

NEUROMECHANICAL INNOVATIONS



Understanding Injury

Injury to an extremity may lead to two types of dysfunction:

- 1) mechanical instability and 2) functional instability."
 - 1) *Mechanical instability* is made up of the "hardware" components muscles, joints, tendons, and ligaments.
 - 2) Functional instability is made up of the "software" components – the operating system or neural programming behind muscle activation and coordinated action between muscles to produce smooth movement and provide stabilization of the joint.

Jardine, Tale of the tape, Advance for Physical Therapy and Rehab Medicine, Jan 18, 2010

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Epidemiology

The one year prevalence of shoulder pain is as high as 50% in the general population, and 50% of those afflicted consult a physician.

Wofford et al. Patient characteristics and clinical management of patients with shoulder pain in US primary care settings. BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders 2005; 6:4.

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Epidemiology

"Shoulder disorders affect up to 67% of the population at some point in their lifetime."

Luime, et al, "Prevalence and incidence of shoulder pain in the general population," Scandinavian Journal of Rheumatology, 33:2004

PENN	SHOULDER S	CORE
Patient Name:		Date:
Address:		
City & State:		Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Age:
Dominant Hand:	Gender:	Affected Arm:
L R Both (circle one)	M F (circle one)	L R Both (circle one)
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performing each activity.	No difficulty	Some difficulty	Much difficulty	Can't do at all	Did i do befo inju
Reach the small of your back to tuck in your shirt with your hand.	3	2	1	0	x
Wash the middle of your back/hook bra.	3	2	1	0	х
Perform necessary toileting activities.	3	2	1	0	х
Wash the back of opposite shoulder.	3	2	1	0	х
5. Comb hair.	3	2	1	0	х
Place hand behind head with elbow held straight out to the side.	3	2	1	0	х
 Dress self (including put on coat and pull shirt of overhead. 	3	2	1	0	x
8. Sleep on affected side.	3	2	1	0	х
Open a door with affected side.	3	2	1	0	×
10. Carry a bag of groceries with affected arm.	3	2	1	0	х
Carry a briefcase/small suitcase with affected arm.	3	2	1	0	×
Place a soup can (1-2 lbs.) on a shelf at shoulder level without bending elbow.	3	2	1	0	х
Place a one gallon container (8-10 lbs.) on a shelf at shoulder level without bending elbow.	3	2	1	0	x
Reach a shelf above your head without bending your elbow.	3	2	1	0	х
15. Place a soup can (1-2 lbs.) on a shelf overhead without bending your elbow.	3	2	1	0	х
Place a one gallon container (8-10 lbs.) on a shelf overhead without bending your elbow.	3	2	1	0	x
17. Perform usual sport/hobby.	3	2	1	0	х
18. Perform household chores (cleaning, laundry, cooking).	3	2	1	0	×
19. Throw overhand/swim/overhead racquet sports (circle all that apply to you)	3	2	1	0	х
20. Work full-time at your regular job.	3	2	1	0	х
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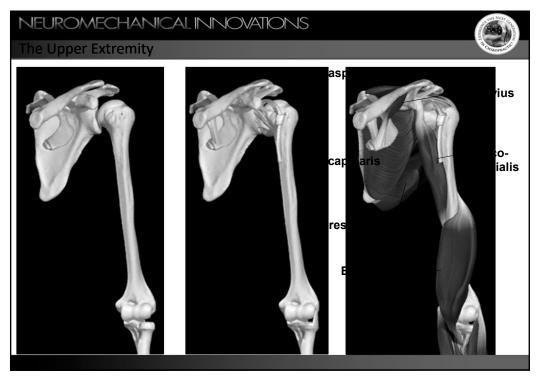
Joints of the Shoulder

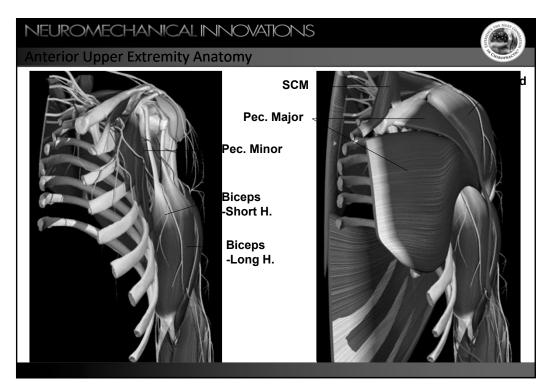


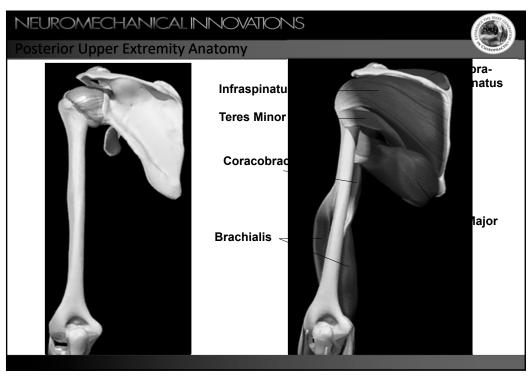
All 5 of the following must be functioning correctly for full, painfree shoulder motion:

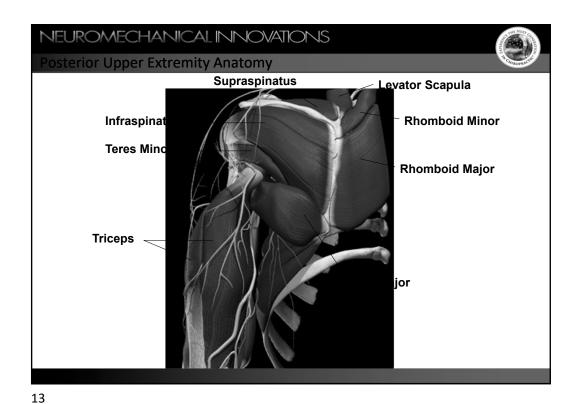
- 1. Glenohumeral
- 2. Acromioclavicular
- 3. Sternoclavicular
- 4. Scapulothoracic
- 5. Upper thoracic spine

