eases the pain.

**Non-Mechanical:** Constant pain overlaid by clear and consistent patterns of activity related aggravation. Some easing positions, though frequently for a limited time. Stimulus-response appears de-coupled (activity independent). Response disproportionate to the stimulus. Constant pain, with significant difficulty to find easing postures or activities. Example: Individual may describe "I am not sure why it is sore. Even when I'm resting, it has a life of its own".

**Management:** Mechanical focused on addressing relevant functional behaviours (which is influenced by physical and psychological factors). Establish a functional baseline from which to graduate exposure to physical loading while maintaining increased pain or increased sensitisation. Management focused on addressing mechanical factors is unlikely to be helpful. Broad management focus required to consider other contributing factors.

**Multidisciplinary Clinical Translation Framework**

Feature	Mechanical	Non-Mechanical
Mechanical	Low	Low
Non-Mechanical	Low	Low

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### Pain Features - Sensitisation

**Low** ↔ **High**

**Sensitisation (Low):** Sensitisation (Low) of triggering responses to stimuli such as: - Blame - Mood - Anxiety - Sensory (light touch) (pressure) (Heat) - Catastrophising

**Sensitisation (High):** High sensitisation - Mixed/ Possible. High sensitisation - Central. High sensitisation - Peripheral.

**Multidisciplinary Clinical Translation Framework**

Feature	Low	High
Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low

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### Psychosocial Considerations (Yellow Flags)

**Cognitive Factors:** Attention, Attentional & Interference, Coping, Coping, Coping.

**Affective Factors:** Hypochondria, Anxiety, Fear, Frustration/Anger.

**Social Factors:** Socioeconomic, Education, Relationship, Health Literacy, Culture, Health Care.

**Possible Effects:** Influence behaviours related to pain such as evidence, catastrophising and over-activity. Influence behaviours related to care seeking such as passive coping and doctor shopping. Directly influence pain intensity and disability levels. Indirectly influence pain intensity and disability levels. Influence on behavioural models.

**Clinical Questions:** What do you understand is the cause of your problem? What does your pain mean to you? How do you cope with your pain? What do you think you need to help you get better? What do you think will be the outcome of your problem? How much is your pain bothering you? How are you coping with your pain? How are you coping with your pain? How are you coping with your pain?

**Screening Tools:** Pain Catastrophising Scale, Back Beliefs Questionnaire, Pain Self-Efficacy Scale, Depression Anxiety and Stress Scale, Multidisciplinary Pain Questionnaire (Long or Short), Tampa Scale of Kinesiophobia.

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Feature	Low	High
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**Work Considerations (Blue & Black Flags)**

**Blue Flags (Perceptions of Work)**

- Experience of stress at work, potentially impacting symptom experience.
- Job dissatisfaction influencing motivation to return to work.
- Perceptions of lack of support from co-workers or employers creates barriers to return to work.
- Perceptions that work is unsafe or that there is a high risk of re-injury.

**Black Flags (Workplace Factors)**

- Work tasks or nature of work (e.g. night shift, 9-to-5) may impact return to usual or modified duties.
- Negative experience of workplace management of injury or symptoms.
- Lack of acceptance by employer or co-workers of legitimacy of symptoms.
- Lack of acceptance of relevance of psychological issues.

**Possible Effects**

**Clinical Questions**

**Screening Tools**

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**Lifestyle Considerations**

**Possible Effects**

**Clinical Questions**

**Resources / Management Tips**

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### Chronic hyperglycemia, hypercholesterolemia, and metabolic syndrome are associated with risk of tendon injury

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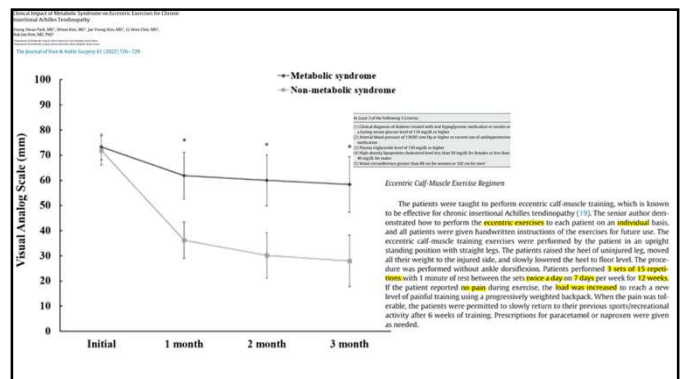
- (1) Clinical diagnosis of diabetes treated with oral hypoglycemic medication or insulin or a fasting serum glucose level of 110 mg/dL or higher
- (2) Arterial blood pressure of 130/85 mm Hg or higher or current use of antihypertensive medication
- (3) Plasma triglyceride level of 150 mg/dL or higher
- (4) High-density lipoprotein cholesterol level less than 50 mg/dL for females or less than 40 mg/dL for males
- (5) Waist circumference greater than 88 cm for women or 102 cm for men\*

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#### Eccentric Calf-Muscle Exercise Regimen

The patients were taught to perform eccentric calf-muscle training, which is known to be effective for chronic insertional Achilles tendinopathy (19). The senior author demonstrated how to perform the **eccentric exercises** to each patient on an **individual** basis, and all patients were given handwritten instructions of the exercises for future use. The eccentric calf-muscle training exercises were performed by the patient in an upright standing position with straight legs. The patients raised the heel of uninjured leg, moved all their weight to the injured side, and slowly lowered the heel to floor level. The procedure was performed without ankle dorsiflexion. Patients performed **3 sets of 15 repetitions** with 1 minute of rest between the sets **twice a day on 7 days** per week for **12 weeks**. If the patient reported **no pain** during exercise, the **load was increased** to reach a new level of painful training using a progressively weighted backpack. When the pain was tolerable, the patients were permitted to slowly return to their previous sports/recreational activity after 6 weeks of training. Prescriptions for paracetamol or naproxen were given as needed.

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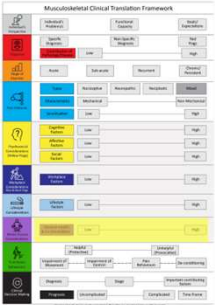


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### Whole Person Considerations

Possible Effects	Clinical Questions	Management Tips
<b>General Health</b> Co-Morbidities Family History Personal History Medications Genetics	- Increased inherent risk of developing musculoskeletal pain disorder. - Influence bodies healing and recovery processes. - Susceptibility to pain disorders or musculoskeletal pain disorders (Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis).	- How is your general health? - Do you suffer from any other medical problems? - Do any of your immediate relatives have similar problems to you? - What medications are you presently taking?
	- If whole person considerations are identified (co-morbidities or general health concerns) then these should be flagged as likely impacting on progress for the patient – for example in terms of delaying recovery. - Ensure adequate medical management is in place.	

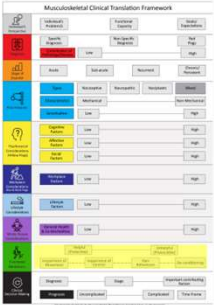


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### Functional Behaviours

Helpful (Protective)	Unhelpful (Provocative)
Reflects behaviours that serve to prevent further tissue damage / allow tissue healing to occur. "Normalising" the behaviour results in <b>increased</b> symptom response.	Reflects behaviours that are provocative of a disorder. May reflect the persistence of behaviours in the absence of or past the time of tissue healing. "Normalising" the behaviour results in <b>reduced</b> symptom response.
Examples: Lying in the context of an acute lower limb injury, or splinting of the neck or spine in the context of an acute spinal injury. Relative rest and avoidance in the early stage of these types of disorders is usually appropriate.	Examples: A chronic ankle sprain where the person has pain past natural healing time and walks with a guarded limp, despite typical investigations. These behaviours may reflect fear and pain avoidance. A person with acute neck pain of insidious onset, with no patho-anatomical basis for symptoms (pain may arise subsequent to a period of high psychological distress). The protective movement and pain behaviours are unlikely to be helpful, rather contributing to the onset and persistence of pain.

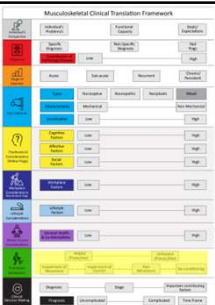


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<b>Impairment of Control</b> No requirement of movement in the direction of pain provocation, but where pain is exacerbated with abnormal movement control.	<b>Helpful:</b> An of pain with abnormal movement pattern of pathological flare associated with sub-acute pain due to an inflammatory process that affects any activity range. Absence by controlled movement pattern increases pain. <b>Unhelpful:</b> An of pain with abnormal movement pattern in the direction of pain. Associated with a chronic, impingement pain. Absence of restoration of functional control in pain and activities function.	<b>Helpful:</b> Management of the underlying inflammatory disorder, and management of activity requiring pain avoidance and pain provocation. <b>Unhelpful:</b> Graduated restoration of normal movement incorporating reassurance that pain is harm, movement in the direction of provocation of manual therapists.
<b>Pain Behaviours</b> Open behavioural responses to avoid exacerbation of the anticipation of pain. May include vocal grunting, breathing, breath holding, grunting, grimacing, etc.	<b>Helpful:</b> Open pain and avoidance behaviours associated with back and leg pain with normal sensitivity and no evidence of guarding. Patient grunting with movement. Behaviour is used to alter and distract from pain. Associated with high levels of catastrophising, fear-avoidance and fear of re-injury.	<b>Helpful:</b> Management of the underlying inflammatory disorder, and management of activity requiring pain avoidance and pain provocation. <b>Unhelpful:</b> Reassurance that pain is harm, and normalisation of movement without pain behaviours. Reduce pain and enhance functional capacity.
<b>Deconditioning</b> A failure to meet strength, endurance and/or physical capacity.	<b>Helpful:</b> Grains - medial ligament strain to the knee, treated with local heat and rest using the knee brace for 6-week. Associated with low levels of quadriceps and lower limb muscle strength and endurance. <b>Unhelpful:</b> Chronic patello-femoral joint pain associated with weak quadriceps followed by rest leading to atrophy of quadriceps and lower limb strength and endurance.	<b>Helpful:</b> Ensure adequate tissue healing before engagement in functional programme. <b>Unhelpful:</b> Inadequate guidelines to reduce function may reduce pain and enhance functional capacity.

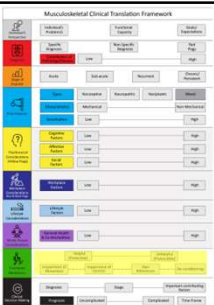


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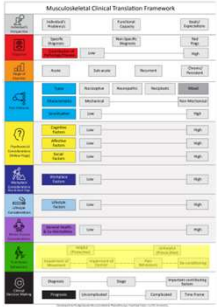
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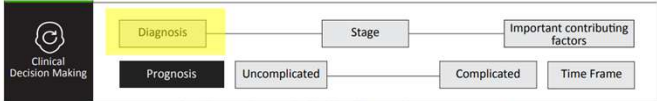
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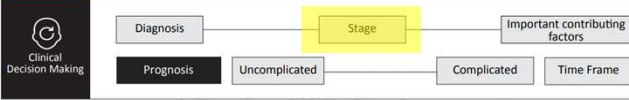


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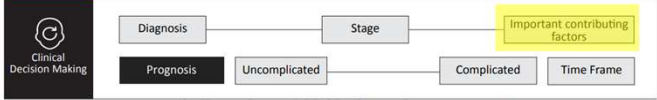
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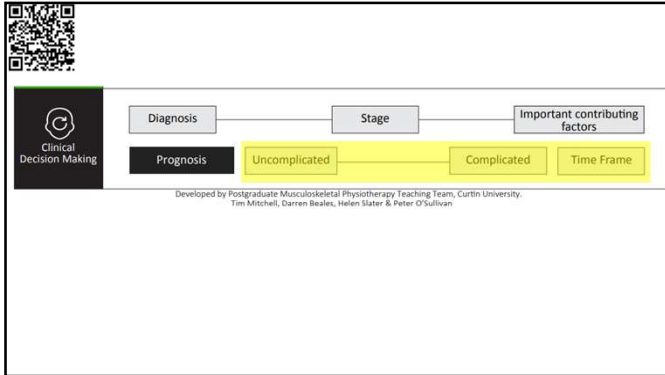
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"What's wrong with me?"

