

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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### The Effects of Neuromobilization in Patients With Shoulder Impingement Syndrome on Pain, Strength, Range of Motion and Functional disability Score.

#### Protocol summary

Registration timing: **prospective**

#### Study aim

As neuromobilization was remained neglected in past therefore I decided to add neuromobilization for Shoulder impingement syndrome. The need is not only for investigation about this type of intervention but also recruiting appropriate sample size and age category for valid results.

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#### Registration date

2019-02-19, 1397/11/30

#### Design

Randomized controlled trial

#### Registrant information

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#### Settings and conduct

Social Security Hospital Gujranwala, Punjab, Pakistan.  
IRB Approved

#### Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

80 participants inclusion criteria 1)Positive Impingement Sign 2)Age Between 20-50 years 3)Patient with Positive Special Tests (Neers Test, Hawkins Kennedy Test, Empty Can Test) exclusion criteria Patients with co-morbidity such as Cervical Radiculopathy, Acromioclavicular Joint Pathology and Shoulder Dislocation/ Subluxation/ Fracture. Patients with history of Cervical, Shoulder of Upper Back Surgery

#### Recruitment status

**Not yet recruiting**

#### Funding source

#### Intervention groups

Range of Motion Exercises, Stretching, Joint and tissue mobilization, Neural Mobilization Techniques, Motor Control Training, Strength Training. Shortwave diathermy/ Hot Pack, TENS, Ultrasound

#### Expected recruitment start date

2637-11-06, 2016/08/15

#### Expected recruitment end date

2639-06-21, 2018/03/31

#### Actual recruitment start date

2637-11-06, 2016/08/15

#### Actual recruitment end date

2639-06-21, 2018/03/31

#### Trial completion date

2639-06-21, 2018/03/31

#### Main outcome variables

Range of Motion Pain Intensity

#### Scientific title

The Effects of Neuromobilization in Patients With Shoulder Impingement Syndrome on Pain, Strength, Range of Motion and Functional disability Score.

#### General information

##### Reason for update

##### Acronym

NONE

##### IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20190121042445N1**

Registration date: **2019-02-19, 1397/11/30**

## Public title

The Effects of Neuromobilization in Patients With Shoulder Impingement Syndrome on Pain, Strength, Range of Motion and Functional disability Score

## Purpose

Treatment

## Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

### Inclusion criteria:

Positive Impingement Sign Age Between 20-50 years  
Patient with Positive Special Tests (Neers Test, Hawkins Kennedy Test, Empty Can Test)

### Exclusion criteria:

Patients with co-morbidity such as Cervical Radiculopathy, Acromioclavicular Joint Pathology and Shoulder Dislocation/ Subluxation/ Fracture. Patients with history of Cervical, Shoulder or Upper Back Surgery

## Age

From **20 years** old to **50 years** old

## Gender

Both

## Phase

4

## Groups that have been masked

- Investigator

## Sample size

Target sample size: **80**

Actual sample size reached: **90**

## Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

## Randomization description

Single blind randomized clinical trial. The sequence of assignment was determined using a computer generated random sequence table before the study. Individual, sequentially numbered index cards with the random assignment were prepared. The index cards were folded and placed in sealed, opaque envelopes. After the baseline examination, participants were randomly assigned to receive routine physiotherapy or routine physiotherapy plus neuromobilization.

## Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Single blinded

## Blinding description

A single blind randomized clinical trial in which the investigator assessing the outcomes doesn't know the identity of intervention.

## Placebo

Not used

## Assignment

Parallel

## Other design features

80 patients

## Secondary Ids

empty

## Ethics committees

## 1

### Ethics committee

#### Name of ethics committee

Institutional Review Board, University of Lahore

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Raiwind road

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#### Postal code

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#### Approval date

2637-10-24, 2016/08/02

#### Ethics committee reference number

IRB-238-II

## Health conditions studied

## 1

### Description of health condition studied

patients suffering from shoulder impingement syndrome lead impairment of daily activities and reduction in work capacity. Most of patients have painful symptoms at night and during abduction which may affect the sleep and daily activities. Forty percent of the populations possibly suffer from shoulder pain at some point of their life time.

#### ICD-10 code

#### ICD-10 code description

## Primary outcomes

## 1

### Description

Pain Intensity

### Timepoint

before intervention, 5th week and 11th week after intervention

### Method of measurement

Pain by Visual Analogue Scale

## 2

### Description

Range of motion

### Timepoint

Before intervention, on 5th week and on 11th week

### Method of measurement

Measured by Goniometry

## Secondary outcomes

## 1

### Description

Shoulder Strength

### Timepoint

Before intervention, on 5th week and on 11th week

### Method of measurement

Strength by Hand held dynamometer

## 2

### **Description**

Functional disability score

### **Timepoint**

Before intervention, on 5th week and on 11th week

### **Method of measurement**

UCLA Score

## **Intervention groups**

### 1

#### **Description**

Intervention group: Neuromobilization was applied using Butler's recommendations. Procedure; Initially, the patient performed neural sliders and gradually progressed to neural tensioners. Neural sliders consisted of cervical lateral flexion movement, toward the involved side, simultaneously with elbow flexion and extension movements. While moving the head in to cervical lateral flexion the elbow was extended. When the elbow began to flex, the cervical spine was returned to neutral. Neural tensioners are the opposite of neural sliders. Neural tensioners are not a stretch and are performed to create tension in the nerve. The tension position is not held for a length of time, but is released by extending the elbow and returning the cervical spine to neutral once the patient had pushed slightly past the point of initially experiencing pain or discomfort. Neuromobilization technique was performed for 5 sec with 10 repetitions.

#### **Category**

Treatment - Other

### 2

#### **Description**

Control group: The routine physiotherapy includes pulsed Short wave diathermy, ultrasonic treatment, TENS and shoulder strengthening exercises for rotator cuff muscles and stretching exercises to regain flexibility. Joint and tissue mobilization, motor Control Training, strengthening and stretching exercises were performed for 5 sec with 10 repetitions.

#### **Category**

Treatment - Other

## **Recruitment centers**

### 1

#### **Recruitment center**

##### **Name of recruitment center**

Social Security Hospital

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#### **Grant name**

N/A

#### **Grant code / Reference number**

N/A

#### **Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?**

Yes

#### **Title of funding source**

Social Security Hospital

#### **Proportion provided by this source**

100

#### **Public or private sector**

Private

#### **Domestic or foreign origin**

Domestic

#### **Category of foreign source of funding**

empty

#### **Country of origin**

#### **Type of organization providing the funding**

Other

## **Person responsible for general inquiries**

#### **Contact**

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## Sharing plan

### Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

### Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

### Statistical Analysis Plan

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

### Informed Consent Form

No - There is not a plan to make this available

### Clinical Study Report

No - There is not a plan to make this available

### Analytic Code

Not applicable

### Data Dictionary

No - There is not a plan to make this available

### Title and more details about the data/document

The Effects of Neuromobilization in Patients With Shoulder Impingement Syndrome on Strength and Range of Motion.

### When the data will become available and for how long

data will be available when my Ph.D study completed

### To whom data/document is available

For academic institutions only

### Under which criteria data/document could be used

People who will request for data

### From where data/document is obtainable

through email address

### What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

my email address

### Comments

N/A