







# Presentation Objectives

- 1. Discuss the clinical decision making process of differential diagnosis and screening procedures for shoulder disorders warranting referral
- 2. Analyze the literature pertaining to examination procedures and proposed treatment classifications for shoulder pathology
- 3. Discuss evidence-based clinical management strategies for musculoskeletal management of shoulder disorders, including a review of clinical practice guidelines and recent literature guiding intervention

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Setting the Stage	
What does best practice care for musculoskeletal pa	
look like? Eleven consistent recommendations from high-guality clinical practice guidelines: systematic	Box 2 Consistent recommendations across musculoskeletal (MSK) pain conditions
review han Lin <sup>®</sup> Louise Wiles <sup>2</sup> Rob Walles <sup>3</sup> Roper Goucke <sup>4</sup> Yusuf Nagree <sup>5,6</sup> Michael Gibberd <sup>7</sup> Leon Strakee <sup>9</sup> Chris G Mahee <sup>7</sup> Peter P B 0'Sullivan <sup>10</sup>	<ol> <li>Care should be patient centred. This includes care that responds to the individual context of the patient, employs effective communication and uses shared decision-making processes.</li> <li>Screen patients to identify those with a higher likelihood of serious pathologytred flag conditions.</li> <li>Assess purchosocial factors.</li> </ol>
<ul> <li>Musculoskeletal pain conditions are the biggest cause of disability internationally and a major societal burden</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Radiological imaging is discouraged unless:         <ol> <li>Serious pathology is suspected.</li> <li>There has been an unsatisfactory response to conservative care or unexplained progression of signs and symptoms.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<ul> <li>Clinical practice guidelines aim to:         <ul> <li>Guide clinical decision making</li> <li>Present standard of care</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	iii. It is likely to change management. 5. Undertake a physical examination, which could include neurological screening lests, assessment of mobility and/or muscle strength. 6. Patient progress should be evaluated including the use of
<ul> <li>Informing stakeholders for best practice</li> <li>Allocation of resources</li> </ul>	outcome measures. 7. Provide patients with education/information about their condition and management options. 8. Provide management addressing physical activity and/or
	exercise. 9. Apply manual therapy only as an adjunct to other evidence- based treatments. 10. Unless specifically indicated (e.g. red flag condition), offer evidence-informed non-surgical care prior to surgery.
Vos et al, 2017; Lin et al, BJSM, 2019	11. Facilitate continuation or resumption of work.

# Shouldering the Burden

- 3<sup>rd</sup> most common musculoskeletal problem
- Prevalence estimated between 16-26%
- Pain beyond three months is associated with poorer recovery, disability, and reduced ability to work
- One third of patients still have some form of restriction and/or pain after one year of symptom onset

Luime et al 2004; Bot et al, 2005; Greving 2012; Bruls et al 2015

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Mitchell et al, 2005; Arinima and Ishak 2018















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# 'When you hear hoofbeats, think horses not zebras'

Red flag screening for low back pain: nothing to see here, move along: a narrative review Chad E Cook,<sup>13</sup> Steven Z George,<sup>2,3</sup> Michael P Reiman<sup>3,4</sup>

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- Focus of paper is re: LBP, but there may be insight to gain for shoulder pain
- Critical of true screening of red flags, variability of definitions, clinician application
- Recommendation for watchful waiting, linking symptomology with health status, enhancement of value-based care

Physical Examinat	
<ul> <li>Testing procedures of differential diagnosis list to rule in/out diagnoses based upon history</li> </ul>	PE Procedures     Observation     Posture     Cervical clearing     Range of motion
<ul> <li>Guide for intervention strategy based on findings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Neurological screen</li> <li>Pathological reflex testing</li> <li>Strength testing</li> <li>Joint mobility</li> <li>Muscle length</li> <li>Palpation</li> <li>Pressure algometry</li> <li>Special tests</li> <li>Among others!</li> </ul>







