

# Scapular Dyskinesia

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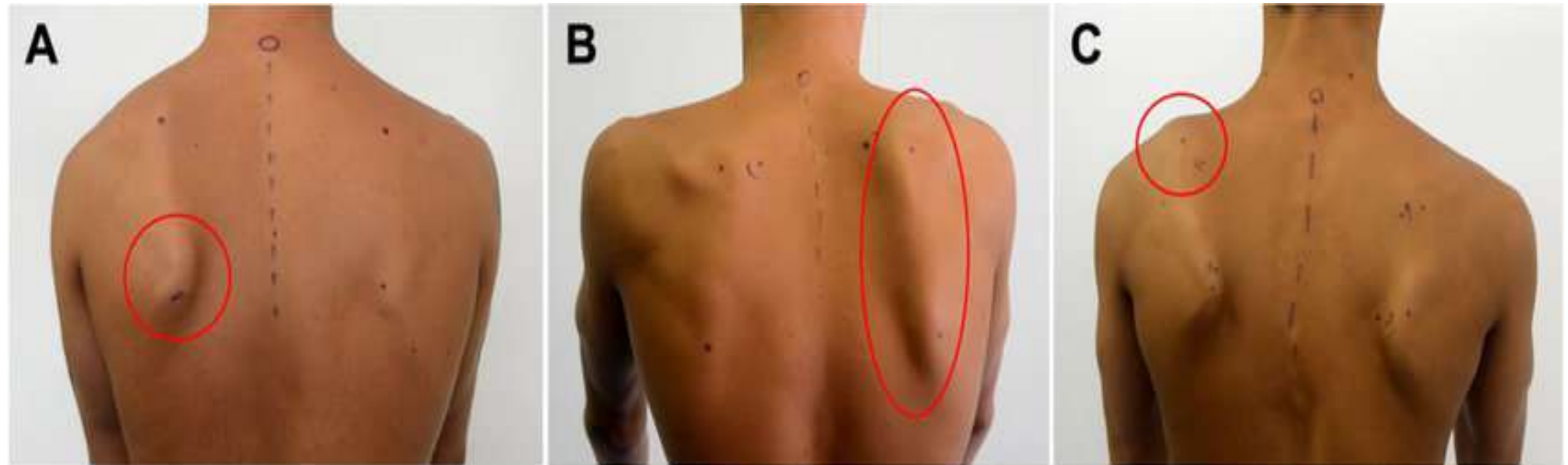
- Scapular dyskinesia is one component of the syndrome known as SICK....
- **Scapular malposition**
- **Inferior medial border prominence**
- **Coracoid pain and malposition**
- **dysKinesis** of scapular movement



# Scapular Dyskinesis has been identified as

- (1) abnormal static or dynamic scapular motion characterized by **Medial Border Prominence**
- (2 On arm elevation) Inferior **'Angle Prominence'** and/or early scapular elevation or shrugging
- (3) During arm lowering **'rapid downward rotation'**
- (Kibler & Sciascia, 2010 p.300)

# TYPES OF SICK SCAPULA



- While Type 1 And 2 Associated With Labral Pathology And Type 3 Associated With Rotator Cuff Tendinitis.

# TYPE 1



- **INFEROMEDIAL SCAPULAR BORDER PROMINENCE AT REST,**
- **INC PROMINENCE, LACK OF ACROMIAL ELEVATION, AND LACK OF FULL RETRACTION ON COCKING .**
- **IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH INFLEXIBILITY OF THE PECTORALIS MAJOR AND MINOR, AND WEAKNESS OF THE**
- **LOWER TRAPS, SEARRATUS AND RHOMBOIDES**

**FIGURE 11.** Type I scapular dyskinesis, with prominence of the inferior medial scapular border.

# TYPE II

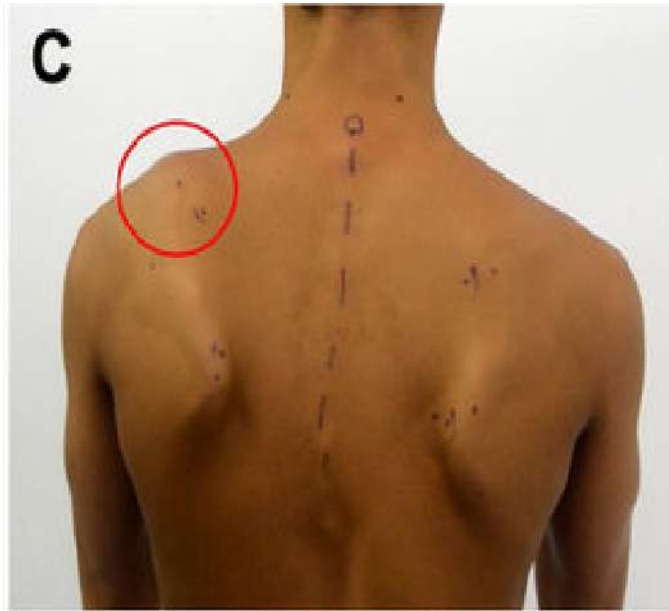
- **ENTIRE MEDIAL BORDER WINGING AT REST**, which becomes more prominent with cocking or elevation.
- It is associated with UPPER AND LOWER TRAPEZIUS AND RHOMBOID WEAKNESS, WITH LITTLE ANTERIOR INFLEXIBILITY.



FIGURE 12. Type II scapular dyskinesis, with prominence of the entire medial border.



# TYPE III



- not associated with superior labral lesions, displays prominence of the **SUPEROMEDIAL BORDER OF THE SCAPULA.**
- It is associated with impingement and rotator cuff symptoms

The Major Muscle To Contribute To Inferomedial Scapular Bulk Are **Lower Trapezius And Serratus Anterior** Along With Rhomboides.



With The **Protracted Scapula** Predisposing To Impingement In Shoulder It Causes Over Activation Of **Upper Trapezius And Deltoid.**



Deltoid (Shearing Torque) Act As An Elevator Of Humeral Head Against Torque(compressive Torque) Produced By Subscapularis And Teres Major Which Act As A Depressor.