"What's going to happen?" and

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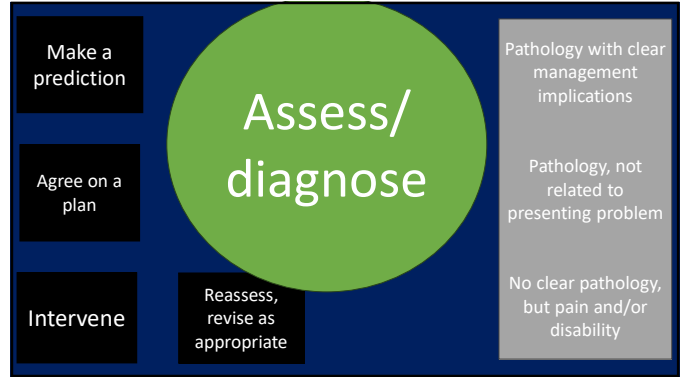
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Manual therapy, exercise and education target distinct aspects of chronic low back pain and probably have distinct effects. This study aimed to determine the efficacy of a combined physiotherapy treatment that comprised all of these strategies. By concealed randomisation, 57 chronic low back pain patients were allocated to either the four-week physiotherapy program or management as directed by their general practitioners. The dependent variables of interest were pain and disability. Assessors were blind to treatment group. Outcome data from 49 subjects (86%) showed a significant treatment effect. The physiotherapy program reduced pain and disability by a mean of 3.5/10 points on a numerical rating scale (95% CI 1.7 to 5.3) and 3.9 points on the 18-point Roland Morris Disability Questionnaire (95% CI 2 to 5.8), respectively. The number needed to treat in order to gain a clinically meaningful change was 3 (95% CI 3 to 8) for pain, and 2 (95% CI 2 to 5) for disability. A treatment effect was maintained at one-year follow-up. The findings support the efficacy of combined physiotherapy treatment in producing symptomatic and functional change in moderately disabled chronic low back pain patients. [Moseley L (2002); *Combined physiotherapy and education is efficacious for chronic low back pain. Australian Journal of Physiotherapy* 48: 297-302]

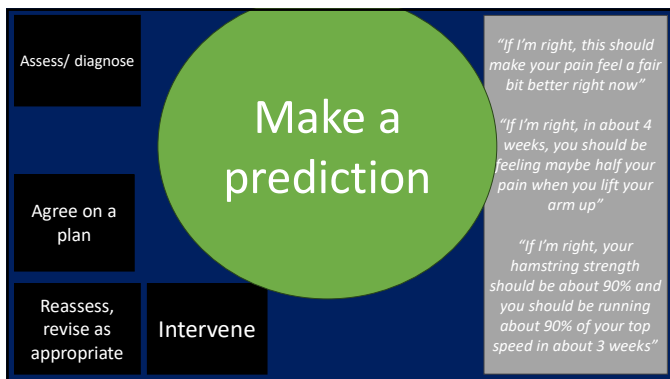
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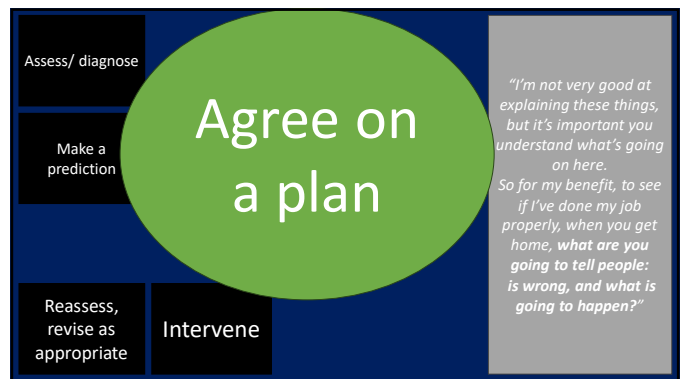
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# Atraumatic shoulder pain assessment

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Author	Journal	Year	Test	Pathology tested for	Reference SI	n	n (pathologic)	Accuracy	TP	FP	TN	FN	PPV	NPV	Sn	Sp	dLR	sLR
Hobby	A	2007	Speeds	Bicipital tendinitis, sublabral, labrolabral, partial tear, or complete rupture of the biceps tendon or SLAP lesions type II or IV	Arthroscopy	48	21	63.3%	9	6	22	12	0.60	0.65	0.43	0.79	2.00	0.55
Hobby	A	2007	Speeds	Bicipital tendinitis, sublabral, labrolabral, partial tear, or complete rupture of the biceps tendon or SLAP lesions type II or IV	Arthroscopy	60	22	56.6%	7	7	21	15	0.50	0.58	0.32	0.75	1.27	0.76
Kim	APMR	2017	Beigntal groove tender	Biceps tendinopathy	MRI	180	106	58.4%	11	72	97	5	0.13	0.85	0.09	0.97	1.41	0.61
Kim	APMR	2017	Speed's	Biceps tendinopathy	MRI	172	10	47.4%	12	87	70	4	0.12	0.95	0.19	0.45	1.29	0.74
Kibler	AJSM	2009	Beigntal groove	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	33	67.3%	10	19	58	23	0.50	0.72	0.30	0.85	2.08	0.48
Kibler	AJSM	2009	Cryer test	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	34	78.2%	25	15	52	9	0.63	0.85	0.71	0.78	3.28	0.55
Kibler	AJSM	2009	Beigntal groove	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	32	65.3%	25	28	41	7	0.47	0.85	0.78	0.58	1.40	0.52
Kibler	AJSM	2009	Yergason	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	32	67.3%	13	14	55	19	0.48	0.74	0.41	0.80	2.00	0.52
Kibler	AJSM	2009	Beigntal groove	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	34	71.3%	17	13	56	15	0.57	0.79	0.53	0.81	2.40	0.58
Kibler	AJSM	2009	SLD	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	32	42.6%	6	32	37	26	0.16	0.59	0.19	0.54	0.40	2.4
Kibler	AJSM	2009	Axillary slide	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	33	49.5%	8	28	42	29	0.24	0.63	0.34	0.62	0.63	1.58
Kibler	AJSM	2009	Cryer test	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	101	34	53.9%	12	27	42	20	0.31	0.69	0.39	0.61	0.99	1.18
Kim	M	2022	Flexion-external rotation	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	182	129	82.2%	102	12	24	14	0.89	0.83	0.88	0.87	2.64	0.88
Jastblec	APMR	2014	Palm-up Pain	Complete tear long head of biceps	Ultrasound	39	1	30.8%	0	28	12	1	0.00	0.92	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.00
Jastblec	APMR	2014	Yergason Pain	Complete tear long head of biceps	Ultrasound	38/39	1	71.8%	0	19	28	1	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00
Jastblec	APMR	2014	Palm-up Pain	Biceps tendinopathy	Ultrasound	39	6	43.8%	5	21	12	1	0.19	0.92	0.13	0.36	1.51	0.78
Jastblec	APMR	2014	Yergason Pain	Biceps tendinopathy	Ultrasound	39	6	79.5%	4	6	27	2	0.40	0.93	0.67	0.82	3.67	0.22

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# Subacromial impingement syndrome/cuff pathology

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## "DIME"

The new dynamic isotonic manipulation examination (DIME) is a highly sensitive secondary screening tool for supraspinatus full-thickness tears

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\* [ie, shoulder pain worsened with overhead activities; nighttime pain], negative traditional rotator cuff examination (no pain or weakness on full can or empty can tests, no weakness or inability to lift hand from the sacrum on the lift-off test, and no pain or weakness on external or internal rotation strength tests)

DIME strength <= 65.0 N?	Supraspinatus FT on MRA?		Total	PPV: 18%	NPV: 100%
	Yes	No			
Coronal plane					
Yes	27	127	154		
No	0	163	163		
Total	27	143	170		

Pain during DIME examination?	Supraspinatus FT on MRA?		Total	PPV: 20%	NPV: 96%
	Yes	No			
Coronal plane					
Yes	26	119	145		
No	1	25	26		
Total	27	144	171		

Supraspinatus pathology on MRA?	Angle of pain on unopposed ROM in the coronal plane		Total	PPV: 100%	NPV: 16%
	Yes	No			
Yes	24	0	24		
No	66	13	79		
Total	90	13	103		

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## Whipple

Comparison of efficacy of supraspinatus tendon tears diagnostic tests: a prospective study on the "full-can," the "empty-can," and the "Whipple" tests

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https://doi.org/10.1007/s12206-019-00631-0

F and P	PPV	
	F	P
WT	76.5	62.7
EC	84.8	69.6
FC	78.6	62.8

F and P	NPV	
	F	P
WT	50.0	50.0
EC	66.7	66.7
FC	42.1	44.4

All the tests were classified as positive if they produced pain in the shoulder and/or they were weaker against the downward force than the contralateral arm

Whipple test (WT), empty-can test (EC), and full-can test (FC) for patients with full- and partial-thickness supraspinatus tendon tears. Results presented as percentages

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Figure 2. The coronal rotation sign (CRS). Figure 3. The infraspinatus drop sign (IDS). Figure 4. The drop arm test (DAT). Figure 5. The internal rotation sign (IRS).

The Value of Clinical Tests in Acute Full-Thickness Tears of the Supraspinatus Tendon: Does a Subacromial Lidocaine Injection Help in the Clinical Diagnosis? A Prospective Study

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Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic and Related Surgery, Vol. 26, No. 6 (June), 2010, pp 734-744

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**Diagnosis of subscapularis tendon tears: Are available diagnostic tests pertinent for a positive diagnosis?**  
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This prospective multicenter study confirms that the LOT, BPT and BHT tests are valid and are strongly correlated to the severity of subscapularis tendon tears (both their level and anatomical type). The BHT is a more effective and should be performed at 90° of flexion to test the inferior subscapularis and at 45° (in association with the BPT) to test the superior subscapularis. The two other tests should be associated (LOT and BPT) to minimize the risk of underestimating the presence of small subscapularis tears, because one quarter of subscapularis tears are discovered during surgery. A negative LOT, a positive BPT and a negative BHT (90°) suggest a limited partial thickness tear. If the BHT at 90° is also positive, this suggests that the tear involves the superior subscapularis. Positive results in the three tests and a significant loss of strength suggest a severe lesion (full thickness tendon tear with retraction or type 4) and requires rapid, surgical management.

Figure 1 Gerber Lift-Off test.  
 Figure 2 Gerber Belly-Press test.  
 Figure 3 Bear-Hug test.