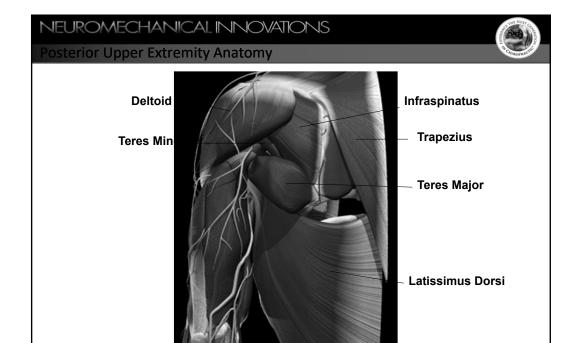












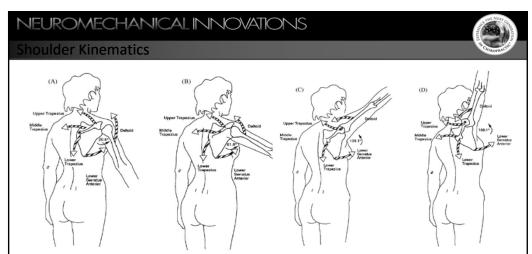
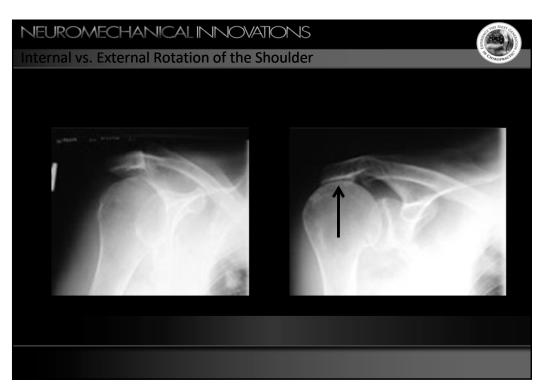
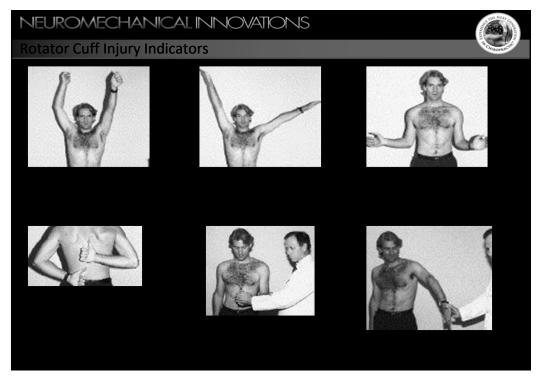
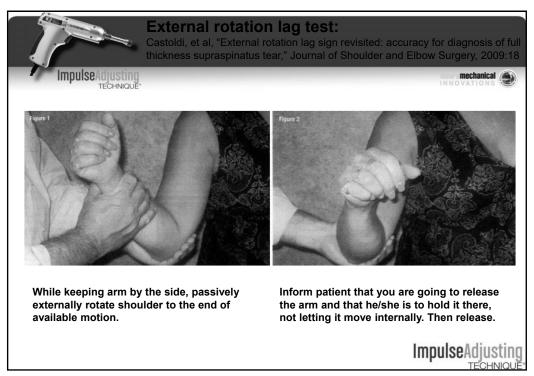
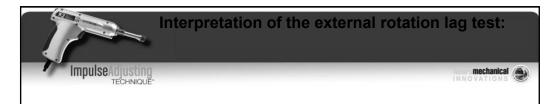


Fig. 2—Force couples around the scapula relevant in arm elevation (Adapted from Bagg and Forrest 1986; Kapandji 1982). Depicted is the most common pattern of muscle recruitment reported by Bagg and Forrest (1986). (A) In the first 60°, the axis of rotation of the scapula is situated at the root of the spine of the scapula. Primary muscles involved in upward rotation of the scapula are lower fibres of serratus anterior and upper trapezius, working via the clavicle, with lower and middle trapezius functioning eccentrically to control the movement. In this range, muscle function is highly variable. (B) In the next 60°, the axis of rotation begins to move along the spine of the scapula towards the acromicolavicular joint. This means that the emphasis of contribution of the muscles changes, with the fibres of lower trapezius now becoming more actively involved in upward rotation, along with those of lower serratus anterior and upper trapezius. (C) By the time the arm reaches 120° of elevation, the axis of rotation is at the acromicolavicular joint. Upper trapezius is no longer positioned to be able to function to upwardly rotate the scapula, whereas lower trapezius is now ideally situated to perform this function, in conjunction with lower serratus anterior are the primary rotators of the scapula, with upper trapezius functioning to rotate the clavicle and middle trapezius working eccentrically to control the degree of upward rotation.





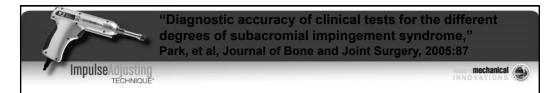




- Amount of lag for supraspinatus tear: 5-10 degrees (7.35 degrees +/- 3.12);
- Amount of lag with additional infraspinatus tear: 10-20 degrees (17.76 degrees +/- 9.55);
- Amount of lag with additional teres minor tear: >20 degrees (+/-16).
- Sensitivity .56; Specificity .98

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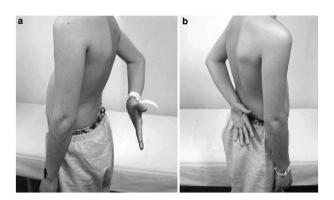


91% probability for full-thickness rotator cuff tear when there is a combination of a:

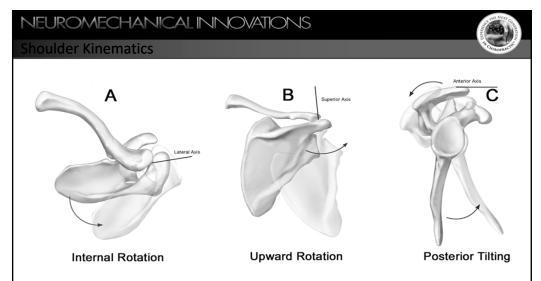
- Painful arc sign;
- > Hornblower "Drop arm" sign; and
- Positive infraspinatus muscle test (External lag sign of approx 18 degrees or more)

ImpulseAdjusting

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Lift-off test. A patient can lift off the hand from the back at the lumbar level with the intact subscapularis (a). If it is torn, the patient cannot lift off the hand from the back (b)