Humeral head procedure External rotation test Adduction test Adduction test With superior/inferior Medialkateral inclination PA test With superior/inferior Medialkateral inclination		Effect of 'changing' scapular position Manual techniques Elevation/depression Anterior/posterior alt Protraction/teraction Upward/downward rotation Internat/luxternal rotation Taping techniques	<b> </b> ↔	Cervical/thoracic region procedures Cervical and thoracic region manual therapy assessment techniques	<b> </b> ↔	Thoracic kyphosis technique Manual or taping procedure	
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Staged Approach for Rehabilitation of Shoulder Disorders (STAR)Proposed classification system for shoulder

- disorders via pathoanatomical diagnosis, and a rehabilitation algorithm based upon irritability and impairments
- Seeks to guide conservative management for heterogeneous population diagnosed with shoulder pain

McClure and Michener 2015





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	High		Moderate	Low	
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#### **STAR Application Considerations**

- Requires ongoing reliability and validity studies
- May not capture all pain mechanisms (nociceptive vs. central sensitization)
- Likely lacks exclusive classification
- Additive benefit/cost ratio vs. existing algorithms

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### Clinical Reasoning Process

- Experienced clinicians more likely to use clinical pattern recognition in managing shoulder disorders, whereas novice clinicians used hypothetico-deductive reasoning
- Experienced clinicians more likely to, and in greater frequency, perform reflection on action, reflection in action, and self assessment
- Role of quality mentorship, framework for patient management, and education on reasoning skills

May et al 2010; Wainwright et al 2010







## **Clinical Practice Guideline: SAPS**

#### Dutch Orthopedic Assoc. 2014

- Preferably treated conservatively
  - No convincing evidence surgical treatment > conservative
- No indication for surgery for asymptomatic RTC tear — Exercise therapy: specific, low intensity, high
  - frequency exercise, attention to relaxation and posture can be considered
    Consideration for pain perpetuating behavior
- Diagnosis only made on combination of clinical tests
- Acute pain can be treated with analgesics if necessary

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#### **Clinical Practice Guideline: SAPS**

- Dutch Orthopedic Assoc. 2014
  - Diagnostic imaging (ultrasound) useful for persistent symptoms
  - Occupational modifications appropriate post 6 weeks
  - ->3 months poorer prognosis, modified by psychological variables

Diercks et al 2014





#### Intervention Strategy

• Exercise effective for short term recovery and long term functional benefit (low quality evidence)

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- Exercise + MT > Exercise alone
- Exercise + MT similar to CSI at 4wk-12mo
  No benefit of surgery vs. sham vs. conservative management
- Combination of RTC, scapular, ROM and stretching effective strategy
  - Specific vs. general?
- Conflicting for pain, function, PROs for scapular-focused
- Little additive benefit of modalities

Ellenbecker and Cools 2010; Hanratty et al 2012; Green et al 2013; Page et al 2016; Reijneveld et al 2017; Shire et al 2017; Beard et al 2018; Reijneveld et al 2017; Shire et al 2017; Shire et al 2017; Shire et al 2017; Shire et al 2018; Shire et

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### Prognostic Triage for Shoulder Pain

- Chester et al, BJSM, 2019
  - Regression tree model of 34 variables
  - Predictors (3) of 6 month outcomes
    - Baseline pain and disability level
    - Pain self-efficacy via PSEQ
    - Patient expectation for improvement
  - Implication: Inclusion as part of patient history and PROs

#### Patients' Beliefs and Understanding

- Gillespie et al, Musc Sci and Prac, 2017
  - Understanding the pain
  - What I think is happening, how it happened? - It affects everything
  - Role impacting ADLs, sleep, and cognition
  - Pain-associated behaviors
    - Avoidance and adaptation
    - Life 'goes on'
  - Emotional response and the future
    - Individual response and concern
    - Locus of control

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# Adhesive Capsulitis: CPG Interventions

Intervention

- CSI: CSI+mobility/stretching>mobility/stretching in providing short term pain relief (4-6 weeks) (Strong evidence, A)
- Patient education should include disease course, activity modification, and appropriately matched intervention based on irritability (Moderate evidence, B)
- Modalities have weak evidence © for SWD, US, ES + ROM exercise to reduce pain and improve ROM
- Joint mobilization directed to GH joint may be utilized (Weak evidence, C)
- Stretching/mobility exercises that consider irritability levels should be utilized (Moderate evidence, B)