Orthopaedics & Traumatology: Surgery & Research (2012) 985, 5178–5185

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**Diagnostic values of clinical tests for subscapularis lesions**  
 Martin Bartels<sup>1</sup>, Stefan Greiner<sup>1</sup>, Norbert P. Haas<sup>1</sup>, Markus Scheibel<sup>1</sup>  
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Figure 2 a, b Lift-off test (BPT) [21]  
 Figure 3 a, b Modified belly-press test (Mod. BPT) [21]

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Diagnostic values of clinical tests for subscapularis lesions

	LOT	IRLS	Mod. BPT	BOS
True-positive results	6	10	14	13
True-negative results	23	18	23	32
False-positive results	6	12	11	3
False-negative results	9	4	2	2
Sensitivity (%)	40	71	80	86
Specificity (%)	79	60	88	91
PPV (%)	50	45	75	81
NPV (%)	71	81	91	94
Accuracy (%)	66	63	86	90

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**Internal rotation resistance test at abduction and external rotation: a new clinical test for diagnosing subscapularis lesions**  
 Min-Jin Kim, Hui-Yun Kim, Joon-Nam Yoo, Yong-Gook Lee  
 Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc (2015) 23:1247–1252  
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	Lift-off	Belly-press	Bear-hug	IRLS		
True-positive results	47	56	59	25	54	62
True-negative results	85	118	115	123	113	115
False-positive results	39	30	29	10	35	28
False-negative results	31	31	25	54	34	19
Sensitivity (%)	59.8	64.4	70.2	31.6	62.7	76.5
Specificity (%)	68.5	79.7	79.9	92.5	76.3	80.4
PPV (%)	54.7	65.1	67	71.4	60.1	68.9
NPV (%)	73.3	79.2	82.1	69.5	76.9	85.8
Accuracy (%)	65.3	74.0	76.3	69.8	71.1	79.0

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**The scissors sign: a provocative test for detecting the leading-edge tear of subscapularis tendon: a diagnostic study**  
 Joo-Ho Shin<sup>1</sup>, Seung-Min Yoon<sup>1</sup>, Joon-Hyung Park<sup>1</sup>, Geun-Ho Chang<sup>1</sup> and Yong-Gil Shin<sup>1</sup>  
 Rhee et al. BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders (2022) 23:679  
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Fig. 2 The scissoring effect of the examiner's arm creates anterior translational force (arrow) onto the humeral head at around 60° of shoulder abduction, which may provoke the injured or pathological part of the subscapularis

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**FIGURE 12 THE "FINGER PRESSURE" EXAMINATION OF THE SHOULDER**

The "finger" of this diagram is halfway between the coronal and sagittal. It is, perhaps, the most important diagram in the book for the reader, entirely to understand, for it is the ability to put the finger in this position which enables one to make the clinical diagnosis of rupture of the supraspinatus tendon. The dotted line represents the outline of the bursa when the patient is in the position in which the rupture lies in this diagram. In this one the bursa is immediately under the tip of the finger and the entrance would be just under it, but in case of rupture, as explained on page 118, the tender point is a depression, not a case of subluxation, but an entrance at the corresponding position.

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**Palpation tests versus impingement tests in Neer stage I and II subacromial impingement syndrome** Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc (2013) 21:424–429 DOI 10.1007/s00167-012-1969-7

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**Table 2** Statistical results of the impingement and palpation tests

Variable	Sensitivity (95 % confidence interval)	Specificity (95 % confidence interval)	Accuracy
Neer test	80 (67–89)	52 (30–73)	74
Hawkins test	67 (53–78)	47 (26–69)	62
Supraspinatus palpation test	92 (78–95)	41 (18–64)	79
Infraspinatus palpation test	33 (6–79)	66 (54–76)	65
Subscapularis palpation test	60 (23–88)	0 (0–13)	10
Biceps palpation test	85 (67–94)	48 (33–62)	62

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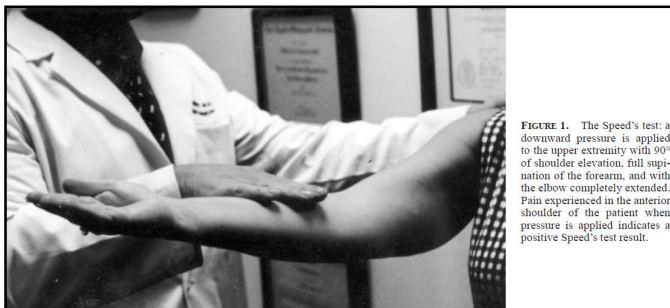
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Test	Pathology tested for	Reference Sta	n	opg)	Accuracy	TP	FP	TN	FN	PPV	NPV	
Palpation 2kg	Subacromial impingement syn US		138		69	69	65	41	28	6	0.61	0.82
Neer	Subacromial impingement syn US		138		69	69	65	41	28	6	0.63	0.72
Hawkins	Subacromial impingement syn US		138		69	69	65	41	28	6	0.55	0.58
Biceps palpation test												
Biceps palpation test												

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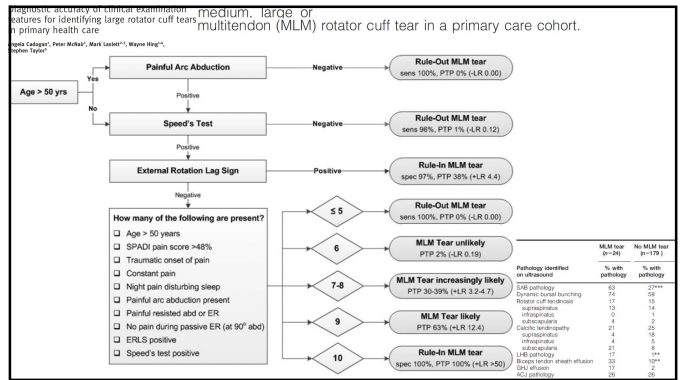


**FIGURE 1.** The Speed's test: a downward pressure is applied to the upper extremity with 90° of shoulder elevation, full supination of the forearm, and with the elbow completely extended. Pain experienced in the anterior shoulder of the patient when pressure is applied indicates a positive Speed's test result.