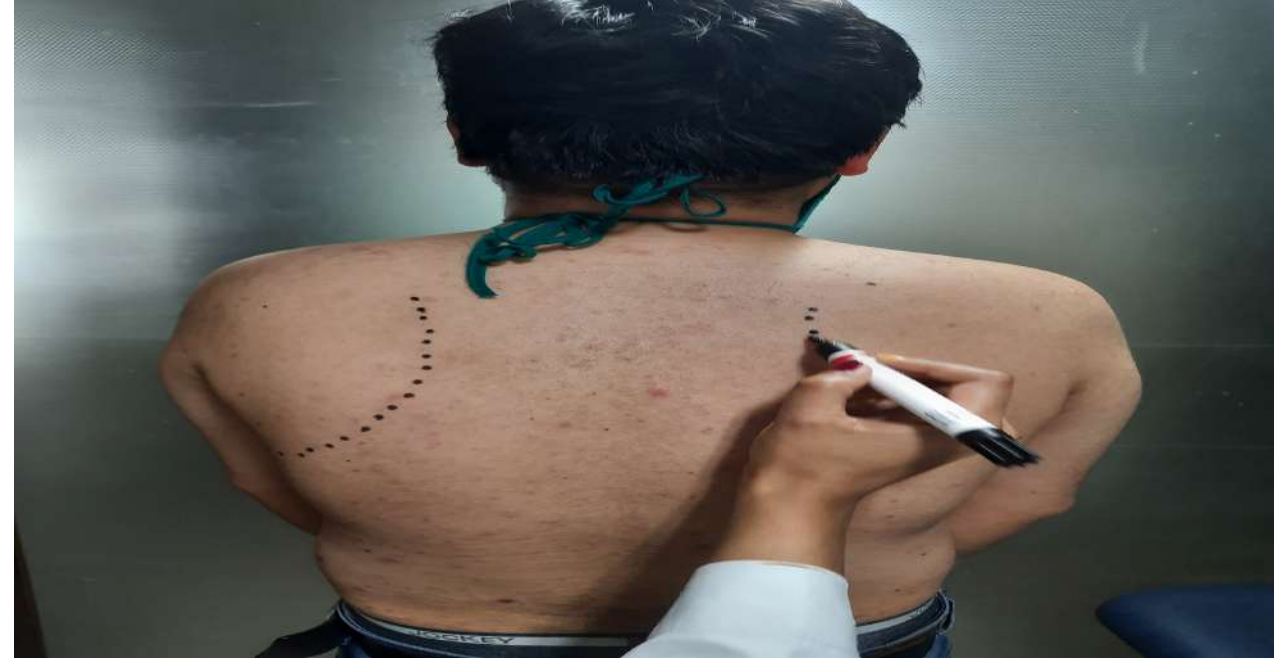
With Repeated Injury Due To Overuse ...In Gymers Rotator Cuff Get **Compromised Functionally** And That What Leads To **Deltoid To Become Overactivated** Causing Superior Migration Of Humeral Head Predisposes To Impingement.



INFERRA- VISUAL APPEARANCE OF DROPPED SCAPULA DUE TO SCAPULAR TILTING OR PTOTRACTION IN VERTICAL HEIGHT OF THE SUPEROMEDIAL SCAPULAR ANGLE OF THE DROPPED SCAPULA IN CENTIMETERS COMPARED WITH THE CONTRALATERAL SUPEROMEDIAL ANGLEDIFFERENCE

) LATERAL DISPLACEMENT DIFFERENCE IN CENTIMETERS OF THE SUPEROMEDIAL SCAPULAR ANGLE FROM THE MIDLINE BETWEEN THE SICK AND CONTRALATERAL SCAPULA

) ABDUCTION.... DIFFERENCE IN ANGULAR DEGREES OF THE MEDIAL SCAPULAR MARGIN FROM PLUMB MIDLINE BETWEEN THE SICK AND CONTRALATERAL SCAPULA MEASURED WITH A GONIOMETER





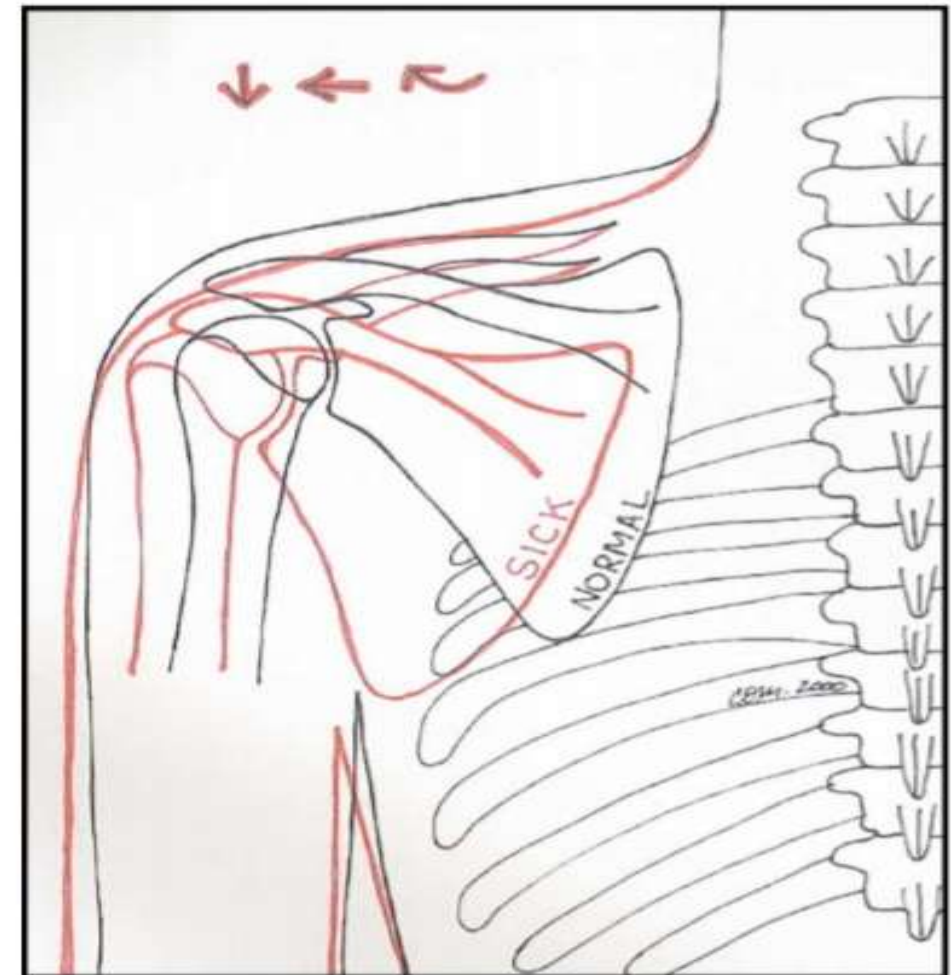






# CLINICAL PRESENTATION

- 1) **SCAPULAR MALPOSITION** (mc)
- 2) Its either 1 or combination of infera, abduction and lateral displacement in both static and dynamic
- 3) Assesed by.. FORWARD FLEXING ARM OR ELEVATION IN SCAPULAR PLANE



2) **POSTEROSUPERIOR SCAPULAR PAIN** with or without radiation into the paraspinous neck region.

