Rehabilitation for Treatment of Shoulder Impingement in Athletes

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Presentation Goals

- What is shoulder impingement?
- What are the different types?
- How do we treat it?
- What's the evidence say?
- Keys to success
- How do we prevent it?



What Are The Types of Impingement

- Impingement Types
- Primary Impingement
- Secondary impingement
- Internal
- Impingement
- Coracoid Impingement





Pathoanatomy: Overhead Athletes Secondary Impingement

Ball NOT Centered charles

 Anterior/Superior Migration
 On shoulder elevation/ ER
 Impingement



Harryman et al., Translation of the humeral head on the glenoid with passive glenohumeral motion. JBJS 72A, 1990.

Pathoanatomy: Overhead Athletes

Internal Impingement

- Arm in full Abd & ER
 Rotator cuff pinches against posterior superior labrum
 - Will occur to some extent in normal subject
 - Abnormal anterior translation →
 Worsening of internal impingement
- Symptoms include:
 - Posterior arm pain
 - Loss of velocity"Dead arm" sensation



Pathoanatomy: Overhead Athletes

Coracoid Impingement

- Subscapularis tendon impinges between the coracoid process and lesser tuberosity of the humerus.
- Anterior shoulder joint pain in activities involving forward flexion, adduction and internal rotation.



<u>Roche SJ</u>, et al. Coracoid impingement syndrome: a treatable cause of anterior shoulder pain. Ir J Med Sci. 2006 Jul-Sep; 175(3):57-61.

Recent Literature (2016)

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Rehabilitation Guidelines For Shoulder Impingement

Time Frame	Clinical Progression	Activities
Weeks 0-1	Modalities PRN for pain	
	Gentle pendulum circles	
	Elbow AROM for flexion and extension	
Weeks 1-4	Wrist strengthening	Progressive resistive exercise
	Elbow strengthening with shoulder stabilized	Contraindicated with superior labral repair
	Submaximal isometrics @ 0° abduction	Manual resistance
	SC, AC, and Scapulothoracic mobilization Scapular stabilization	Manual mobilization Manual resistance

Rehabilitation Goals

- Centralizing humeral head in gleniod fossa
- Restoring normal tissue tension
 GH, SC, AC, Scap-Thor Jts.
- Normalizing Scapulohumeral rhythm
- Addressing Thoracic Spine
- Posterior Shoulder Extensibility

Rehabilitation Focus (Keys to Success)

- Posterior shoulder tightness
 - Capsule
 - Muscle
- Dynamic posterior rotator cuff strength
 - External rotators
 - Muscle balance
- Scapulohumeral rhythm



Posterior Shoulder Tightness

Tight Posterior Shoulder

Normal Posterior Shoulder

Posterior Capsulorrhaphy on PROM

- Gerber et al. JBJS 85A (1), 2003
- GH capsular plication (8 cadavers)
 - Total posterior plication
 Limited IR by >20° (p<0.0001)



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Posterior Capsulorrhaphy on Patients

- Yoenda et al. Arthroscopy 2007
- Isolated posterior capsule release
- A group of throwers
- Impingement
- All had complete resolution of symptoms

Measuring The Posterior Shoulder Tightness

- Cross chest adduction
- Sidelying Measurement
- Posterior glide

Cross Chest Adduction









Real Life



Advantages of Method

- Reproducibility
- Monitor scapula
- Glenohumeral detection
- Quantitative measure

Tyler et al, JOSPT, 1999,29; 262-274

Posterior Glide



Posterior Shoulder Tightness =





Muscle & capsule

Capsule

Posterior Glide



Late Posterior Glide



Posterior Shoulder Stretch



Posteriorinferior Shoulder Stretch



The relationship between a tight posterior capsule and IR ROM

The Relationship in Throwers

- Influence
 - Range of motion adaptations
- Extremity athletes





Kibler WB, et al., Am J Sports Med, 1996 Magnusson P, et al., Med Sci Sports Exer, 1994

Research

- Myers et al: Glenohumeral ROM Deficits & Posterior Shoulder Tightness in throwers with Pathologic Internal Impingement. AJSM 2006
- 11 Throwers Vs. Controls