Scapular rotations relative to the clavicle or thorax include internal/external rotation about a superiorly directed axis (A), upward/downward rotation about an axis perpendicular to the sea parameters of the sea paramet

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Indications

- Rotator Cuff Syndrome
- · Adhesive Capsulitis
- Frozen Shoulder
- Abduction/External or Internal Rotation Dysfunction
- · Shoulder pain or weakness



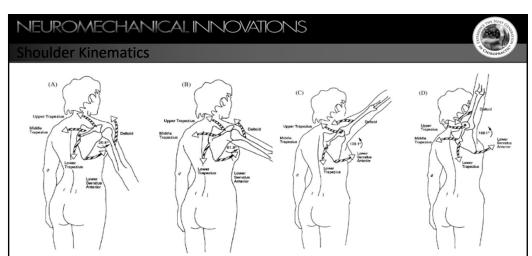


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Combination Adjustment

- 1. Superior Scapula
- 2. Superior Medial Scapula
- 3. Medial Scapula
- 4. Subscapularis
- 5. Posterior Humerus
- 6. Superior Humerus



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Origin:

Supraspinous fossa of scapula

Insertion:

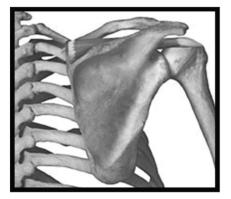
Superior facet on greater tuberosity of humerus

Action:

Initiates and assists deltoid in abduction of arm and acts with other rotator cuff muscles

Innervation:

Suprascapular nerve (C4, C5 and C6) (C4, C5, C6)



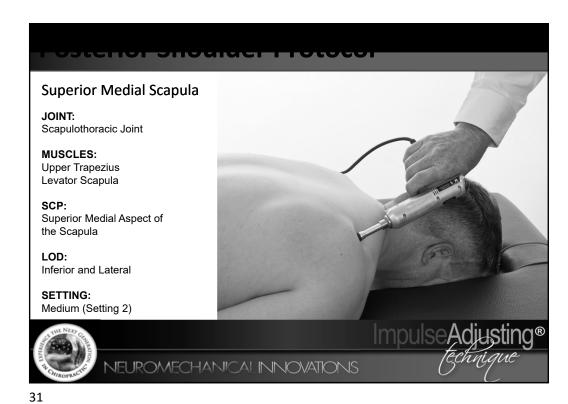


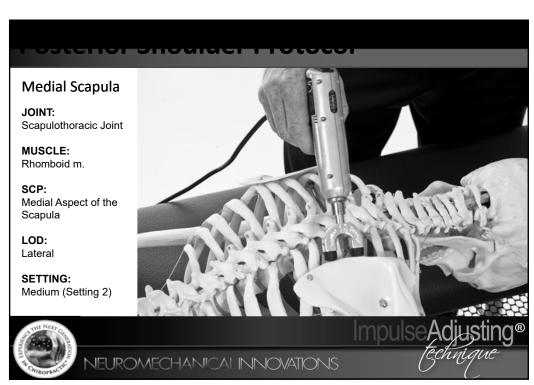
NEUROMECHANICALINNOVATIONS Technique



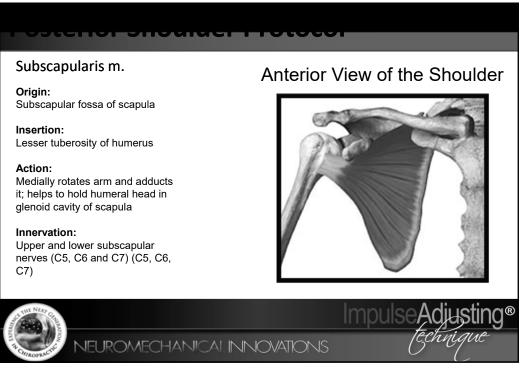


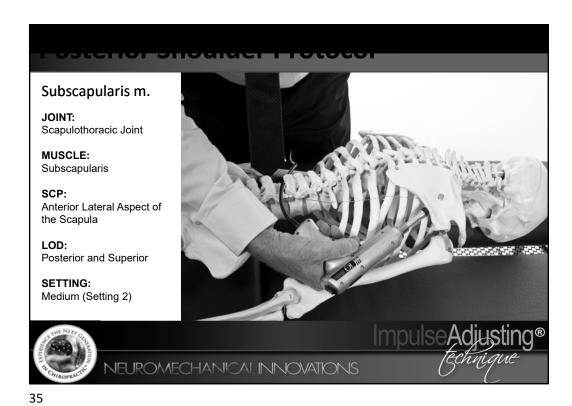




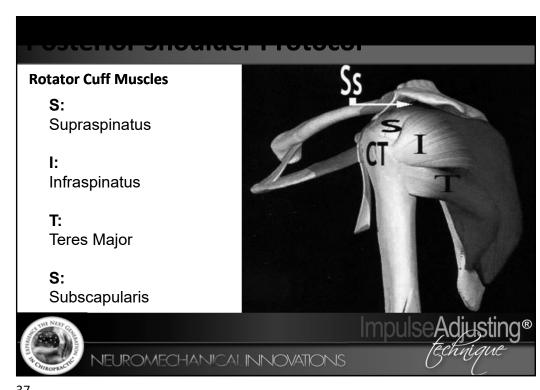




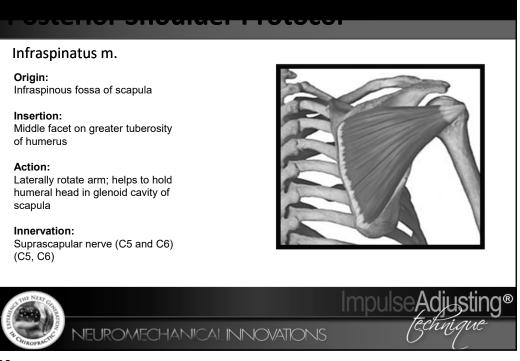








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Teres Minor m.