3) **PROXIMAL LATERAL ARM** pain (subacromial)

3) **SUPERIOR SHOULDER PAIN** (acromioclavicular joint) are less frequent, and



# ANTERIOR SHOULDER COMPLAINTS AND A SICK SCAPULA

- Marked **CORACOID TIP TENDERNESS**, (medial >>lateral ), at the point of insertion of the pectoralis minor tendon.
- DD: SLAP lesions
- Not to confuse it with **BICEPS TENDERNESS** test for biceps i.e **SPEEDS AND YERGASONS**.
- This pain get aggravated on performing NEER test i. & relieved on **WITH SCAPULAR ASSISTANCE TEST**

# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

## CORACOID STATIC MALPOSITION AND THE DYSKINESIS THAT IT PRODUCE

BECAUSE OF THE ELLIPSOID SHAPE OF THE THORAX, AS THE SCAPULA TILTS ANTERIORLY, PROTRACTS, AND ABDUCTS, IT TENDS TO RIDE “UP AND OVER” THE TOP OF THE THORAX

CORACOID TILTS ANTEROINFERIORLY AND MOVES Laterally FROM THE MIDLINE

THE PECTORALIS MINOR AND SHORT HEAD OF THE BICEPS BECOME ADAPTIVELY TIGHT

THIS TIGHTNESS INCREASES THE SCAPULAR MALPOSITION, LOWERS THE LEADING EDGE OF THE ACROMION, AND DECREASES THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE FULL FORWARD FLEXION OF THE ARM

IMPINGEMENT-LIKE SYMPTOMS RESULT FROM THE ANTEROINFERIOR ANGULATION OF THE ACROMION BECAUSE OF SCAPULAR PROTRACTION

# POSTEROSUPERIOR PERISCAPULAR AND LOWER PARACERVICAL PAIN

- Marked tenderness at the **SUPEROMEDIAL ANGLE** of the affected scapula in the area of insertion of the **LEVATOR SCAPULAE** muscle.

# SUBACROMIAL PAIN

- MAL POSITIONED **DYSKINETIC ACROMION** RESULTING FROM SCAPULAR PROTRACTION
- NOT *TRUE MECHANICAL SUBACROMIAL IMPINGEMENT PRODUCED BY A TYPE III ACROMION WITH AN ANTERIOR OSTEOPHYTE.*

# ACROMIOCLAVICULAR JOINT PAIN

- RELATIVELY **DISCONGRUOUS POSITION OF THE DISTAL CLAVICLE** IN REFERENCE TO THE ACROMION AS A RESULT OF SCAPULAR MALPOSITION

# RADICULAR OR THORACIC OUTLET SYMPTOMS

- A SHIFT IN POSITION OF THE CLAVICLE IN REFERENCE TO THE UPPER CHEST WALL, PARTICULARLY THE FIRST RIB.
- AS THE SCAPULA SHIFTS, THE LATERAL CLAVICLE ALSO DROPS ANTERO INFERIORLY, RESULTING IN A DECREASED SUBCLAVIAN CHEST WALL SPACE.



# SCAPULAR MUSCLE IMBALANCE IN PATIENT WITH IMPINGEMENT

FORCE COUPLES  
BETWEEN THE  
SERRATUS  
ANTERIOR AND  
TRAPEZIUS

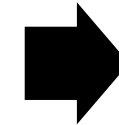


Together, SA +  
TRAPS cause  
upward rotation  
of the scapula to  
maintain the  
subacromial  
space above 90  
degrees of  
shoulder  
elevation

DURING THE FIRST  
30 DEGREES OF  
SCAPULAR



TOGETHER TO  
UPWARDLY ROTATE  
THE SCAPULA.



DURING THE  
SECOND 30  
DEGREES OF  
SCAPULAR  
ROTATION (90 TO  
180 DEGREES OF  
SHOULDER  
ELEVATION), THE  
AXIS OF  
ROTATION  
MOVES  
LATERALLY TO  
THE  
ACROMIOCLAVIC  
ULAR JOINT.

**LOWER TRAPEZIUS PLAYS  
A MORE SIGNIFICANT  
ROLE WITH THE SERRATUS  
ANTERIOR TO PROVIDE  
UPWARD ROTATION OF  
THE SCAPULA AS THE  
UPPER TRAPEZIUS  
REACHES ACTIVE  
INSUFFICIENCY**

**NOW WITH SERRATUS  
ANTERIOR BEING  
COMPROMISED THE  
TORQUE STILL ABLE  
TO MAINTAIN DUE TO  
OVER ACTIVE  
TRAPEZIUS I.E BELOW  
90 DEGREE OF  
ELEVATION**

**BUT BEYOND 90  
DEGREE BOTH  
LOWER TRAPEZIUS  
AND SERRATUS  
ANTERIOR BEING  
COMPROMISED  
LEADS TO SCAPULAR  
WINGING OR  
INFEROMEDIAL  
PROMINENCE OF  
SCAPULA**

# CLINICAL EVALUATION

**Tenderness --- coracoid, ac joint, periscapular, proximal lateral arm, bicipital groove, sup-medial scapular angle, ACJ, GT**