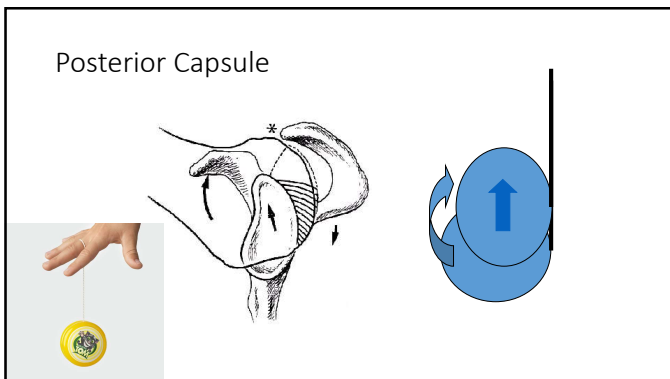
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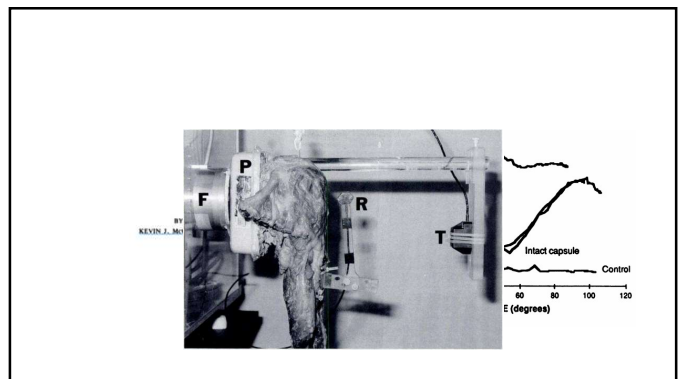
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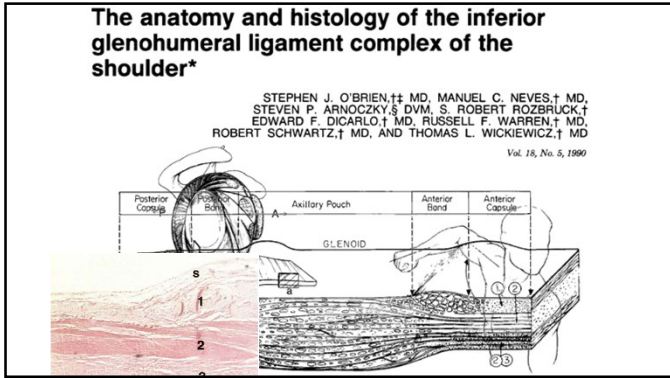
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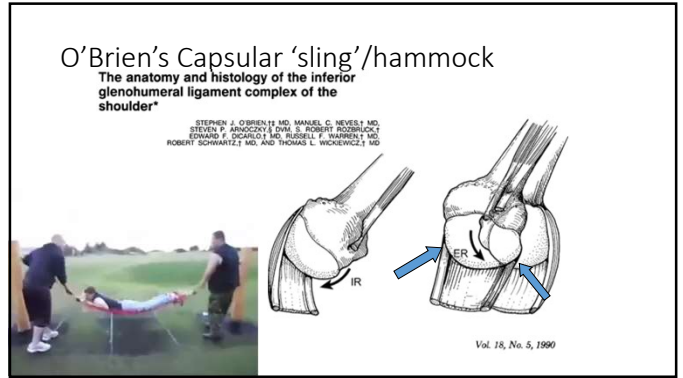
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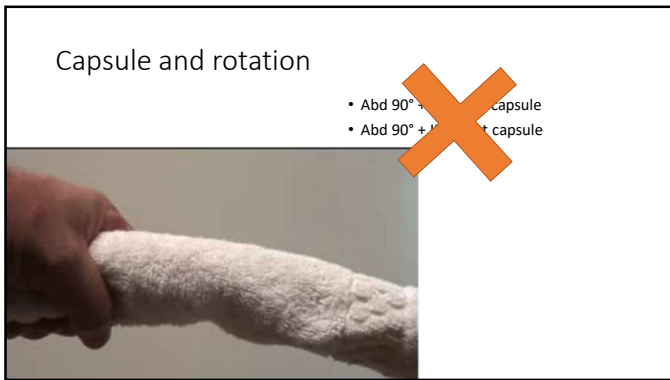
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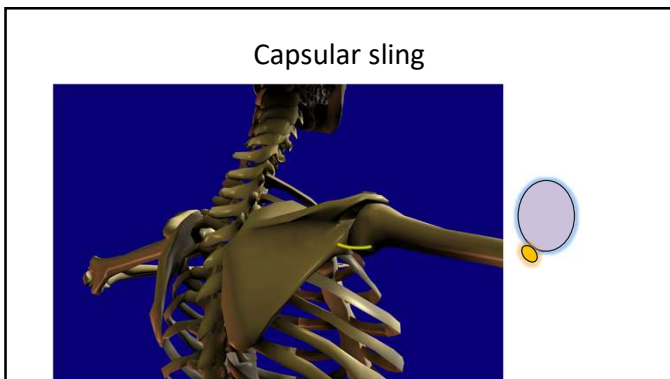
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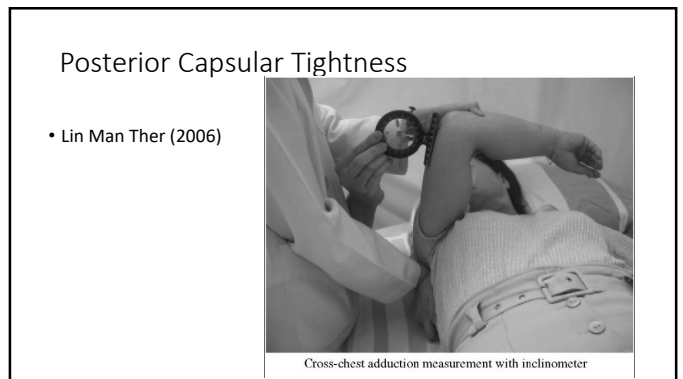
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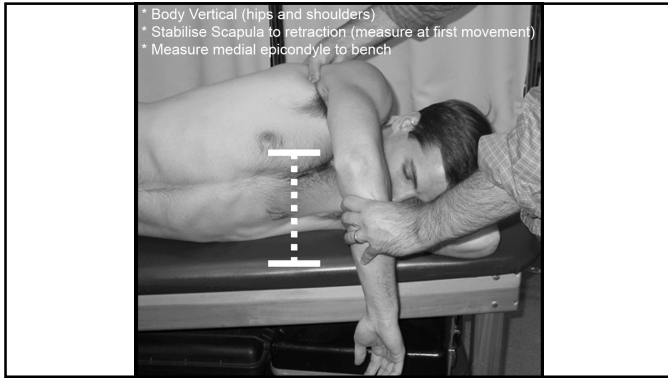
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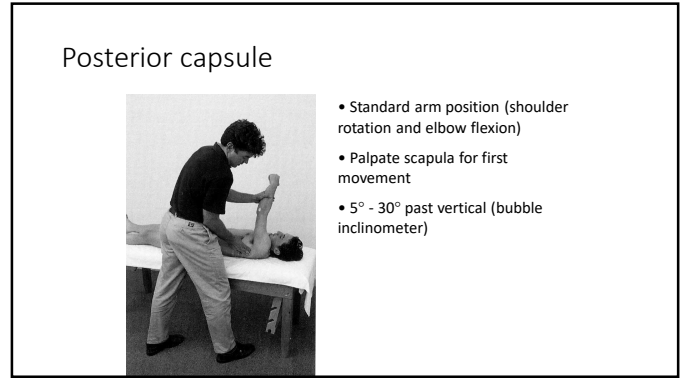
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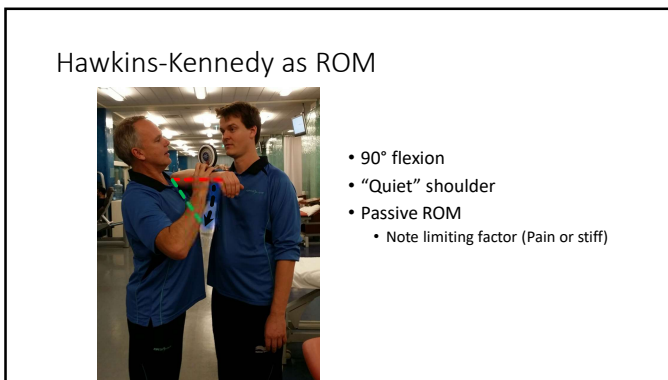
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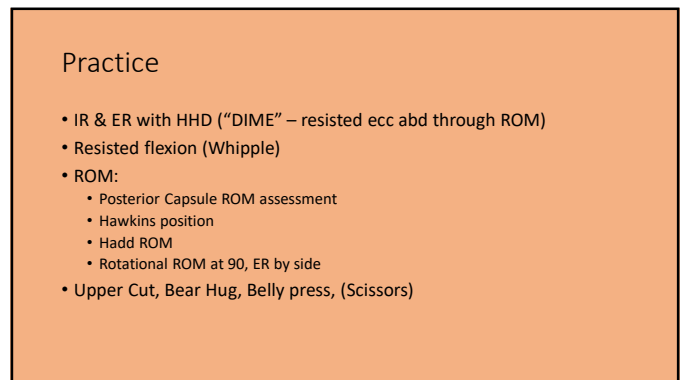
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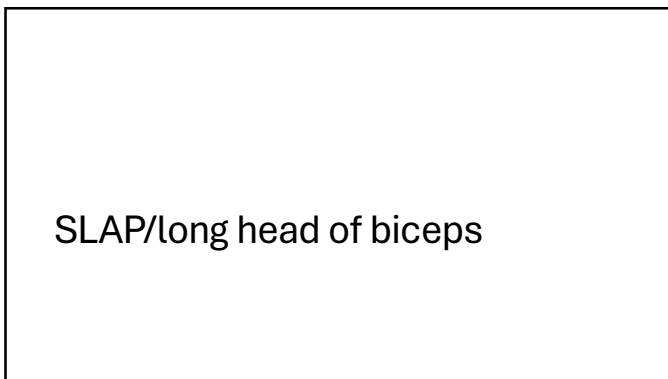
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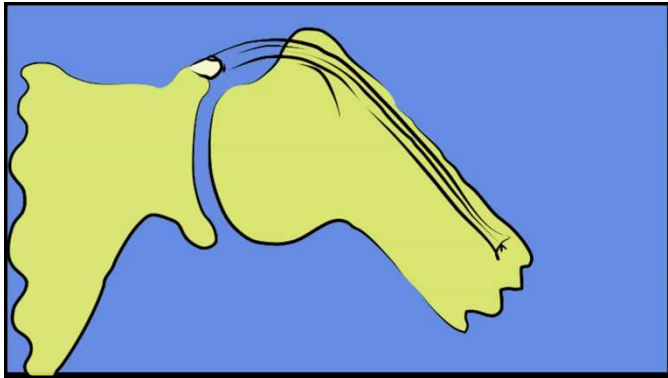
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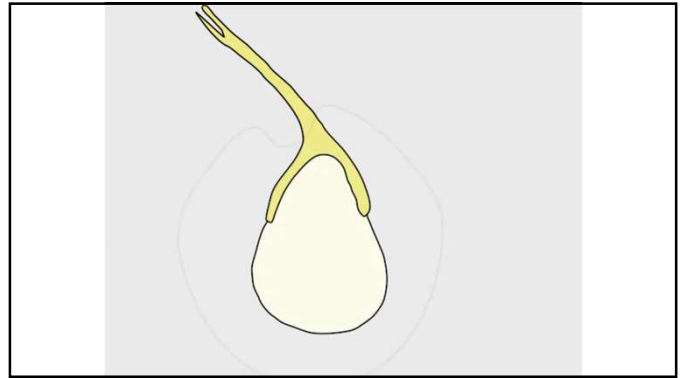
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**Figure 1.** A, the upper cut maneuver is performed with the involved shoulder in a neutral position, the elbow flexed to 90°, the forearm supinated, and the patient making a fist. B, the patient is instructed to perform a looking "upper cut" punch while the examiner places his hand over the patient's fist and resists the upward motion. A positive test is pain or a painful pop over the anterior portion of the involved shoulder during the resisted movement.

Upper Cut	
Sensitivity	0.73
Specificity	0.78
Accuracy	0.77
+PV	0.63
-PV	0.85
+LR	3.38
-LR	0.34

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Gilecrest EL, Albi P. Unusual lesions of muscles and tendons of the shoulder girdle and upper arm. *Surg Gynecol Obstet* 1939;68:903-917.

	Sum of TP	Sum of FP	Sum of TN	Sum of FN
Sum of TP	29	44	235,985	51
Sensitivity		36.3%		
Specificity		84.3%		
PPV		39.7%		
NPV		82.2%		
+LR		2.31		
-LR		0.76		
Accuracy		73.6%		

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**Flexion-extension-supination test compared to arthroscopic findings of biceps long head pathology**  
 A physical examination that reflect anatomical evolution of human shoulder girdle  
 Young-Hoek Kim, MD, Ho-Hee Lee, MD, Suk-Han Jung, MD, Jinyoung Dan, MD  
 Medicine (2022) 101:28

**Figure 1.** FES test is used as a provocative test to determine the presence of pain around bicipital groove caused by passive shoulder movement. To perform the FES test, the involved shoulder was flexed at 90-degree and neutrally rotated with an extended elbow. The patient was then asked to supinate their forearms or be passively supinated by the examiner. If the patient felt pain in the bicipital groove or could not supinate fully, the test was considered as positive. The FES test result was negative if pain was not elicited in a passive forearm supination position.

Author	Journal	Year	Test	Pathology tested for	Reference R <sup>2</sup>	Accuracy	TP	FP	TN	FN	PPV	NPV	LR	LR	LR	
Kim	M	2022	Physical examination	Long head of biceps	Arthroscopy	182	125	82.8%	102	12	24	14	0.89	0.63	0.88	0.87

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**Labral Signs**

- Crank
- O'Brien's Active Compression Sign
- Kibler's Anterior Slide
- Biceps Load II
- Resisted External Rotation Supination

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### Crank

Liu et al 1996  
+LR: 13  
-LR: 0.097

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### O'Brien's

'The patient was asked to forward flex the affected arm 90° with the elbow in full extension. The patient then adducted the arm 10°-15° medial to the sagittal plane of the body. The arm was internally rotated so that the thumb pointed downward. The examiner then applied a uniform downward force to the arm. *With the arm in the same position*, the palm was then fully supinated and the maneuver was repeated.'

O'Brien et al 1998

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### Biceps Load II

- The arm to be examined is elevated to 120° and externally rotated to its maximal point
- Elbow in 90° flexion and the forearm in the supinated position.
- Patient is asked to flex the elbow while resisting the elbow flexion by the examiner
- +ive:** Pain in elbow F or ↑d P in elbow F
- ive:** Pain ↓d Elbow F or ↓P Elbow F

127 Consecutive, double blind (A/S)  
+L.R.: 26.3  
-L.R.: 0.11

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### Anterior Slide

• Kibler, Arthroscopy, 1995, 11 3  
296-300  
• +LR: 9.2  
• -LR: 0.24

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### Resisted Supination External Rotation (Myers et al, AJSM 2005)

+LR: 4.55  
-LR: 0.21

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### Practice

- Crank
- O'Brien's Active Compression Sign
- Kibler's Anterior Slide
- Biceps Load II
- Resisted External Rotation Supination
- Upper Cut (long head of biceps)
- F/E/Supination (long head of biceps)

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## Acromioclavicular joint

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## Acromioclavicular joint

- Traumatic v gradual onset
- 14% Prevalence (primary care, local anaesthetic)

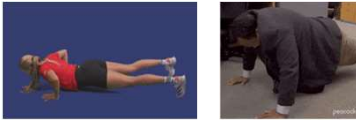
### Shoulder pain in primary care: diagnostic accuracy of clinical examination tests for non-traumatic acromioclavicular joint pain

Angela Cadogan<sup>1</sup>, Peter McNair<sup>1</sup>, Mark Laslett<sup>1</sup> and Wayne Hing<sup>2</sup>

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## A-C diagnosis – History & presentation

- Repeated, overhead, high load, “push”
- Pain location



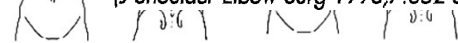
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## A-C versus SAI

### The pattern of pain produced by irritation of the acromioclavicular joint and the subacromial space

Christian Gerber, MD, Richard V. Galantay, MD, and Omar Hersche, MD, Zurich and Bern, Switzerland

(J Shoulder Elbow Surg 1998;7:352-5.)