Origin:

Superior part of lateral border of scapula

Insertion:

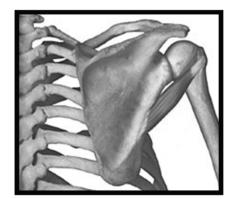
Inferior facet on greater tuberosity of humerus

Action:

Laterally rotate arm; helps to hold humeral head in glenoid cavity of scapula

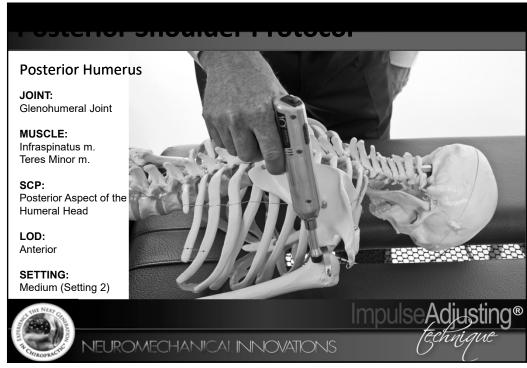
Innervation:

Axillary nerve (C5 and C6) (C5, C6)

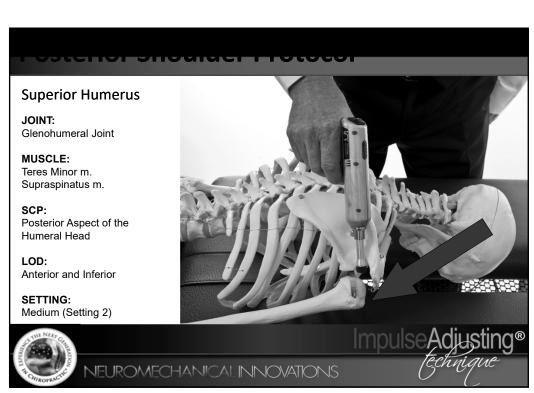




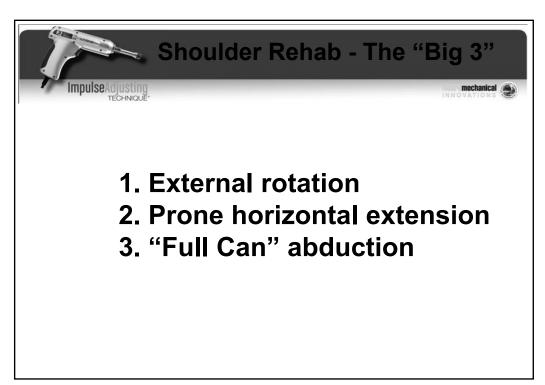
Impulse Adjusting® Neuromechanical Innovations *Technique*











Shoulder external rotation with dumbbell:

targets the external rotators (infraspinatus, teres)





A load of 40% maximum force produces superior selective recruitment of the infraspinatus (higher forces recruit the posterior deltoid).

Bitter et al, "Relative contributions of infraspinatus and deltoid during external rotation in healthy shoulders," *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*,2007:16

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Shoulder external rotation with theraband





Prone horizontal abduction: "Bent-over rows"

targets rhomboids, mid trap, post deltoid







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"Full can" abduction:

targets supraspinatus, deltoid, upper trap



Note the "thumbs up" position indicating full external rotation of the shoulders

"EC" abduction

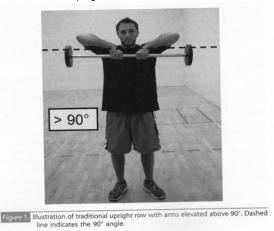
- Compresses the subacromial space:
- Notes "thumbs down" position:



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"The Upright row: Implications for preventing subacromial impingement," Schoenfeld et al, *Strength and Conditioning Journal*, Oct, 2011

Upright Row:
 High risk for subacromial impingement



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Indications

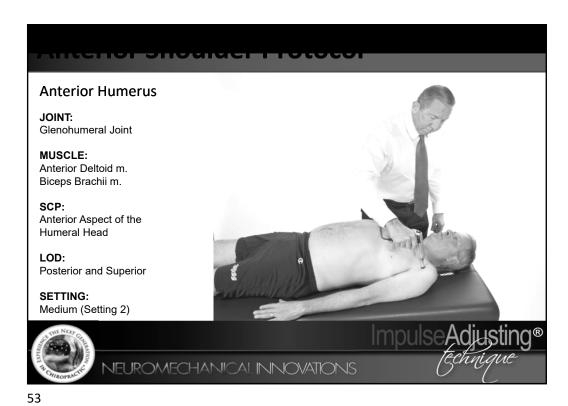
- 1. Anterior Shoulder pain
- 2. Dysfunction in shoulder flexion