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- Low quality, high level of bias studies perpetuated by article introductions, publication, and public info
- Early improvements in ROM and function that slows in time, with impairments lasting for multiple years (moderate quality evidence)









Postacchini et al 2000; Owens et al 2009; Leroux et al 2014; Olds et al 2019



#### Anterior Instability: Highlights

- Age, bony Bankart lesion, immobilization status, dominance of affected shoulder, fear of reinjury, and pain and disability level predictive of recurrent GHI at 1 year
- Recurrence rate likely not higher risk based on immobilization duration
- · No preferred immobilization position to reduce recurrent rate (IR v. ER)

uhn 2006; Handoll et al 2006; Whelan et al 2015; Dugas and Crozier 2018; Kraeutler et al 2018; Olds et al 2019

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#### Anterior Instability: Highlights

- Insufficient evidence to recommend conservative v. surgery for general population
  - Limited support for surgery in young, male, physically active, but most commonly undergo surgery
  - Spiegl et al, algorithm: Conservative small defect, Surgery for medium-large defects
- · Focus re: strategy using ROM, strength, motor control, bracing
- Shanley et al, 2019
- 82/97 scholastic athletes return to same sport without reinjury for at least one full season with conservative management

Handoll and Al-Maiyah 2004; Kraeutler et al 2018; Shanley et al 2019

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#### Multidirectional Instability: Highlights

- · Exercise effective for improving kinematics, Rowe score, status rating, and strength, but very low quality evidence
  - Watson MDI program > Rockwood loading on WOSI at 12, 24 weeks
- Low grade evidence for conservative v. surgery
  - EX > Sx re: PROs, Sx > EX re: RTS and kinematics
  - High levels of bias, study variability

Warby et al 2014; Warby et al 2016; Best and Tanaka 2018







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#### **Opioid Use**

- Startling statistics across general use...
  - − 149→238 million prescriptions from 2003-2011
     − US is 4.5% of world's population, but consumes 99% of the global supply of hydrocodone
  - ...and post-op shoulder cases are not much different...
  - >85% post-op receive short-acting narcotics, ~14% receive longacting narcotics
     70 F% consist ensure
  - 79.5% opioid naïve
  - 12 weeks pain management; if more than 12 weeks referred to pain specialist
  - Socioeconomic status, prior use of pain med (op and non-op), health-seeking behavior, insomnia, mental health disorder, and substance abuse predictive of chronic use
    - 3+/7 → 93.7% post-test probability

Sved et al 2018; Welton et al 2018; Leroux et al 2019; Rhon et al 2019

#### Opioid Use

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- ...but there are a few shining options for shoulder post-op populations
  - Order of treatment (MT+EX) and timing of treatment (< 30 days) significantly reduces cost, visits, and opioid use within one year
  - Pre-op narcotic education reduces use, earlier cessation of use by 3 months post RCR
  - Improved means for recognizing psychosocial variables to guide treatment

Syed et al 2018; Thorpe et al 2018; Rhon et al 2019

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#### What's In a Surgery Anyway?

- A thorough overview of *all* shoulder procedures is likely beyond the scope of one presentation
- While controversial, many sham procedures have been conducted re: shoulder disorders
  - Long term outcomes conservative v. surgery
  - False impression of true efficacy?
     Non-specific effects of surgery
  - Non-specific effects of s
     Placebo
  - Natural history of patient condition
  - Surgical rituals

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#### Sham Outcomes

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- Modest effect size in smaller studies, small difference between groups across all sham procedures (Jonas et al, 2015)
- No clinically important difference
  - Subacromial decompression (Karjalainen et al, 2019; Khan et al 2019)
  - Type II SLAP lesion (Schroder et al 2017)
  - Biceps tenodesis (Schroder et al 2017)

# Take Away

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- Non-operative procedures have a good prognosis long term
  - Reinforce with higher quality research to optimize conservative outcomes
- Better patient education process
- Triage for identification of who actually benefits from surgery

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#### Evidence Update for Shoulder Disorders

- Clinical practice guidelines provide physical therapists with evidence-based rationale to addressing musculoskeletal conditions
- All healthcare professionals are challenged to generate evidence for best management strategies
- The contemporary physical therapist must remain up to date across all domains of management for shoulder disorders