<u>Movement</u> <u>Deficits</u>	<u>Controls</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>P</u>
ER	5 <u>+</u> 5	8 <u>+</u> 9	.16
IR	-11 <u>+</u> 9	-20 <u>+</u> 13	.03
Post Shld	-1 <u>+</u> 2cm	-4 <u>+</u> 4cm	.03

Correction of Posterior Shoulder Tightness Is Associated With Symptom Resolution in Patients With Internal Impingement

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Physical Therapy Intervention

- TIW 6 weeks max (range 3-6 wk) Home Program Daily

 - Posterior Shoulder Stretching Mobilization Passive stretch Sleeper Stretch

 - Strengthening External Rotators Scapular Stabilizers



Results Summary

- Treatment Effective
 - Symptom Relief (Simple Shoulder Test)
- Decreased Posterior Shoulder Tightness
- Decreased GIRD

Symptom Relief

- Associated with Improvement Posterior Shoulder Tightness
- NOT Associated with Improvement GIRD

Posterior Shoulder Summary

Non-Operative Treatment

- Aggressive glides immediately
- Restore Mobility
 - IR stretching AFTER throwing
 - Address thoracic spine

<u>Turgut E</u> et al. Stretching Exercises for Shoulder Impingement Syndrome: Effects of 6-Week Program on Shoulder Tightness, Pain and Disability Status. J Sport Rehabil. 2017 Jan 17:1-20.

Dynamic Posterior Rotator Cuff Stability



Research

- Cain PR et al. AJSM, 1987
 - Anterior stability of GH joint
 - Cadaveric model
 - Rotator cuff muscles Deltoid muscle not examined
 - Infraspinatus & teres minor
 - Most effective in controlling stress on IGH
 - Cocking position

Research

- <u>Litchfield R.</u> Progressive strengthening exercises for subacromial impingement syndrome. Clin J Sport Med. 2013 Jan;23(1):86-7.
 - Randomized controlled trial with 3 months of follow-up
 - Sample size 97
 - PT strengthening exercise program superior in impingement syndrome than general strengthening program.
 - Treatment was successful
 - DASH
 - Contant–Murley score
 - VAS scores.
 - Fewer subsequently chose surgery

ER Strengthening

- Provide dynamic stability centralize head
 - Rhythmic stabilization- IR/ER
- Isometric ER



Cuff Strengthening

- Townsend et al, AJSM, 1991
- Best exercise to activate infraspinatus & teres minor
- EMG shld mmrehab exercises
- ER in sidelying
- 80-88% of MVC
- Theraband Use



Continuum of ER Positioning

- Shoulder Rotation
 - **-0**°
 - -Scapular plane
 - –45°
 - <u>-90°</u>





Dynamic Stability Summary

- Non-Operative Treatment
 - Start with Rhythmic stabilization- IR/ER
 - Continuum of ER
 - Address posterior cuff
 - 3 sets of theraband in 90/90 position to fatigue

Scapulohumeral Rhythm



Link To Pathology

- Impingement
- Anterior instabilityRotator cuff tears



<u>Kibler WB, McMullen J</u>. Scapular dyskinesis and its relation to should J Am Acad Orthop Surg. 2003 Mar-Apr;11(2):142-51

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Hallstrom E & Karrholm J. Shoulder kinematics in 25 patients with impingement and 12 controls. Clin Orthop Relat Res. 2006 Jul;448:22-7.

Can We Measure Scapulohumeral Rhythm?

60-9

 Hock of birds
 Hebert LJ, Scapular behavior in shoulder impingement syndrome. Arch Phys Med Rehabil. 2002 Jan;83(1):



The Lab Evidence Shows

- McClure PW, Michener LA, Karduna AR. Shoulder function and 3-dimensional scapular kinematics in people with and without shoulder impingement syndrome. Phys Ther. 2006 Aug;86(8):1075-90.
- <u>Ebaugh DD, McClure PW, Karduna AR.</u> Scapulothoracic and glenohumeral kinematics following an external rotation fatigue protocol. JOSPT. 2006 Aug;36(8):557-71.

The Evidence

- MORE ANTERIOR TILTING
- Provides scientific evidence to focus rehabilitation protocols toward a restoration of posterior tilting.



That's great in the lab.

But how do you & I do it in the clinic?