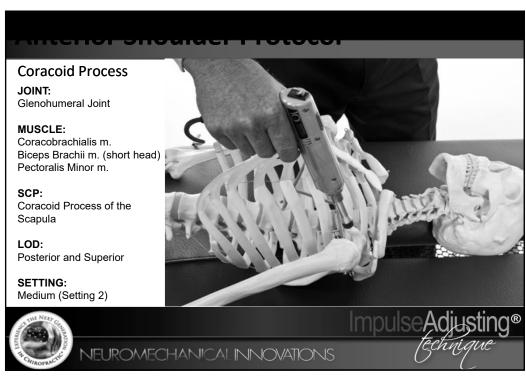
Combination Adjustment

- 1. Anterior Humerus
- 2. Coracoid Process of the Scapula











Indications

- 1. Superior Shoulder pain
- 2. Dysfunction in abduction and elevation

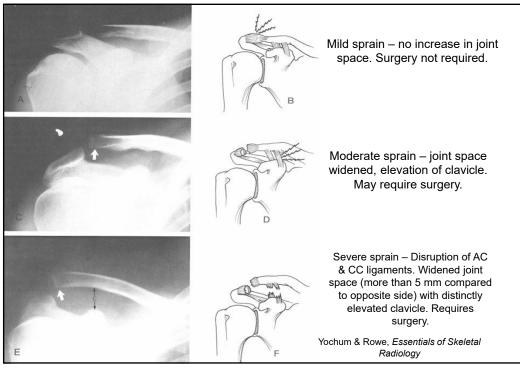
Combination Adjustment

- 1. Superior Acromion Process of the Scapula
- 2. Superior Distal Clavicle



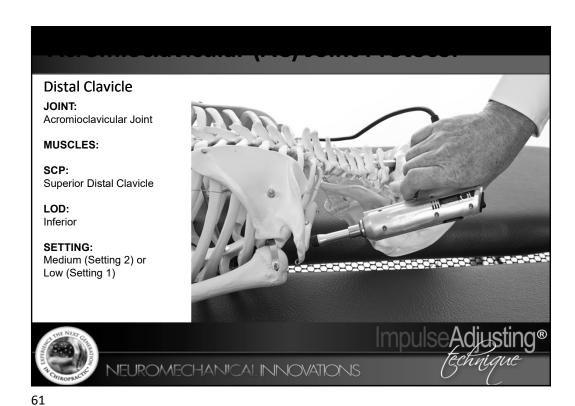


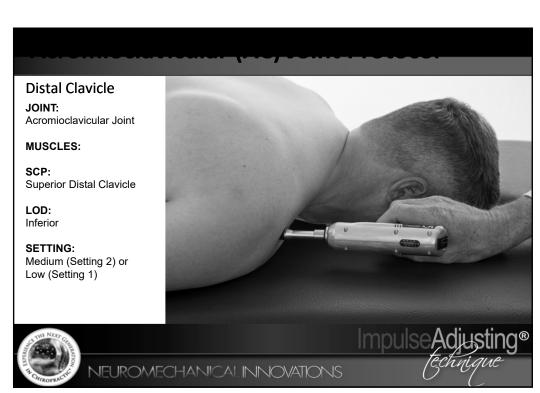
X-ray necessary to determine degree of separation and subsequent treatment.











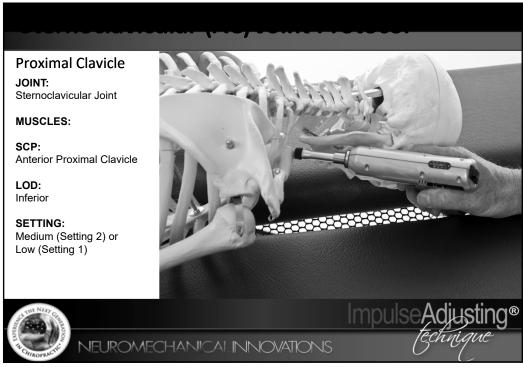
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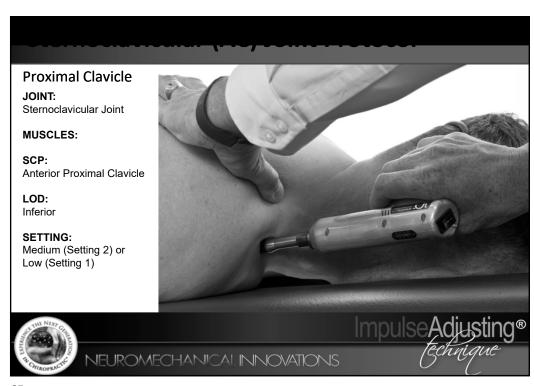
- 1. Medial Superior Chest pain
- 2. Point tenderness localized pain