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## Grade I and II acromioclavicular dislocations: Results of conservative treatment

Elyazid Moulhine, MD, Raffaele Garofalo, MD, Xavier Crevoisier, MD, and Alain Farron, MD, Lausanne, Switzerland

- JSES 2003, 12, 599 – 602
- 37 consecutive Tossy I & II, 6.3 Yr Follow-up
- 4 lost to follow-up
- 27% required surgery (mean 26 months)
- 48% residual symptoms

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## Detection of acromioclavicular joint pathology in asymptomatic shoulders with magnetic resonance imaging

Beth E. Shubin Stein, MD, J. Michael Wiater, MD, H. Charles Pfaff, MD, Louis U. Bigliani, MD, and William N. Levine, MD, New York, NY

MRI findings consistent with ACJ arthritis were present in 41 (82%) of 50 shoulders. Of those with evidence of ACJ arthritis, 33 (80%) shoulders were graded mild, 6 (15%) shoulders moderate, and 2 (5%) shoulders severe. There was no significant difference in either the prevalence or the severity of the ACJ abnormalities when comparing men with women. However, there was a significant difference in the severity of the abnormalities with respect to age. In the over-30 age group there were more advanced degenerative changes than in the 30-and-under group ( $P < .05$ ).

The prevalence of abnormal findings varied according to the age of the subject. In the 30-and-under age group, 68% of the asymptomatic population had abnormalities on MRI. In the over-30 age group, the prevalence of abnormal findings was 93%. The overall prevalence of ACJ abnormalities on MRI in asymptomatic shoulders was 82%.

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**A comparison of magnetic resonance imaging findings of the acromioclavicular joint in symptomatic versus asymptomatic patients**

Beth E. Shubin Stein, MD, Christopher S. Ahmad, MD, Charles H. Pfaff, MD, Louis U. Bigliani, MD, and William N. Levine, MD, New York, NY *J Shoulder Elbow Surg* January/February 2006

The MRI scans of 25 patients with symptomatic AC joints were compared with 50 asymptomatic

Group	None (Grade I)	Mild (Grade II)	Moderate (Grade III)	Severe (Grade IV)	Bone edema
Asymptomatic	18%	66%	12%	4%	0%
Symptomatic	0%	20%	52%	28%	80%

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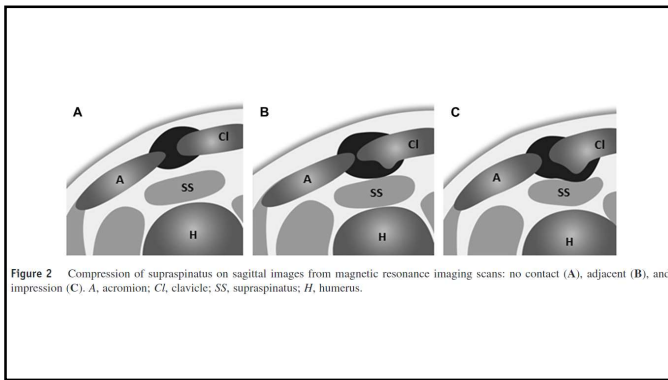
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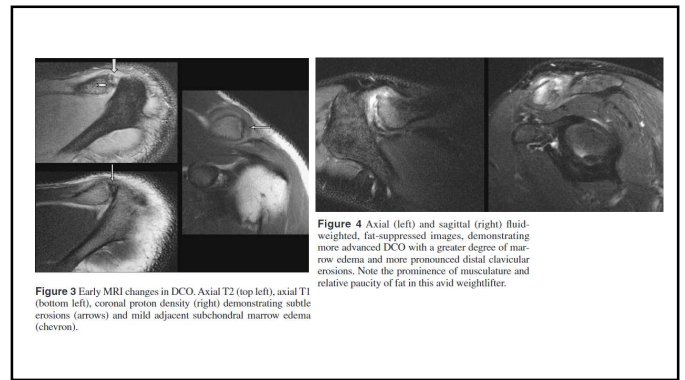
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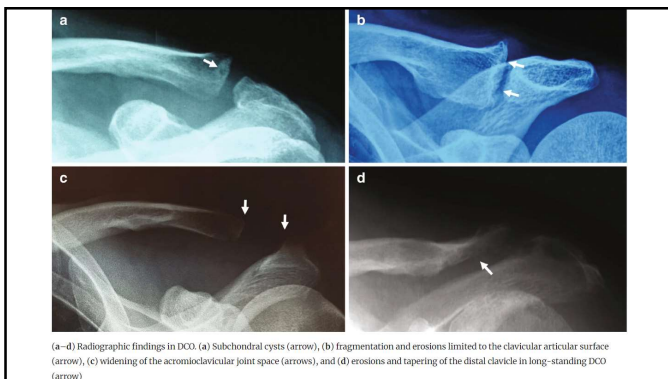
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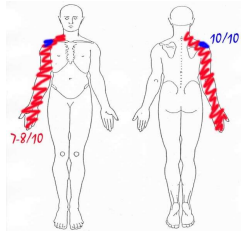
**A-C joint and painful weak Int Rot**

- Traumatic origin
- Often footballers (differentiate)
- Atraumatic origin in weight training - commonly "chest" exercises

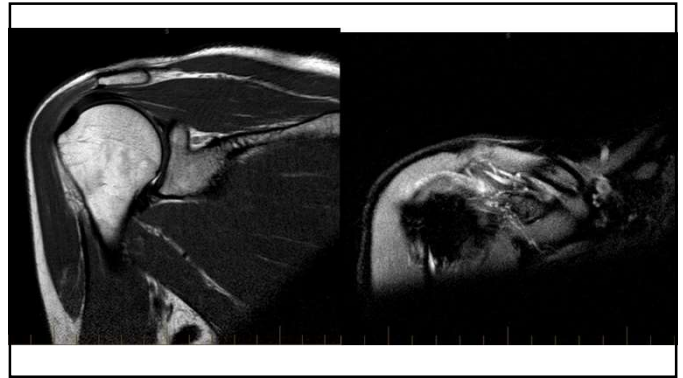
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### Case History

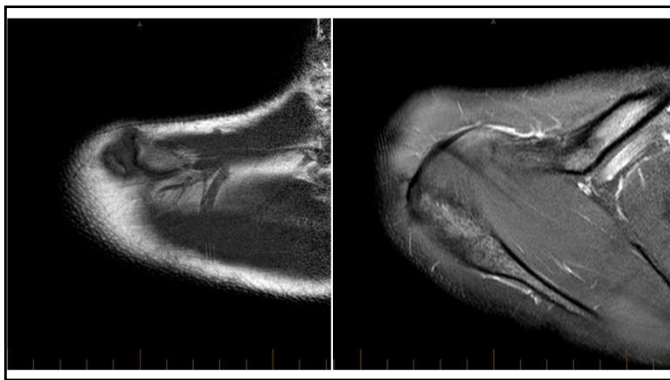
- Abrupt onset
- Intolerable, worrying pain
- No history of trauma
- Changed work practice



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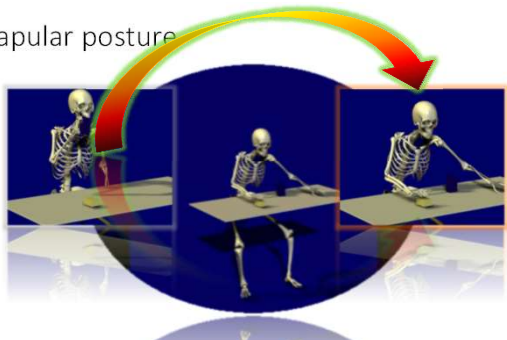


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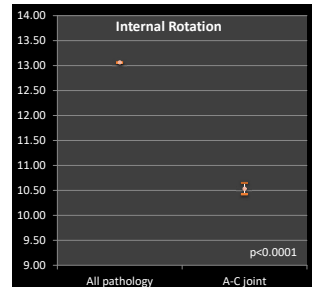
### Scapular posture



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### A-C joint


- A-C Vs All pathology
  - 13.1kg Vs 10.5kg
- $IR_{INJ} < ER_{INJ}$ 
  - 3 X incidence



Category	Internal Rotation (kg)
All pathology	13.1
A-C joint	10.5

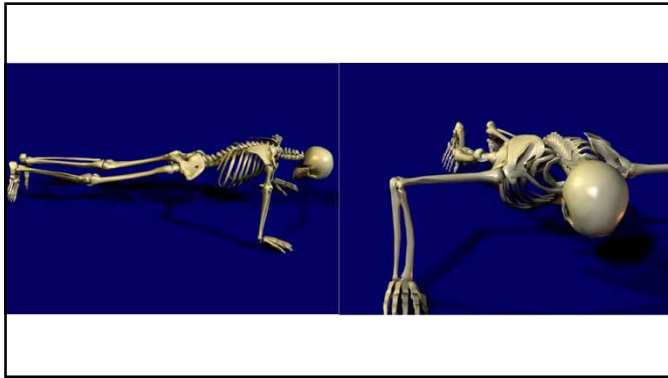
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### A-C joint



- Resisted internal rotation (not external) painful and weak
- worsens

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### AC joint summary

- “Chest” exercises
- Pain pattern
- Physical exam, imaging might be required
- Can be significantly disabling
- Think about scapular positioning (and changing loads) in your management

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### A-C joint examination

Chronopolos et al  
*Diagnostic value of Physical Tests for Isolated Chronic Acromioclavicular Lesions* AJSM 32, (3) 2004 655-61

- O'Brien's
- Cross-Body Adduction
- Resisted Extension

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### Chronopolos et al 2004

Diagnostic Value of Combined Examination					
	Sensit.	Specif.	P.P.V.	N.P.V.	Acc'cy
Test	% (n/N)	% (n/N)	% (n/N)	% (n/N)	% (n/N)
All 3	25 (4/16)	97 (4/13)	All 3: +L.R.: 8.33	93	(294/315)
≥ 2	81 (13/16)	89 (266/299)	≥2: +L.R.: 7.3	89	(279/315)
≥ 1	0 (16/16)	74 (221/299)	≥1: -L.R.: 0.21	75	(237/315)

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### Diagnosis & Examination

- History
- Pain pattern
- Imaging
  - MR
  - XR
- O'Briens position 1 (“on top”)
- Cross-Body
- Resisted Extension
- Palpation

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### Practice

- (O'Brien's Active Compression, part 1)
- Cross-Body Adduction
- Resisted Extension
- Palpate A-C joint – mark this first

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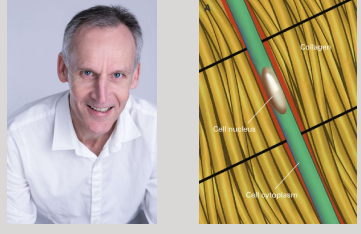
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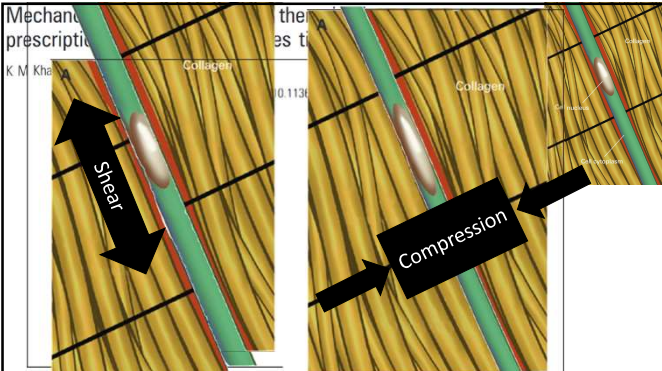
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## Mechanotherapy: how physical therapists' prescription of exercise promotes tissue repair

K M Khan, A Scott *Br J Sports Med* 2009; **43**: 247-251 doi:10.1136/bjsm.2008.054239



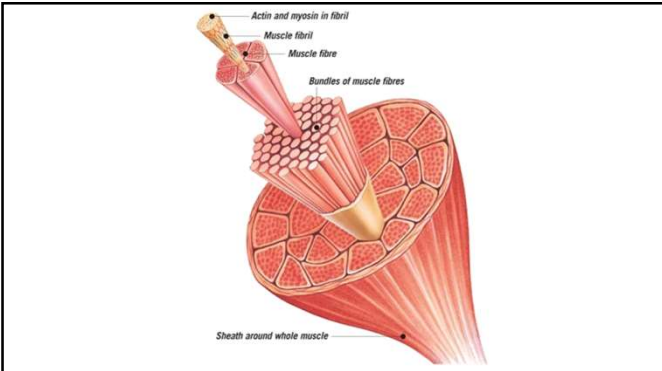
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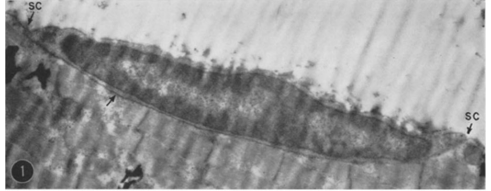
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### SATELLITE CELL OF SKELETAL MUSCLE FIBERS

ALEXANDER MAURO. From The Rockefeller Institute  
*Journal of Cell Biology*  
 Received for publication, September 1, 1961.