QUALITATIVE CLINICAL EVALUATION OF SCAPULAR DYSFUNCTION: A RELIABILITY STUDY

KIBLER WB, UHL TL ET AL, J SHOULDER ELBOW SURGERY 11:550-556, 2002



MEDIAL BORDER DYSFUNCTION







So What Are We To Do?



Baseball Research

- Ellenbecker et al. , Clin Orthop Relat Res 2012
 - Reliability of scapular classification in pro pitchers
 - 71 players
 - 5 Reps video taped
 - 4 testers
- Poor reliability

What's The Alternative ?

Dynamic Evaluation

- 1- Scapular takes off @ 30°
- 2- Scapular oscillation on humeral elevation
- 3- Scapular drops rapidly on humeral return





How Does This Effect Our Therapeutic Exercise Choice?



Therapeutic Exercise

- It DOESN'T
- Scapular Program is the same
- Exception
 Serratus Weakness



Muscle Balance

- Two Upward/Outward rotators
 - Serratus Anterior
 - Lower Traps
- Upper Trap atrophy ?



Scapular Stabilizer Training

- How to train?
- Normal force-couple Activate – Inhibit

Milestone - Restore rhythm



Neuromuscular Re-education of ST Jt

Sidelying

- Neuromuscular Re-ed – Isometrics
- Elevation/depression
- Protraction/retraction



Early Scapular Exercises



Decker M J et al. Serratus Anterior Muscle Activity Duri Am. J. Sports Med., Nov 1999; 27: 784 - 791. Selected Rehabilitation m Ex



Late Scapular Exercises



DeMey et al. AJSM 2012

- Title: Scapular Muscle Rehabilitation Exercises in Overhead Athletes With Impingement Symptoms: Effect of a 6-week Training Program on Muscle Recruitment and Functional Outcome
- Purpose: To evaluate the effect of a 6 week exercise program utilizing 4 clearly defined scapular exercises in a population of overhead athletes with mild impingement symptoms.
- Study design: Case series; Level 4 evidence

Methods: Participants

- Subjects: 47 (25 men and 22 women)
- Age: 24.6 (7.81) years
- Subjects performed a 6-week daily HEP consisting of 4 exercises
 - Strict guidelines were present for exercise intensity, progression, periodization, and pain allowance



Results

- This study demonstrated that previously selected exercises:
 - -(1) Improve pain and function based on SPADI scores
 - (2) Reduce relative trapezius muscle activation
 - (3) Improves UT/SA ratios

New Directions

- Cools et al (2007)
 Selected 4 exercise to rehabilitate scapular muscle balance in healthy subjects based on EMG data supporting *low UT/MT* and UT/LT ratios
 Sidelying forward flexion, sidelying external rotation, prone horizontal abduction with external rotation, prone extension
- Michener LA, et al. (2009)
- EMG data revealed a disruption in coordination between the LT and S4 and the UT and LT during an arm elevation task in patients with subacromial pain syndrome.
 The LT was part of both altered ratios, indicating the relative importance of the LT.

SELECTIVE ACTIVATION AND INHIBITION



Page P et al. CSM 2004. Muscle activity of the upper extremity during oscillation exercise using the Thera-Band® FlexBar (Abstract).



Methods

- 10 healthy subjects
- Surface Electrode pairs :
 - a) anterior deltoid
 - b) posterior deltoid
 - c) upper trapezius
 - d) lower trapezius
 - e) serratus anteriorf) Infraspinatus



Wall Side- With Tubing



Summary

- Using Thera-Band during the Wall Walk or Wall Slide exercises demonstrated:
 - To decrease anterior deltoid and upper trapezius activity
 - To increase posterior deltoid and lower trapezius activity
 - To increase infraspinatus activity
 - To have no effect on serratus activity

STJ Conclusions

- Clinical identification of scapulohumeral rhythm
 - Simple as YES or NO
- Emphasize
 - Lower traps
 - Serratus anterior
 - Restoration of posterior tipping
- Choose exercises that Increase SA/LT and Decrease UT activity

Take Home Message

- Check !!!!!!!!
 - -Posterior Shoulder Tightness
 - -Scapulohumeral Rhythm
 - -External Rotation Strength