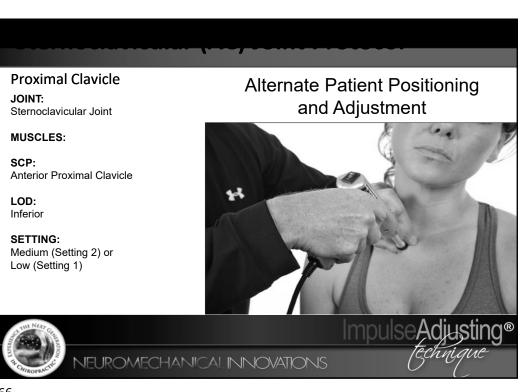
Combination Adjustment

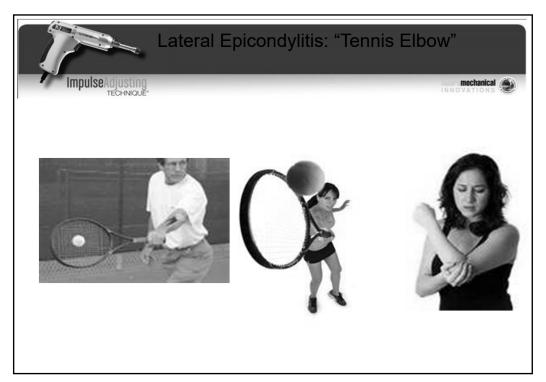
1. Anterior Proximal Clavicle

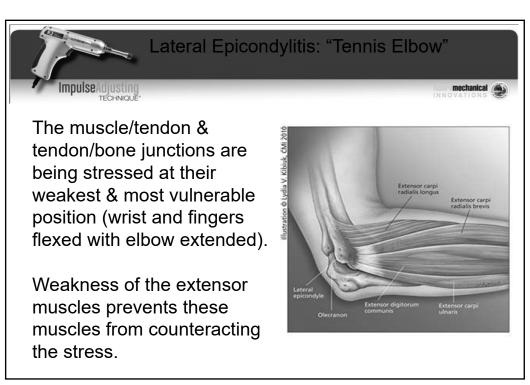


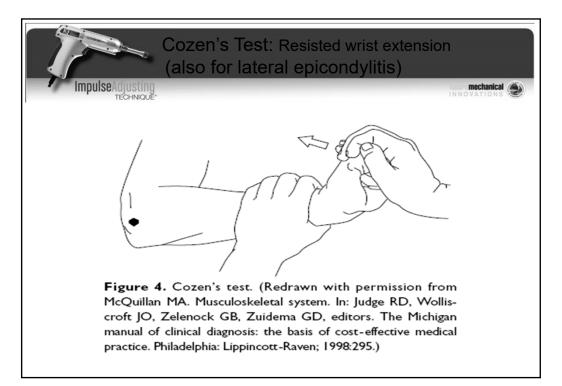


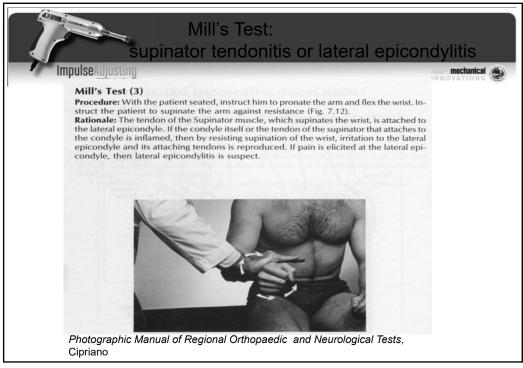












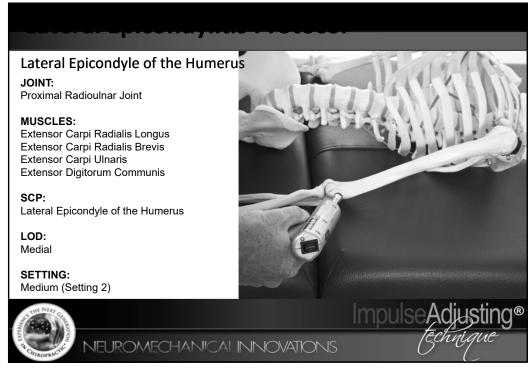
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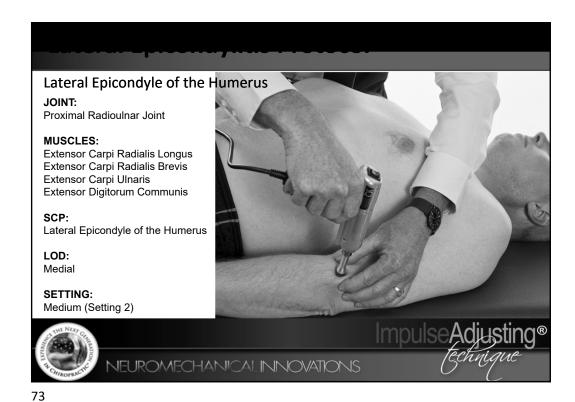
1. Lateral Elbow Pain and or weakness

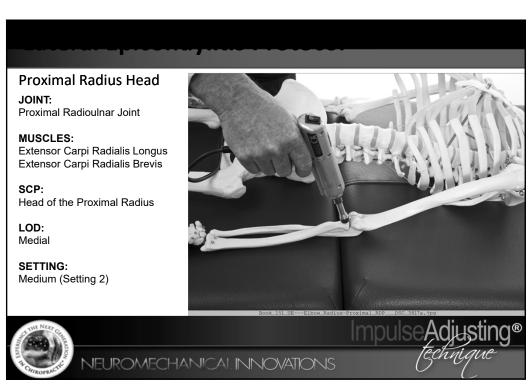
Combination Adjustment

- 1. Lateral Epicondyle of the Humerus
- 2. Proximal Head of the Radius

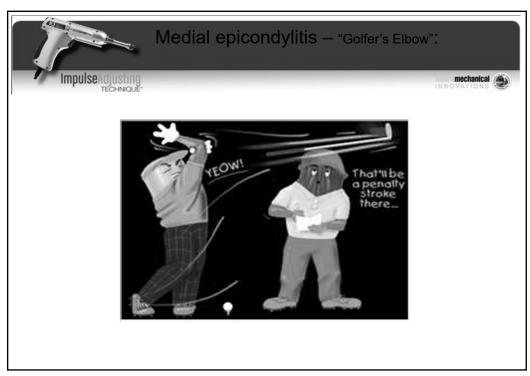


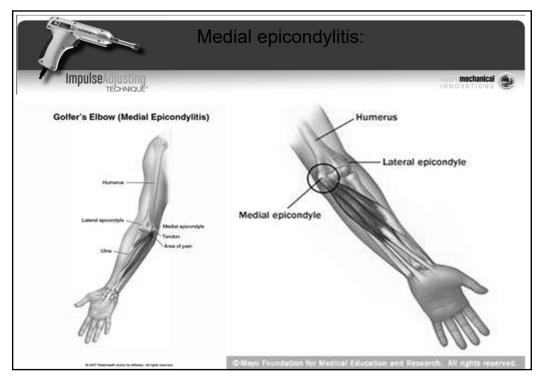












Indications

1. Medial Elbow Pain and or weakness

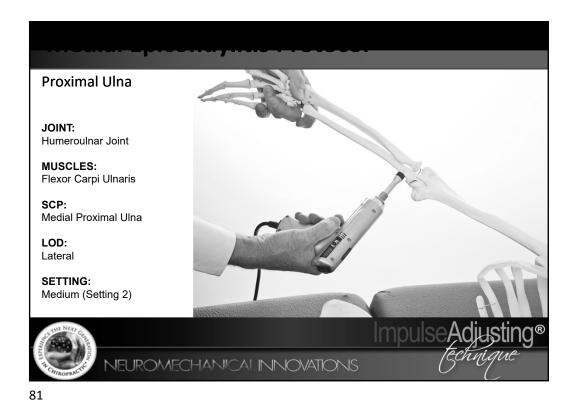
Combination Adjustment

- 1. Medial Epicondyle of the Humerus
- 2. Proximal Aspect of the Ulna

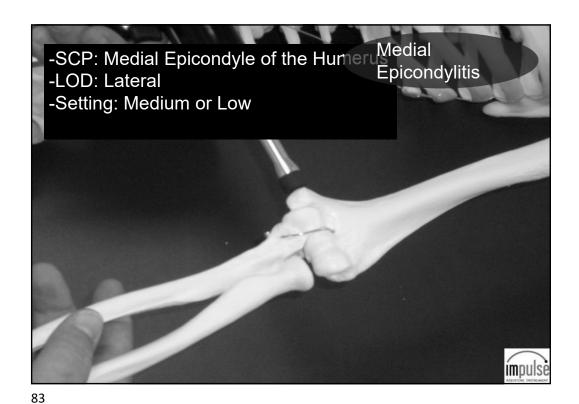








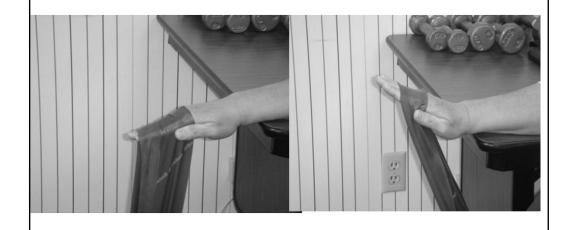




-SCP: Medial Proximal Ulna
-LOD: Lateral-Inferior
-Setting: Medium or Low

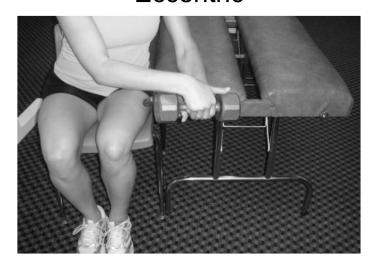
Medial
Epicondylitis

Wrist/finger extension: Concentric



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Wrist eccentric extension: Eccentric

