Shoulder Joint -Upper Limb

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Learning objectives

- Anatomy of shoulder joint
- •Formation, type & components
- •Rotator cuff
- •Relations /nerve & blood supply
- Movements & muscles producing them
- Dislocations /nerve injuries

<u>Articulation</u> - Rounded head of humerus & Shallow, glenoid cavity of scapula.





- Articular surfaces are covered by articular *hyaline cartilage*.
- Glenoid cavity is deepened by *fibro cartilaginous rim* called glenoid labrum.

Synovial membrane

- lines fibrous capsule & attached to margins of the cartilage covering the articular surfaces.
- •forms a **tubular sheath** around the tendon of the long head of biceps brachii.
- •It extends through anterior wall of capsule to form subscapularis bursa beneath subscapularis muscle.

Synovial membrane



Musculotendinious/Rotator cuff

- Supraspinatus superiorly
- Infraspinatus & Teres minor- posteriorly
- Subscapularis anteriorly
- Long head of triceps inferiorly (axillary n & post circumflex humeral artery lax and least supported) –
- most common dislocations Inferiorly axillary n palsy –loss of abduction

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axillary n 2. suprascapular n & lateral pectoral nerve.



Shoulder joint - spaces

Quadrangular space

- •Sup teres minor
- Inf teres major
- Medially long head of triceps
- Laterally lateral head of triceps (humerus)
- •Contents axillary nerve & posterior circumflex humeral artery

Triangular space

- •Sup teres major
- •Medially-long head of triceps
- Laterally triceps(humerus)
- Contents in spiral groove Radial nerve & profunda brachii artery





Shoulder joint -movements:



- Flexion
- Extension

- Abduction
- Circumduction
- Lateral rotation
- Medial rotation



Flexion - 90°

- 1. Deltoid ant
- 2. Pectoralis major
- 3. Biceps brachii
- 4. Coracobrachialis



- Extension is 45°
- •Deltoid post
- •Latissimus dorsi
- •Teres major

Abduction:

- •Initiated supraspinatus \rightarrow 0 to 18
- •19 \rightarrow 120 *middle fibers* of **deltoid**.
- •Subscapularis
- Infraspinatus
- •Teres minor
- •Above 90 by rotation of scapula
- •Trapezius & Serratus Anterior





- Supraspinatus: initiates abduction (0 to 15) and holds the head of the humerus against glenoid fossa of scapula;
- Latter function of supraspinatus allows deltoid muscle to contract and abduct humerus at shoulder joint.



Adduction:

Normally upper limb can be swung 45° across front of chest.

- pectoralis major
- latissimus dorsi
- teres major
- •teres minor



Lateral rotation Is about 40 - 45°. POST infraspinatus teres minor *posterior* fibers of the deltoid muscle



Medial rotation:

- •Normal medial rotation is about 55°.
- performed by : muscles attached at BG - ANT
- pectoralis major
- Subscapularis
- latissimus dorsi
- teres major
- anterior fibers of deltoid.



Circumduction:

This is a movement in which distal end of humerus moves in circular motion while proximal end remains stable.

- •<u>lt is -</u>
- 1.Flexion,
- 2.Abduction,
- 3.Extension &

4.Adduction Successively





Stability of the shoulder joint

- •This joint is **unstable** because of :
 - shallowness of glenoid fossa
 - weak ligaments
- Its strength almost entirely depends on **tone** of **rotator cuff muscles**.
- •Tendons of these muscles are fused to underlying capsule of shoulder joint.
- •*Least supported part of joint* lies in **inferior** location, where it is unprotected by muscles.



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Shoulder pain



Branches from 1st part of subclavian artery



• suprascapular artery,

(branch from 1st part of subclavian artery) distributed to supraspinous and infraspinous fossae of scapula.

 superficial cervical artery, which gives off a *deep branch* that runs down medial border of scapula.

Branches from 3rd part of axillary artery



- subscapular artery and its circumflex scapular branch supply subscapular and infraspinous fossae of scapula.
- anterior & posterior circumflex humeral artery.
- Both circumflex arteries form an *anastomosing circle* around surgical neck of the humerus.

Thank you