**ROM.... ACTIVE PASSIVE PAINFUL AND PAINFREE.... GIRD**

**TEST FOR ROTATOR CUFF- LOOK FOR PAIN AND POWER**

**TEST FOR IMPINGEMENT.... NEER, HAWKIN KENNEDY, GERBER CORACOID TEST, JOBES RELOACTION TEST**

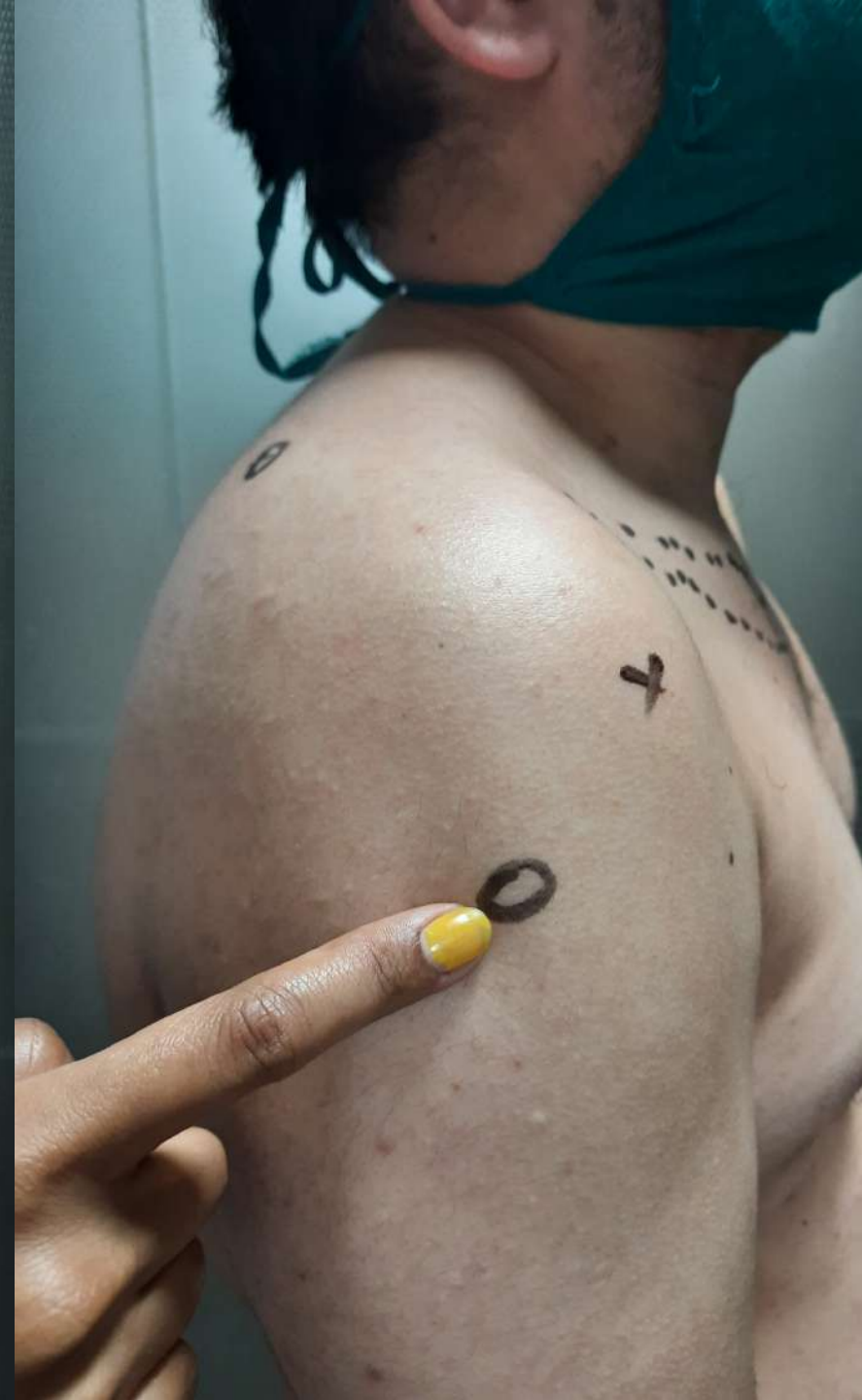
**TEST FOR ACJ.. CROSS CHEST ADDUCTION TEST**

**TEST FOR BICEPS PATHOLOGY- SPEED AND YERGASONS LOOK FOR PAIN AND POWER**

**Test for SLAP lesion**



***NOTE: ALWAYS TEST FOR BICEPS FOLLOWED BY TEST FOR SUBSCAPULARIS AND THEN FOR SLAP***





# Special scapular tests

## SAT



**FIGURE 13.** Scapular assistance test. The examiner stabilizes the upper scapular border and assists upward rotation of the inferior border.

## SRT

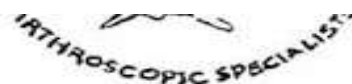


**FIGURE 14.** Scapular retraction test. The examiner stabilizes the retracted scapula against the thorax.

## A 20-POINT CLINICAL RATING SCALE FOR THE SICK SCAPULA SYNDROME

- **A healthy symmetrical asymptomatic scapula receives a score of 0, and the worst SICK mal positioned scapula with all the pathologic clinical components is scored as 20.**
- **Score ranges from 0-20 we calculate score from 1<sup>st</sup> clinical visit and each and every follow up of 6 weeks with scapular winging being used as a functional measure of progress.**





DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGE \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT \_\_\_\_\_  
 POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRESENTING SX<sup>S</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECTIVE	PAIN		YES	NO	SCORE
	Coracoid		1	0	
	AC Joint		1	0	
	Periscapular		1	0	
	Prox. Lat. Arm		1	0	
	Radicular		1	0	
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>					
	Coracoid		1	0	
	AC Joint		1	0	
	Sup. Med. Scap. Angle		1	0	
	Impingement Test		1	0	
	Scapular Asst. Test		1	0	
	Tos Paresthesias		1	0	
<b>SCAP. MALPOSITION</b>					
	0cm	1cm	2cm	3cm	SCORE
Inferior	0	1	2	3	
Lateral Protraction	0	1	1	3	
Abduction	0°	5°	10°	15°	
	0	1	2	3	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>					

# REHABILITATION

- Scapular Position Is Monitored On A **Weekly** Basis.
- When The Affected Scapula Is More Improved In Position From Its Initial Pathologic Position, The Thrower Is Begun On An Interval Throwing Program
- Continues The **Scapular Program** Until The Scapula Is Symmetric With The Other Side
- **Return To Sport** And **Unrestricted Throwing** Is Allowed And The Thrower Is Strongly Encouraged To Maintain An Every-other-day Scapular Muscle strengthening Program To Prevent Recurrence Of The Syndrome.

- Symptomatic SICK Scapula Present With Scores Between **10 And 14.**
- Interval Throwing Usually Begins With Scores In The **4 To 6** Range
- Return To Sport At The Thrower's Previous Level Of Performance Is Attained When The Score Drops Between **0 And 2**

- In an adherent patient who commits to doing the rehabilitation exercises **3 times per day**, the *50% repositioned scapula can be routinely attained within 2 to 3 weeks.*
- Completion of the interval throwing program usually takes **3 to 4 weeks**
- Complete symmetrical scapular repositioning usually takes **3 months**
- **THE ANTERIOR TILT (APPARENT INFRA) COMPONENT IS THE FIRST TO RESOLVE, THE LATERAL TRANSLATION GOES AWAY SECOND, AND THE ABDUCTION COMPONENT (LOSS OF PROTRACTION CONTROL) IS THE LAST AND MOST DIFFICULT TO**

# REHABILITATION

## Treating Inflexibilities

- Pectoralis minor inflexibility decreases
- scapular posterior tilt, upward rotation, and external rotation````

**1. Modified Sleeper Stretch**

**2. Mod Cross Body**

## Treating Weakness

- PROXIMAL TO DISTAL
- POST TILT, UPWARD ELEVATION AND ER
- SCAPULAR DYSKINESIA WITH HIP ABD





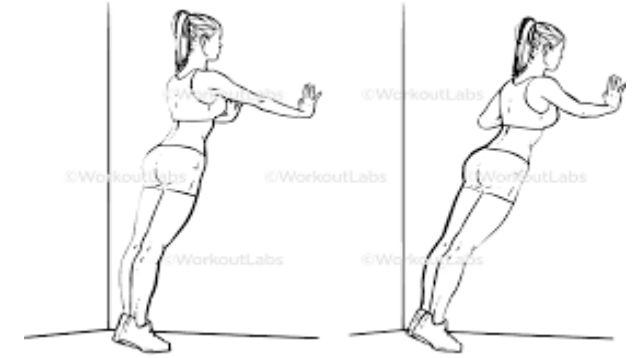
**Fig. 27.1** Modified sleeper stretch.