A typical longitudinal view of the satellite cell as it appears in the periphery of the skeletal muscle fiber of the tibialis anticus of the frog. The extreme poles of the cell are indicated (a). Note that even at the magnification of 10,000 the cell could be dismissed, upon cursory examination, as a peripheral muscle nucleus. The apposing plasma membranes of the satellite cell and the muscle cell can be seen at the inner border of the cell as indicated, by the unmarked arrow. Epon embedding. Unstained. X 10,000.

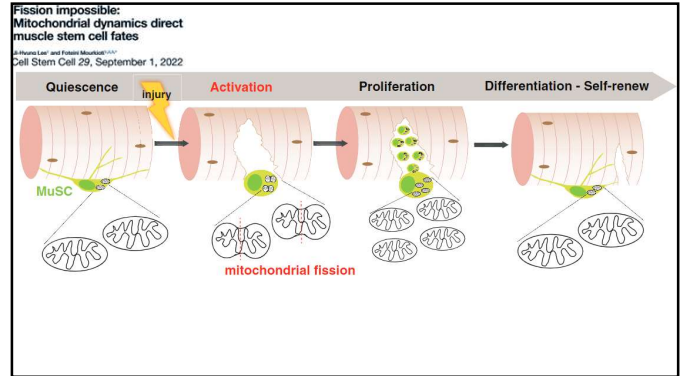
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# Fission impossible: Mitochondrial dynamics direct muscle stem cell fates

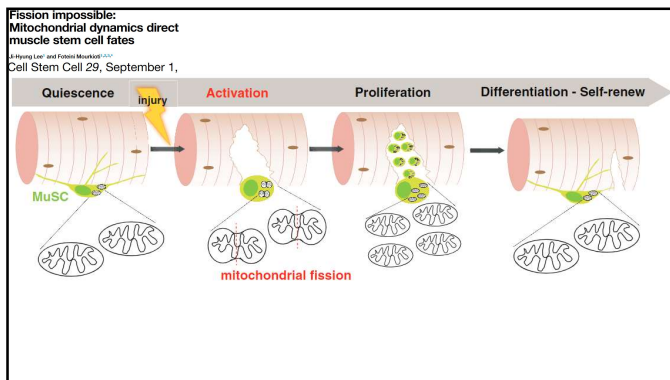
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Cell Stem Cell 29, September 1, 2022

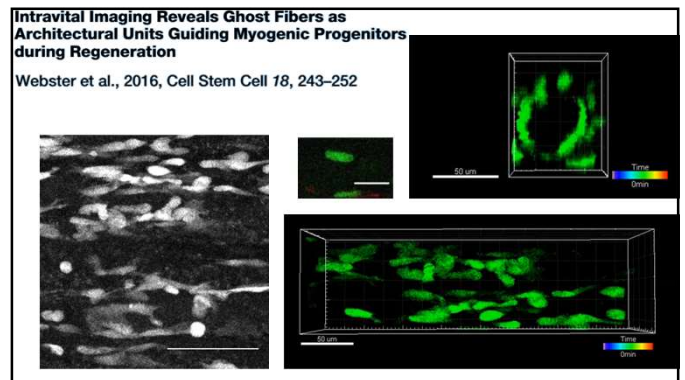
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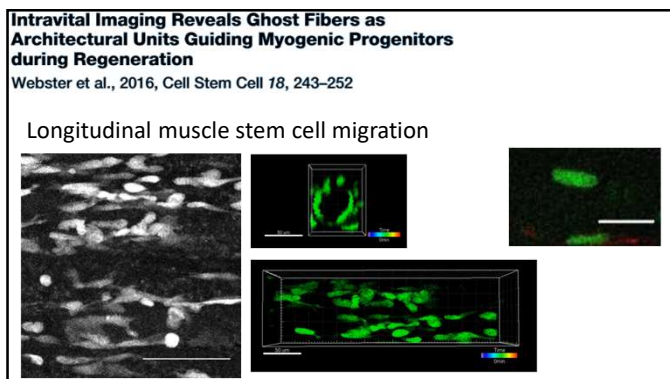
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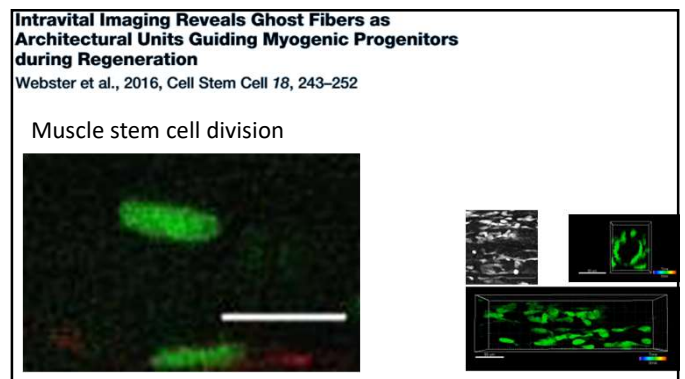
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Piezo is derived from the Greek πιέζω, which means to squeeze or press.

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How cells channel their stress: Interplay between Piezo1 and the cytoskeleton  
Jamison L. Nourse, Medha M. Pathak\*  
*Seminars in Cell & Developmental Biology* 71 (2017) 3–12

• Ion channels are unique transducers of mechanical force.

• The Piezo1 channel converts mechanical cues into electrical and biochemical signals.

• Piezo1 transduces outside-in as well as inside-out mechanical forces.

• The cytoskeleton modulates Piezo1 activation in complex ways.

• Piezo1 activity affects cytoskeletal organization and dynamics.

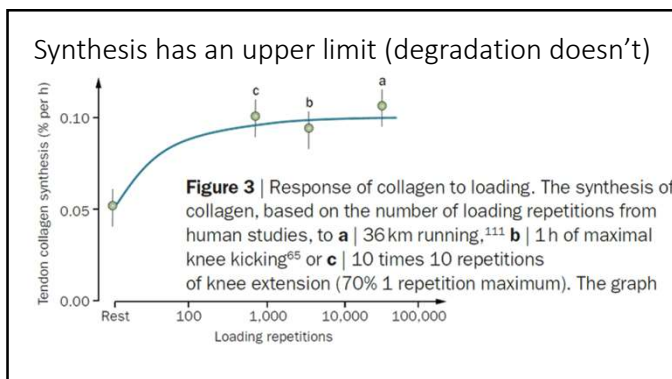
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Loading & tendinopathy, “Training in the presence of an injury”

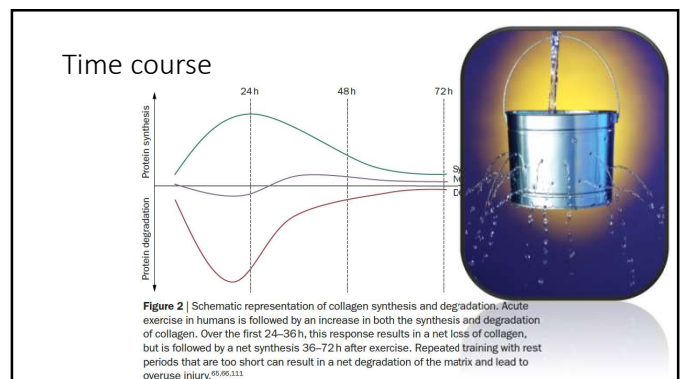
• Current load

• Desired/required load

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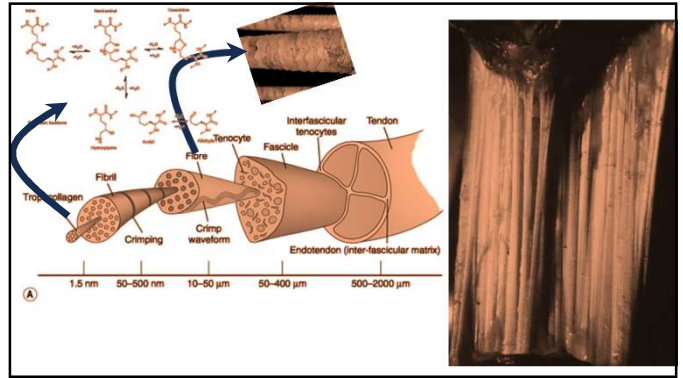


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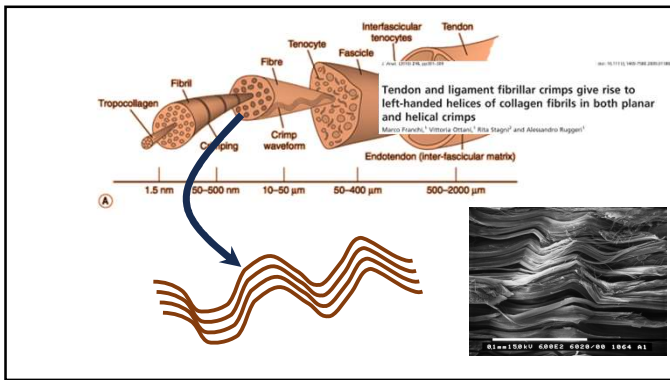
Tendon response depends on load

- Sustained (iso) load (30-60s) uncrimping – 3-6 reps
- Stretch-shortening – 6-10 mins every 8-10 hours