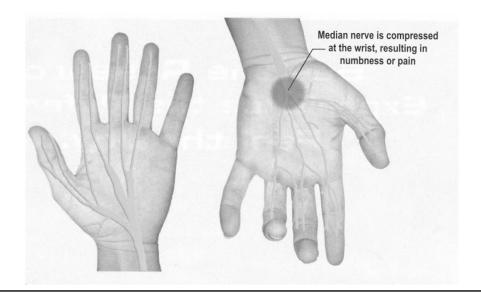


Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

- Carpal tunnel composed of the bones of the wrist on the back side and the transverse carpal ligament on the inside.
- Through which passes the median nerve and 9 flexor tendons.
- When fingers are used with the wrist in neutral position, the flexor tendons glide along the tunnel's walls, lubricated by fluid within their synovial sheaths.
- Repetitive use of the wrist/finger flexor muscles and tendons leads to overdevelopment and shortening (while the extensor muscles become relative weaker).
- When fingers are used with wrist in flexion or extension, their movement becomes like that of ropes dragged roughly back and forth across a pulley.
- The tendons and their sheaths become irritated and swell up within the narrow confines of the tunnel, pressing on the median nerve.
- This leads to reduction of the natural lubrication within the tendon sheaths, leading to buildup of friction, more swelling, and inflammation.
- All this leads to compression of the vascular structures that supply the median nerve leading to nerve damage.

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Median nerve distribution:



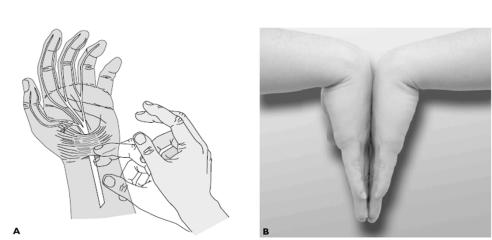


Figure 6. (A) Tinel's sign. (Redrawn from Seidel HM, Ball JW, Dains JE, Benedict GW, editors. Mosby's guide to physical examination. 4th ed. St. Louis [MO]: Mosby; 1999:719, with permission from Elsevier Science.) (B) Phalen's test.

Hand dynamometer



Grip strength is a predictor function.

"Midlife hand grip strength as a predictor of old Age and disability," *Journal of American* Medical Association, 1999;

"Handgrip dynamometry in healthy adults," *Clinical Nutrition*, 2005;

"Predictors of functional decline," Journal of the

American Geriatric Society, 2000.

Death can be predicted in 5 years if the grip strength is below 31 lbs for women and 48 for men.

Pinch dynamometer: tests muscles supplied by median and ulnar nerves <u>separately</u>:

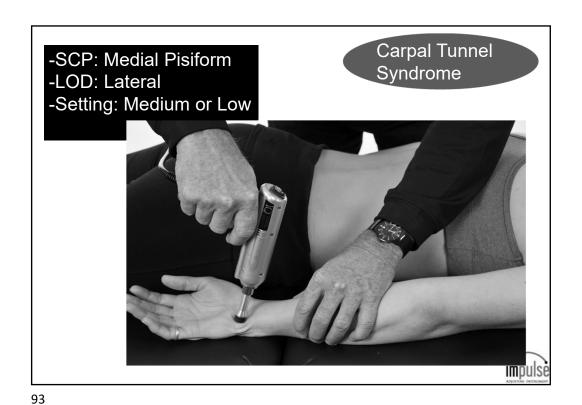


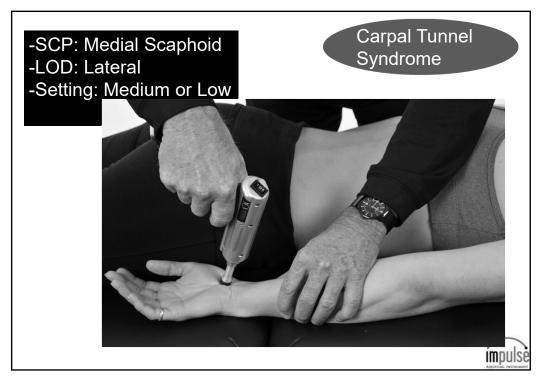
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Rehabilitation of the Hand; Surgery & Therapy, Hunter, 1990, Mosby

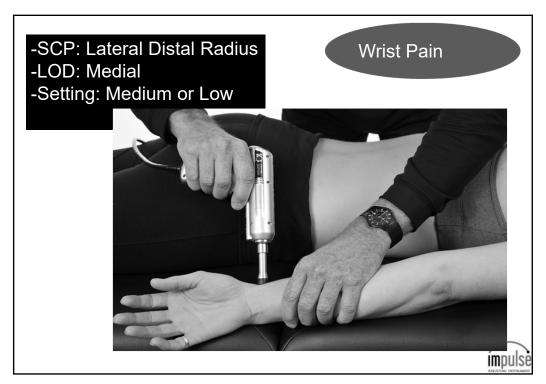
• Normal pinch strength in kgs (lbs):

<u>Male</u>		Fen	<u>Female</u>	
Major	Minor	Major	Minor	
II 5.3 (11.5)	4.8 (10.5)	3.6 (8.0)	3.3 (7.25)	
III 5.6 (12.3)	5.7 (12.5)	3.8 (8.4)	3.4 (7.5)	
IV 3.8 (8.4)	3.6 (8.0)	2.5 (5.5)	2.4 (5.25)	
V 2.3 (5.0	2.2 (5.0)	1.7 (3.8)	1.6 (3.5)	









"Manipulation of the wrist for the management of lateral epicondylitis," Struigs, *Physical Therapy*, 2003

 Manipulation of the wrist appeared to be more effective than ultrasound, transverse friction massage, and stretching exercises.

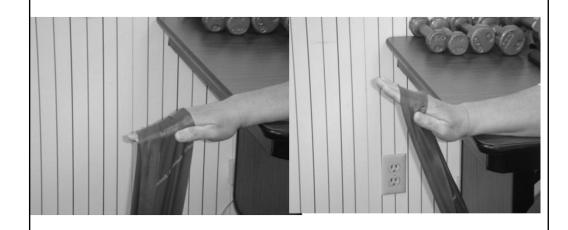
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"Balancing Muscle Groups: A Solution to Repetitive Stress Injuries"

 "Strengthening the weaker extensors of the finger and wrist extensors that are in a state of underdevelopment reduces the abnormal pressure in the carpal tunnel and on the median nerve, allowing the body's natural healing process to function."