**Fig. 27.3** Horizontal adduction with IR.



# SCAPULAR REHABILITATION

- ✓ **The serratus anterior(ER) and the lower trapezius (stabilizer)**
- ✓ **SCAPULAR STABILIZATION PROTOCOLS** should focus on re-educating these muscles to act as dynamic scapula stabilizers first via the implementation of short lever, kinetic chain assisted exercises and progressing to long lever movements.



- **EARLY AXIAL LOADING EXERCISES** include weight shifts, weight shifts on ball, wall push-ups, and quadruped drills.



# SCAPULAR DYSKINESIA WITH HIP ABDUCTOR WEAKNESS

- **SINGLE LEG SQUAT**
- Excessive lateral trunk displacement, valgus knee collapse, excessive hip flexion, trunk flexion, lateral dropping of the pelvis, and lower extremity pain
- Hip and trunk flexion help facilitate scapular protraction, whereas hip and trunk extension along with trunk rotation aid in facilitating scapular retraction

# SCAPULAR EXERCISES

1. SCAPULAR PUNCH
2. ISOMETRIC SCAPULAR RETRACTION....
3. LOW ROW EXERCISE - SHOULDER EXTENSION

- CLOSED CHAIN EXERCISES
- RC START AFTER SCAPULAR

1. CLOSED CHAIN ..HUMERAL HEAD DEPRESSION + GHJ MOBILIZATION

2. WALL WASHES ..TRUNK.

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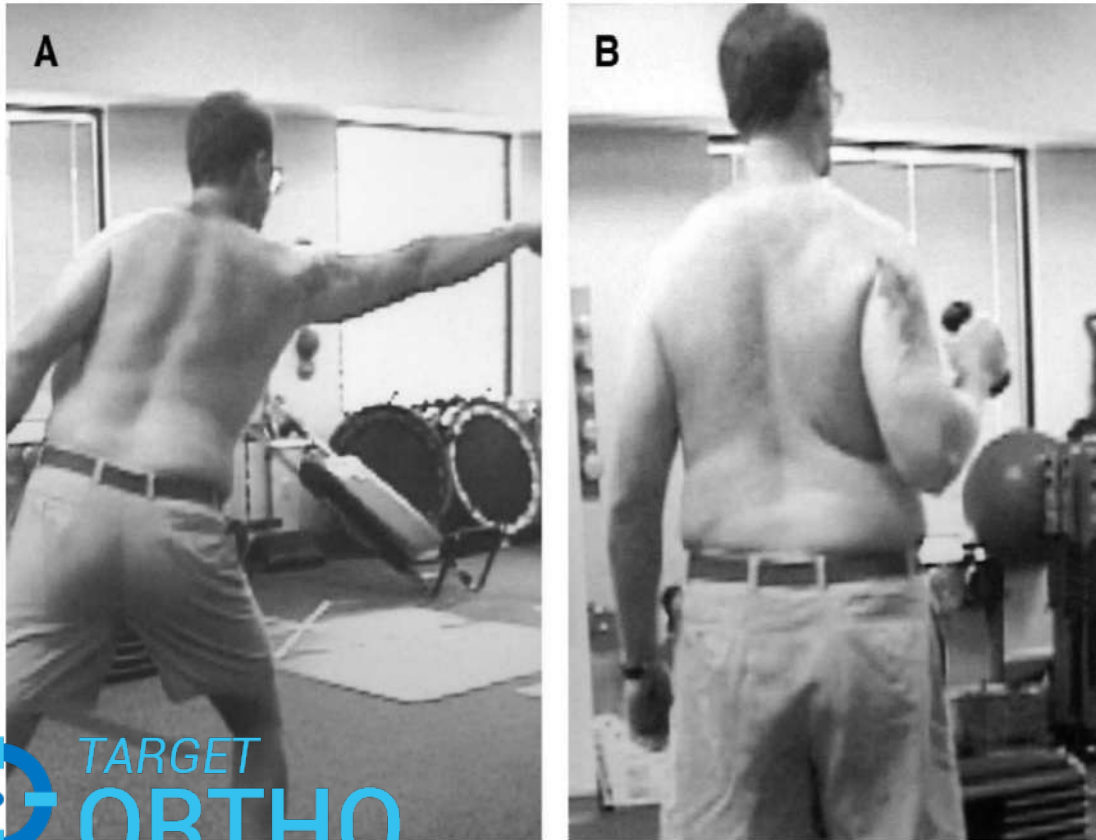


FIGURE 20. Punches: (A) Punch out. The motion may be varied-diagonal, upward, or downward. (B) Return position should always be "elbows in the back pocket" to facilitate scapular retraction.

