



Day Ten: Shoulder Girdle / Shoulder Pain - diagnosis and management

Content Summary

- Movement analysis and reeducation for reaching activities
- Shoulder anatomy and evidence as it relates to shoulder pain, radiating pain, and mobility deficits
- Interpret shoulder and arm clinical findings consistent with the ICF-based clinical guidelines
- Manual therapy to address shoulder joint, muscle, and nerve mobility impairments
- Therapeutic exercises for shoulder mobility and upper limb nerve mobility deficits

Knowledge to Review/Acquire Prior to Class

1. CPG Interactive Learning Module: Shoulder Adhesive Capsulitis
2. CPG-related Procedure Options – Shoulder & Elbow Labs – Handout & Videos 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3
3. PhysioU app – Orthopaedics:
 - Adhesive capsulitis/Shoulder pain with mobility deficits
 - Sub-acromial pain syndrome/Shoulder pain with muscle power deficits
 - Thoracic outlet syndrome/Shoulder pain with radiating pain
4. PhysioU app – Exercise Patterns:
 - Shoulder pain with mobility deficits – Shoulder stretching exercises
 - Shoulder pain and power deficits – Scapular and shoulder strengthening exercises

Selected References

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Procedure Focus

Movement Analysis

- Shoulder girdle positional symmetry
- Scapulothoracic and glenohumeral rhythm with overhead reaching

Examination

- Acromioclavicular Accessory Movement Tests: Anterior/Posterior Glides
- Sternoclavicular Accessory Movement Tests
- Median Nerve Tension/Stretch Test
- Radial Nerve Tension/Stretch Test
- Ulnar Nerve Tension/Stretch Test
- Muscle Length Tests:
 - Pectoralis Minor & Major
 - Latissimus Dorsi & Teres Major
 - Subscapularis
- Glenohumeral External Rotation, Internal Rotation, Flexion, Horizontal Adduction

Soft Tissue Mobilization / Manual Stretching

- Anterior Chest
- Subscapularis
- Latissimus Dorsi & Teres Major
- Shoulder External Rotators / Posterior Cuff & Lateral Capsule

Exercise Training

- Shoulder Stretching
- Scapular Strengthening
- Shoulder/Rotator Cuff Strengthening
- Upper Limb Nerve Mobility Training