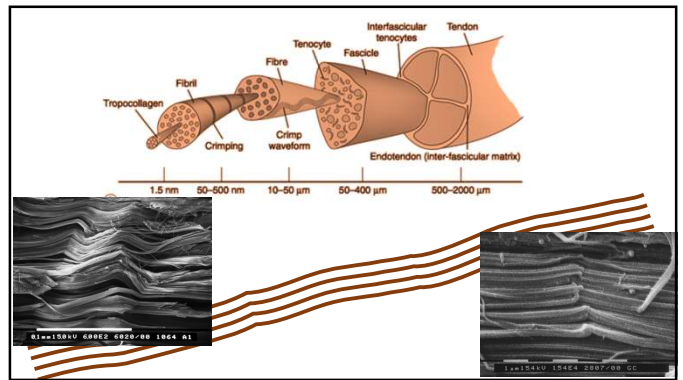
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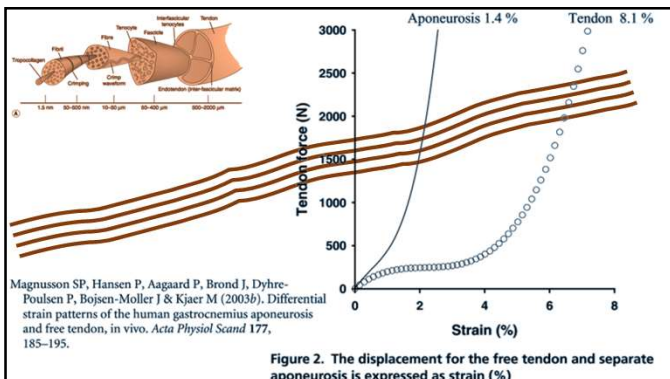
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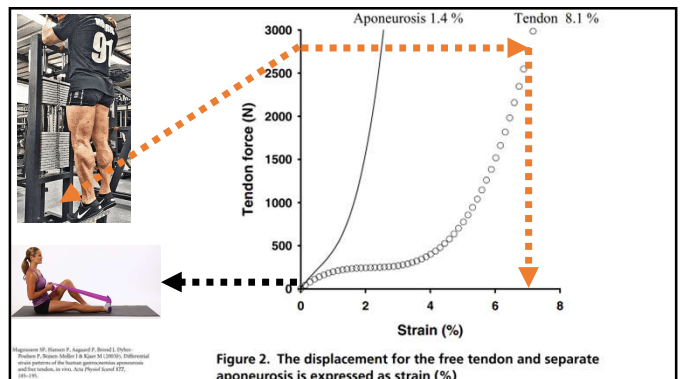
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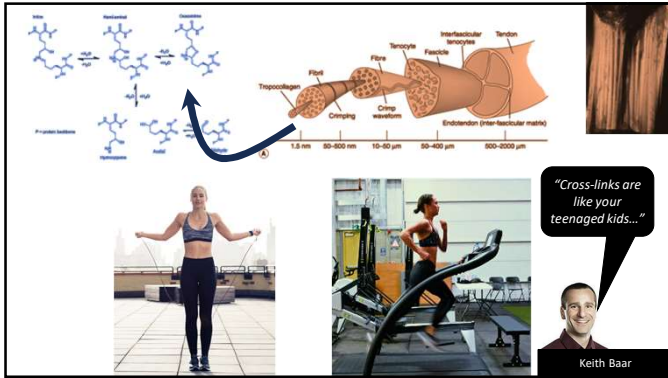
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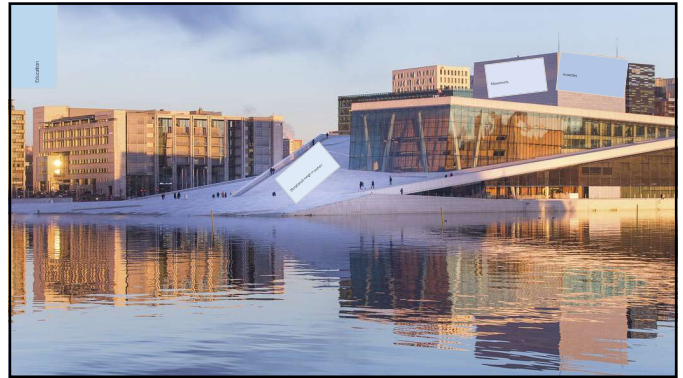
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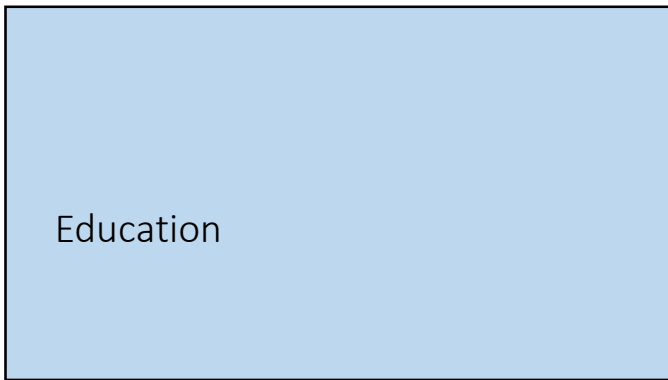
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Cuff and Littlewood. <sup>34</sup> (2018)	X
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Franz and Uhazic. <sup>36</sup> (2018)	X
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Gillespie et al. <sup>30</sup> (2017)	X
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Palenius and Nyman. <sup>33</sup> (2018)	X
Payne. <sup>35</sup> (2010)	X
Sandford et al. <sup>36</sup> (2017)	X
Sole et al. <sup>32</sup> (2019)	X
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I need to know what is happening...

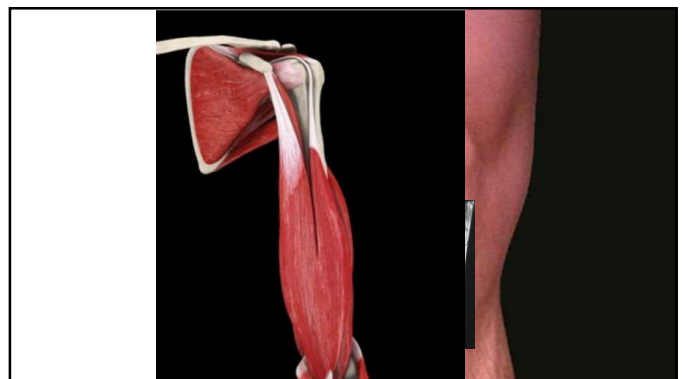
Please take some time with me so that I can understand what to do!

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Tendon explanation to patients

- These blue background slides are for information only – don't use these in the patient explanation, just notes for myself

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### Tendon

- Connect a muscle to a bone
- Muscle: “makes the force”
- Tendon: cable attached to the engine
- Muscles grow:
- Tendons grow:

- Muscles “burn” and get tired
- Tendons get stretched “steel cables”
- 4 weeks
- 12 weeks

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### “healthy” v “damaged” tendons

- Mostly grow your tendons up until ~20
- After then, harder to change tendons – maybe ~10% remodeling
- Slow to regrow (like bones)
- “Damage” to tendons probably like wrinkles on skin

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### Tendons change through your life

- Mostly active until about 20
- After then change depending on exercise, but slowly
- One day on, at least one day off
- “Trigger” for loading

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QUADRICEPS MUSCLE  
PATELLA TENDON  
TIBIAL

### “Ultrasound” tendon

“Simple” tendon – straight cable

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Cook, J. & Purdam, C. BSM 2009 Is tendon pathology a continuum? A pathology model to explain the clinical presentation of load induced tendinopathy

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### Tendons change with loading

<p><b>Loading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast increase (too much)</li> <li>• Slow increase</li> <li>• Slow or fast decrease</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tendon change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swollen &amp; painful</li> <li>• More, and stronger tendon</li> <li>• Less (and weaker) tendon</li> </ul>
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### “Reactive” versus “Degenerative”

<p><b>“Reactive”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big increase in tendon load (compared to what you’re used to)</li> <li>• Quickly swells up</li> <li>• Quite painful</li> <li>• Needs some rest</li> <li>• Fairly quick to recover</li> <li>• Why did this overload?</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Degenerative”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maybe a small injury</li> <li>• Maybe natural ageing</li> <li>• “Warms up”</li> <li>• Need to grow more tendon</li> <li>• (Probably won’t ‘fix’ the damaged part – this doesn’t matter)</li> </ul>
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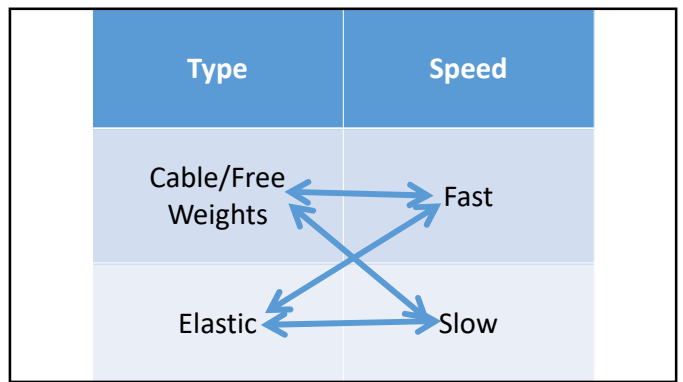
### Degenerative

- Where are you now?
- Where do you need to get to? (Worst case scenario)
- Small steps

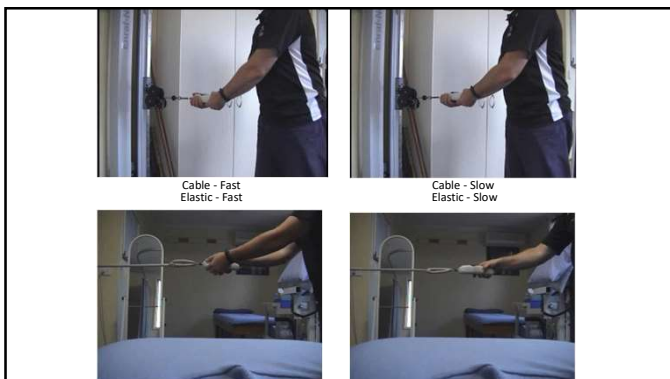
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### Muscles

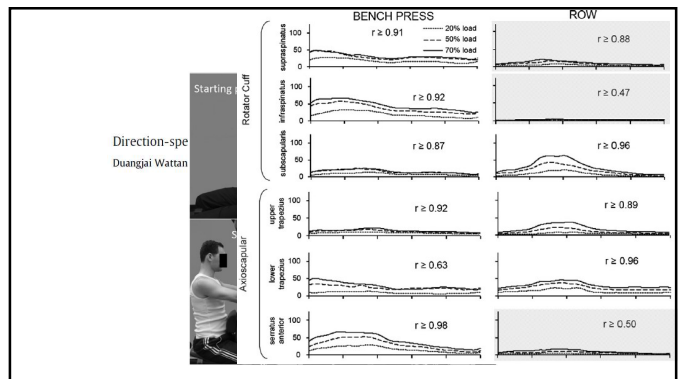
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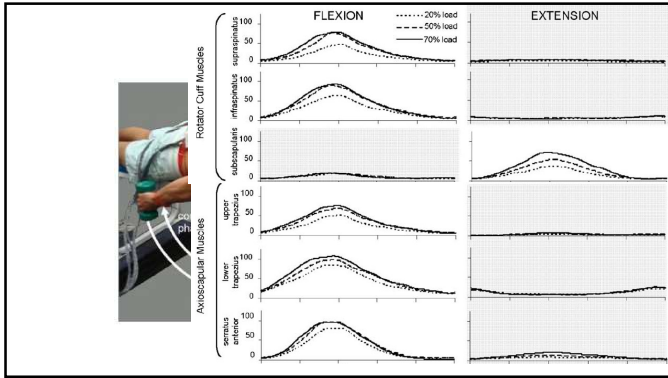
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4 simple options cover cuff & scapula

- Push
- Pull
- Flex
- Extend

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### Supraspinatus

A Systematic Review of Electromyography Studies in Normal Shoulders to Inform Postoperative Rehabilitation Following Rotator Cuff Repair

J Orthop Sports Phys Ther 2017;47(12):931-944. Epub 13 Jul 2017. doi:10.2519/jospt.2017.2771

The bar chart shows muscle activity (% MVC) for the Supraspinatus muscle across various activities. Key activities include: Standing ER 90° of ABD (100%), Push-up (104%), Full-can ABD (104%), and Postural ER (125%). Other activities include: Upright bar-assisted elevation (36), Seated ER 90° of ABD (27), Ball up (27), Right-assisted BP (25), Standing ER 0° of ABD (24), Self-assisted BP (22), Standing ER 30° of ABD (24), Active flexion ABD (24), Low load (24), High load (24), Active flexion elbow bent (24), and Standing ER 0° of ABD without shoulder (91).