## 1. ISOMETRIC SCAPULAR

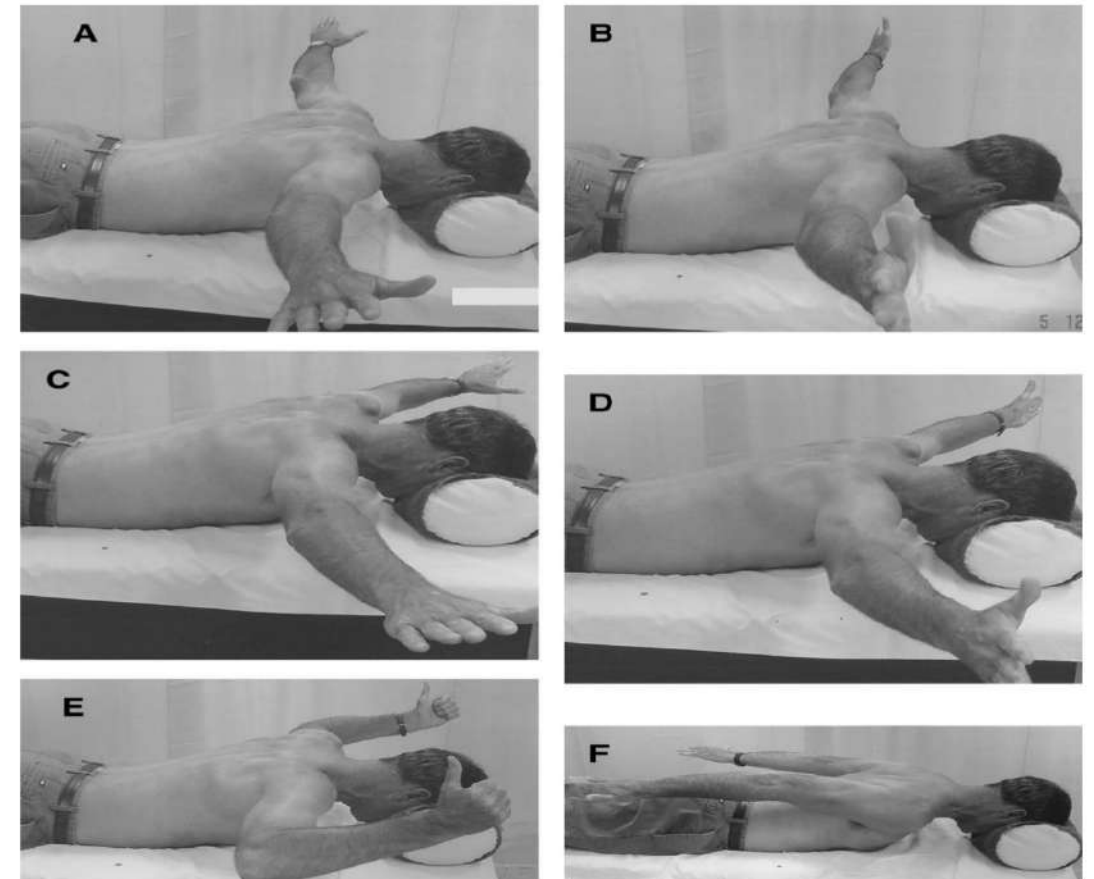
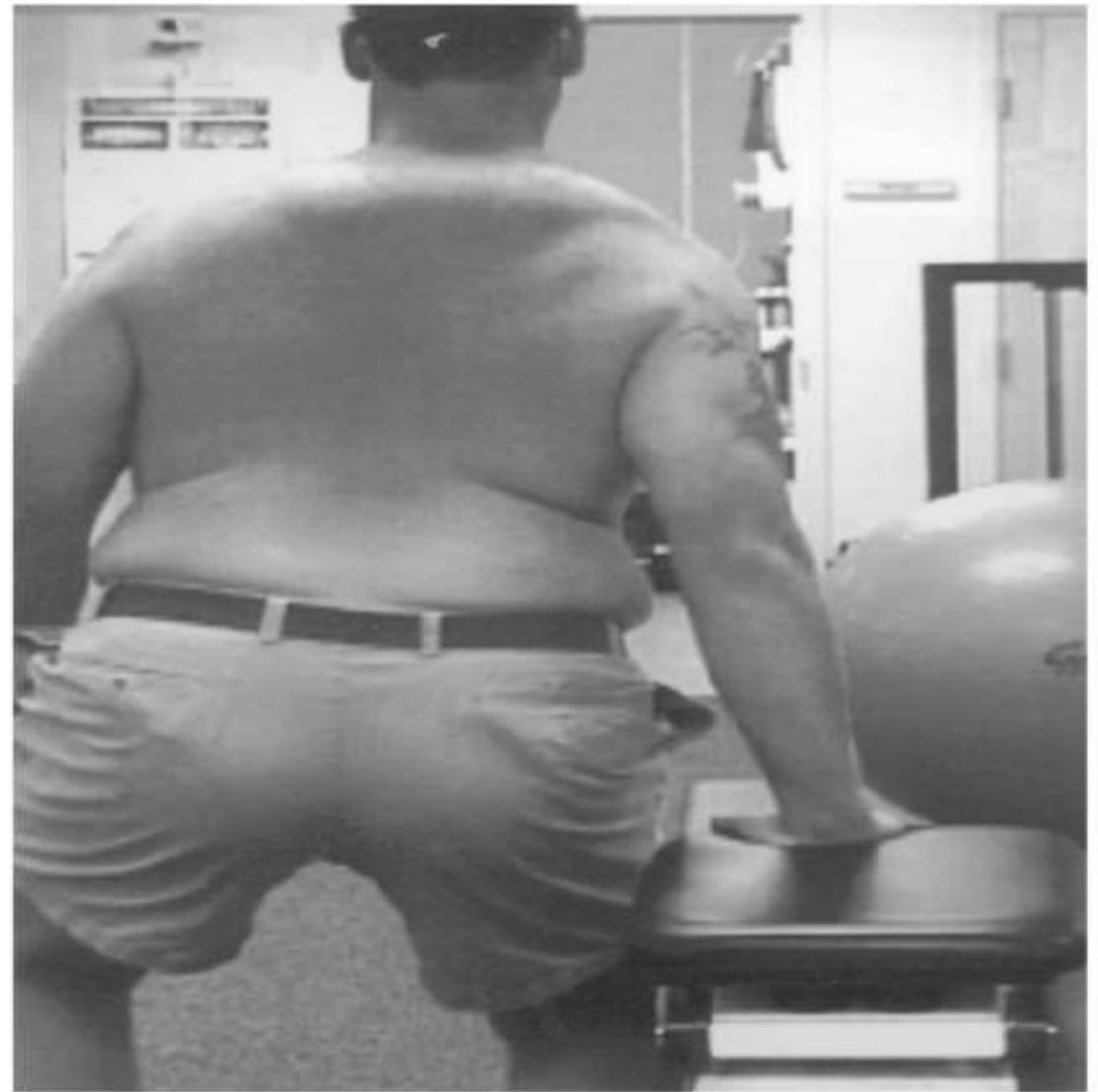


FIGURE 25. Blackburn exercises to strengthen scapular retractors and posterior rotator cuff. (A) Position 1, (B) position 2, (C) position 3, (D) position 4, (E) position 5, and (F) position 6.

# 1. LOW ROW EXERCISE - SHOULDER EXTENSION

TRUNK EXTENSION

SCAPULAR RETRACTION



**FIGURE 16.** The “low-row” trunk extension, scapular retraction, and arm extension. This can be initially done as an isometric exercise, progressing to an isotonic movement.