Ostrem, "Balancing Muscle Groups: A Solution to Repetitive Stress Injuries"

Wrist/finger extension:



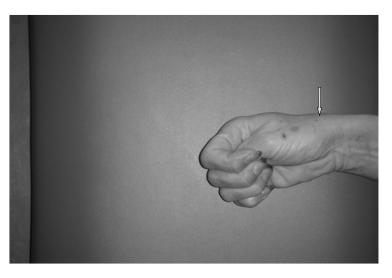
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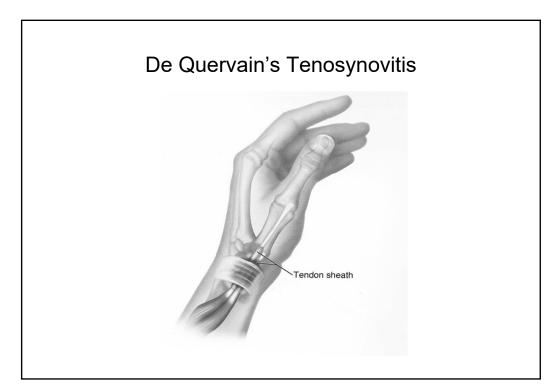
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DeQuervain's Disease

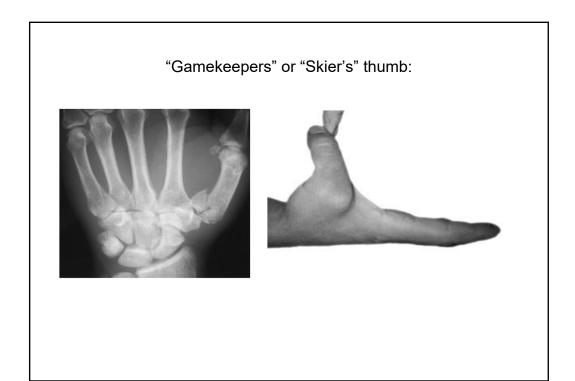
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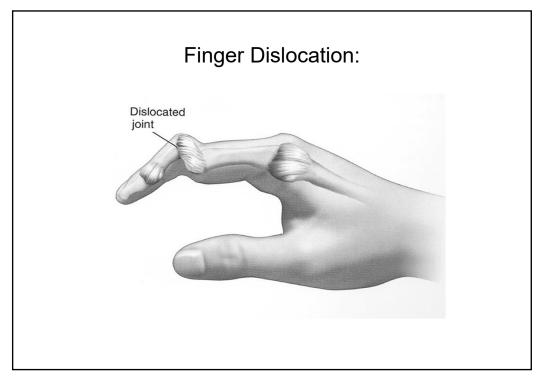


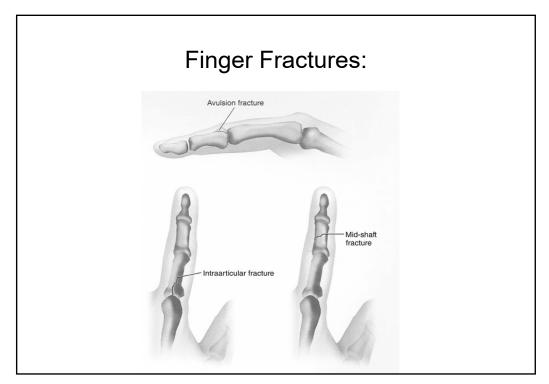


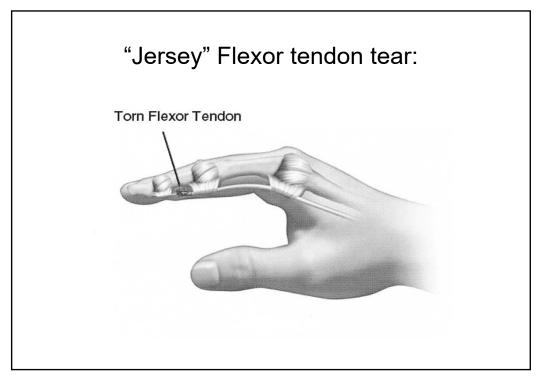
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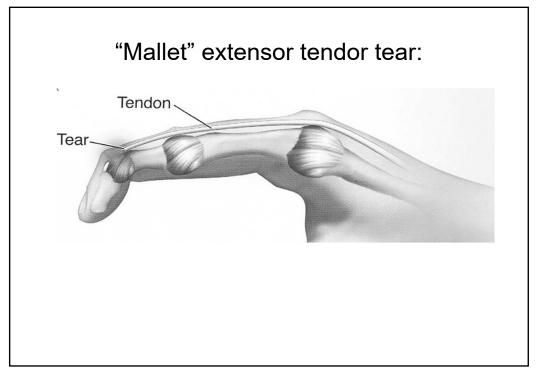


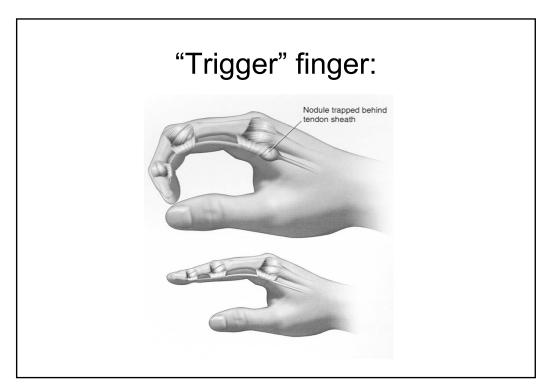


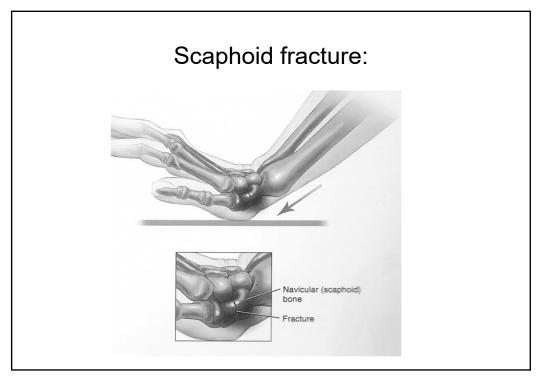












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