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### Infraspinatus

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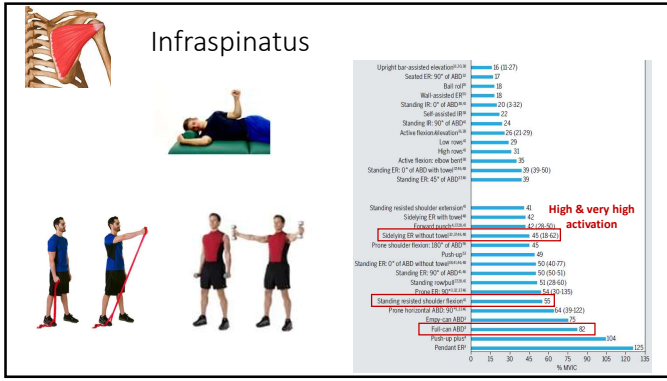
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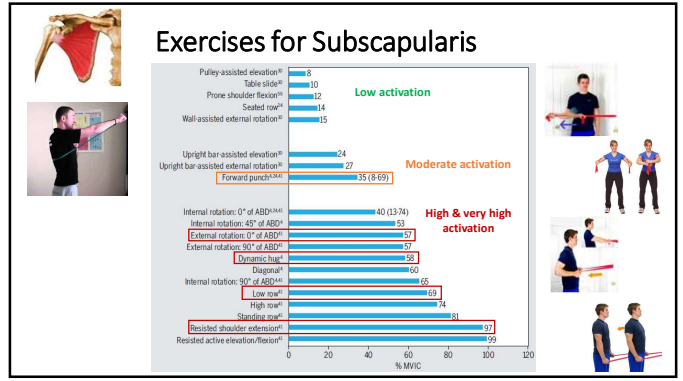
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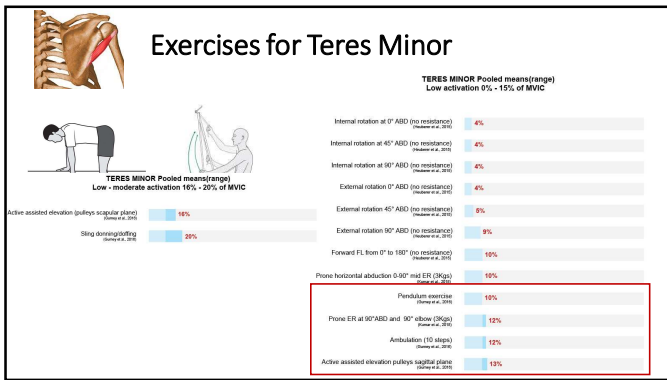
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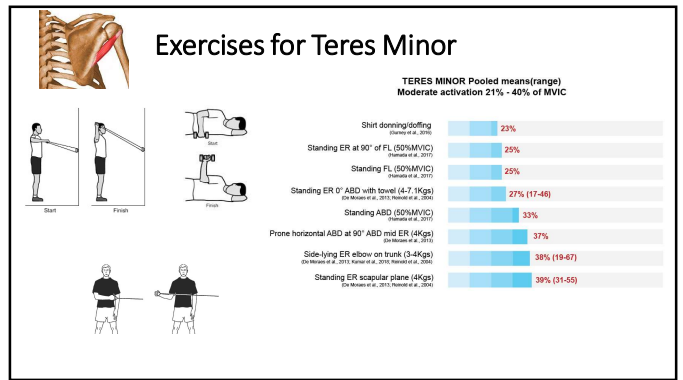
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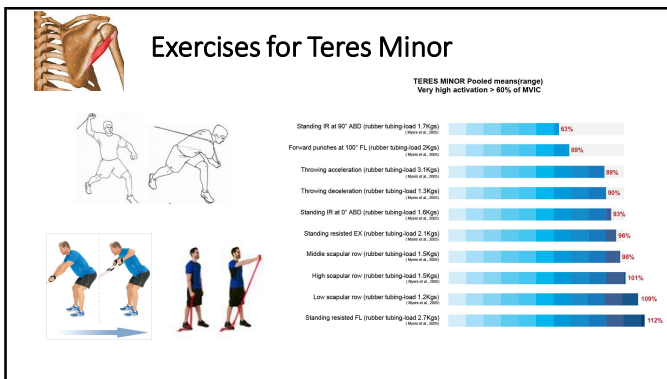
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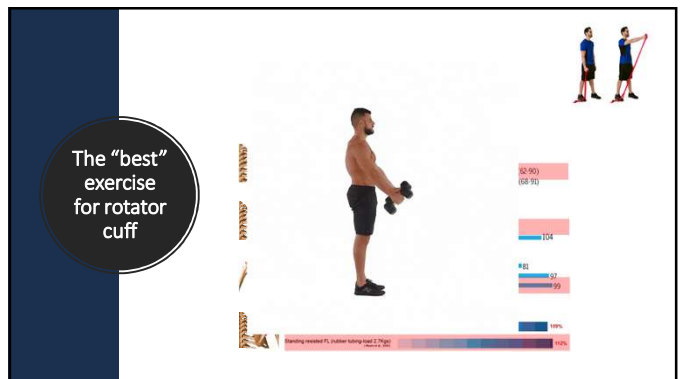
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### Scapular stabilizers rehabilitation Trapezius (upper-mid-lower)

TABLE 1  
Exercises Commonly Used for Trapezius Training\*

Exercise/Movement	UT	MT	LT	Reference(s)
Abduction	x	x	x	22,35
Forward flexion	x	x	x	22,34,35,39
Dynamic hug	x			7,12,39
External rotation		x	x	2
Extension	x	x		7,22,35
Horizontal abduction (neutral or external rotation)	x	x	x	7,22,35
Military press	x			17,35
Rowing (low or high)	x	x	x	17,20,35
Scaption (neutral or external rotation)	x	x	x	2,12,22,35
Scapular retraction	x	x	x	7,22
Shoulder shrug	x			32,32

\*UT, upper trapezius; MT, middle trapezius; LT, lower trapezius.

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Movements

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- Push
- Pull
- Flex
- Proprio
- Abduct
- Adduct
- Extend
- Impact
- Internal Rot'n
- External Rot'n
- ROM

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- Inner range
- Mid range
- Outer range
- Isometric
- Concentric
- Eccentric
- Controlled
- Maximum intent
- Low load
- High load

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- Push
- Foundation
- Isolation
- Compound


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Push Foundation



Isolation


Compound





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Push


Foundation



Isolation


Compound




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Push


Foundation



Isolation



Compound



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Push

Pull

Flex

Proprio

Abduct

Adduct

Extend

Impact

Internal Rot'n

External Rot'n

ROM

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Inner range

Mid range

Outer range

Isometric

Concentric

Eccentric

Controlled

Maximum intent



Low load

High load

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Abduction

Foundation

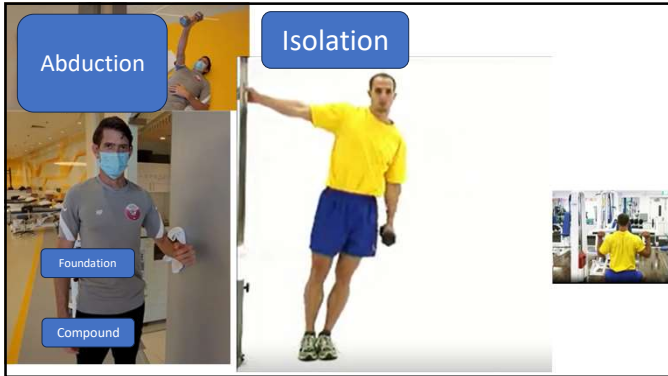



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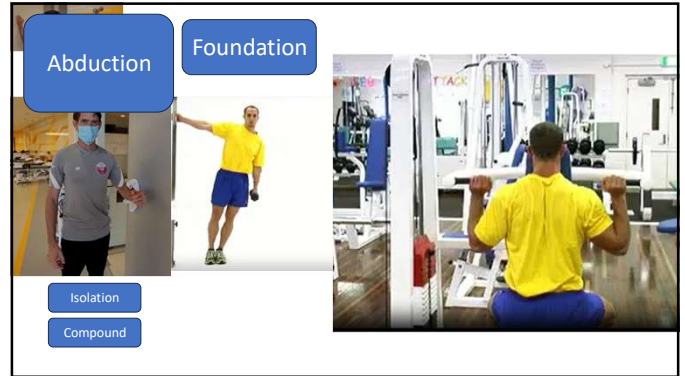
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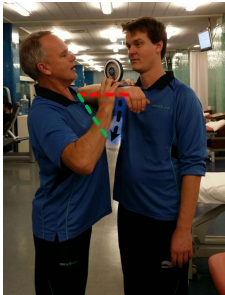


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(Rotational) range of motion

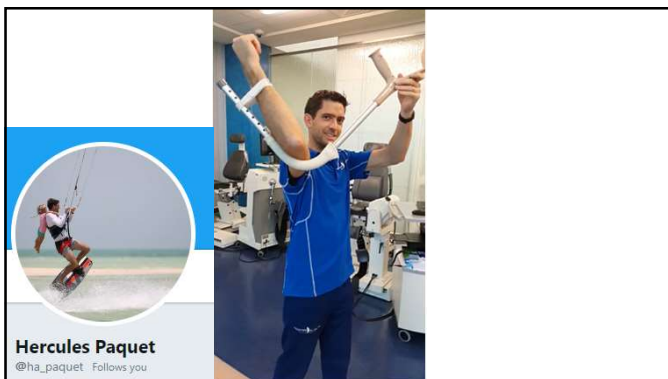
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Hawkins-Kennedy as ROM



- 90° flexion
- "Quiet" shoulder
- Passive ROM
  - Note limiting factor (Pain or stiff)

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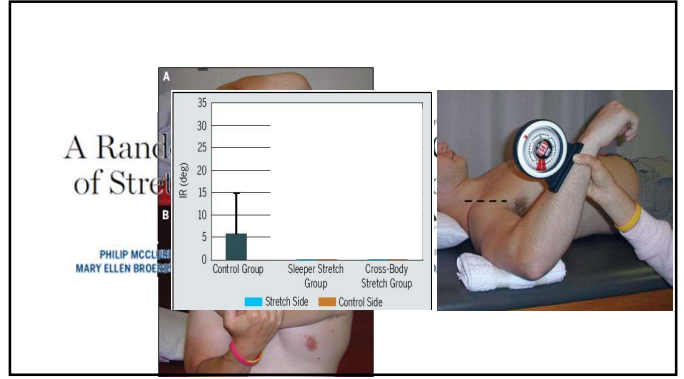
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