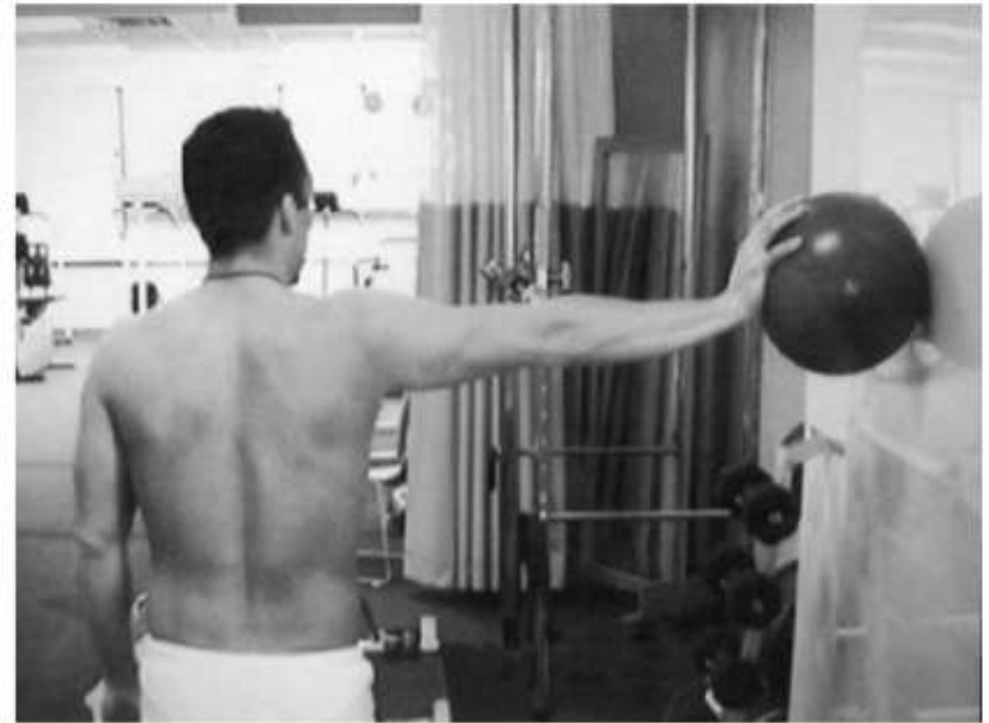


- **SCAPULAR  
WALL... 12-6 & 9-3**

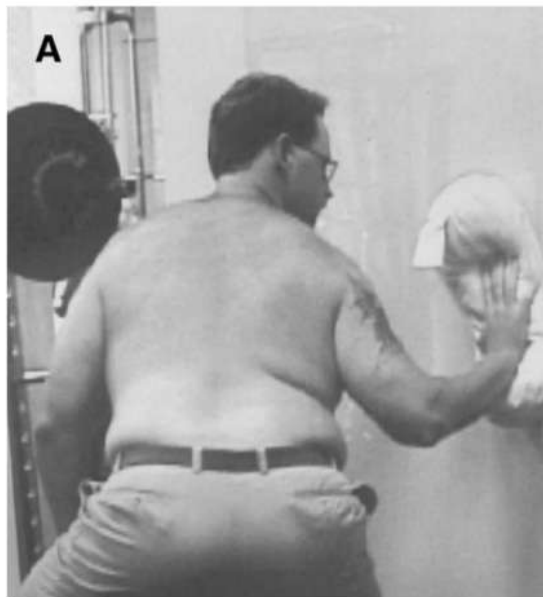


**FIGURE 17.** Scapular clock: The hand is placed on the wall or a ball, with varying degrees of abduction and flexion.

- **CLOSED CHAIN  
..HUMERAL HEAD  
DEPRESSION + GHJ  
MOBILIZATION**



**FIGURE 18.** Humeral head depressions and rotations with the hand on a ball.



- WALL WASHES „TRUNK, SCAPULAR ACTIVATION + RC ACTIVATION—

- PUNCH ..CC SHOULDER ACTIVATION + OPEN CHAIN ARM

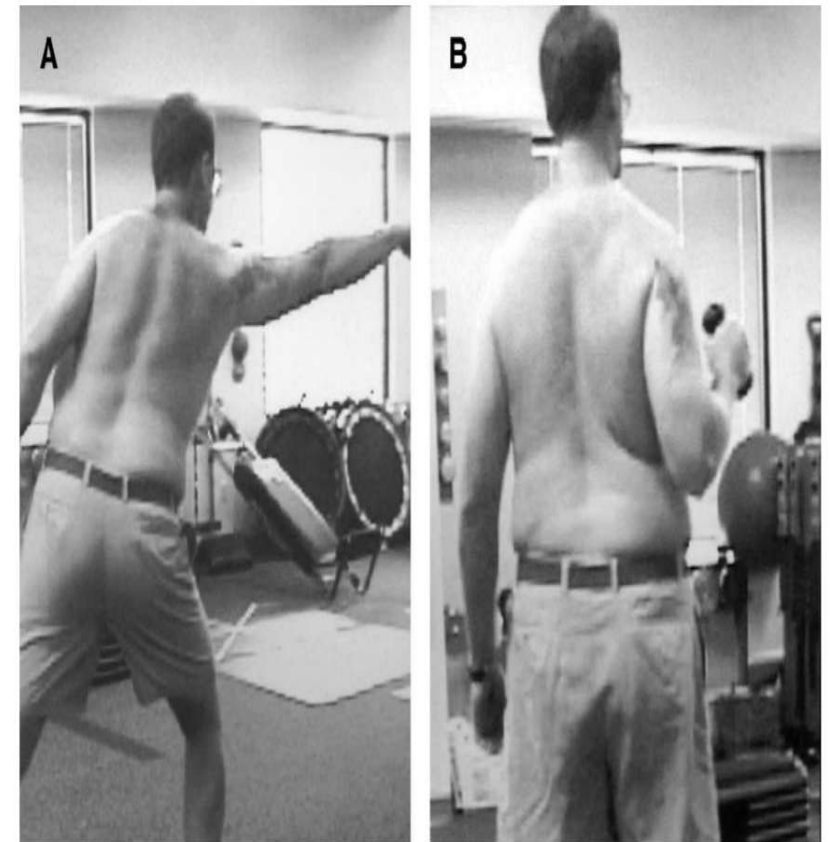
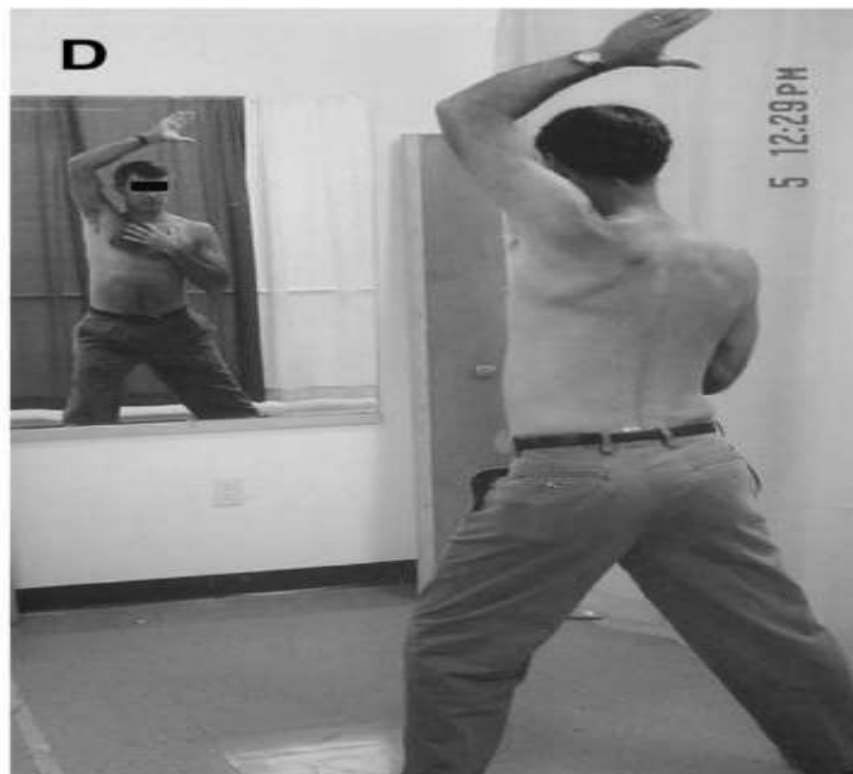


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# REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

1. SLEEPER STRETCH PROGRAM---- GIRD
2. DIGITAL ISCHEMIC PRESSURE & TRANVERSE DEEP FRICTIONAL MASSAGE FOR BICIPITAL TENDON
3. SOFT TISSUE MOBILIZATION OF.....

UPPER TRAPS

RHOMBOIDES

PEC MINOR

BICEPS

DELTOID

4. STRENGTHENING OF PEC MAJOR  
ANTERIOR

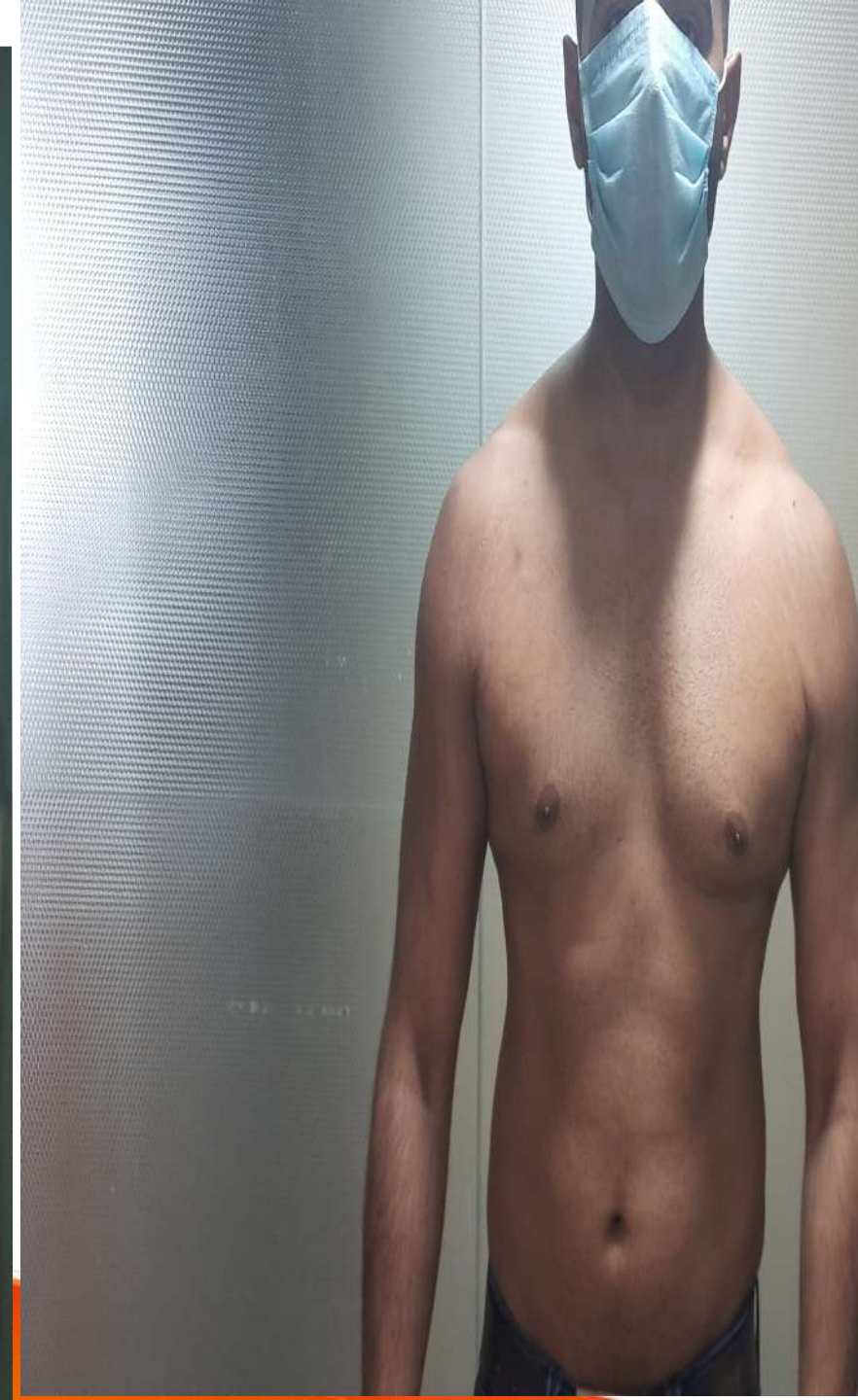
SERATUS

LOWER TRAPS

LATISMUS

DORSI

5. ROTATOR CUFF TENDON LOADING PROTOCOL  
START FROM ISOMETRIC TO ISOTONIC







A red ballpoint pen is shown from a high angle, writing the words "Thank you" in a black, cursive script on a white surface. The pen is positioned at the end of the word "you".

Thank you