

#### **Body Chart-Initial Hypothesis:**

Hamstring Strain HS Tendinopathy Lumbar Radiculopathy Lumbar Referred (Facet) Piriformis Syndrome



#### • 42 yo female

- 3 weeks
- Cartwheel off diving board
- Audible "pop"
- Sharp local pain proximal HS lateral ischium
- Unable to bear weight initially
- Significant Ecchymosis/Swelling
- Pain with sitting proximal aspect HS laterally
- Intermittent NT
- Goals: Train for 10K



## <u>\*\* Subjective Asterisks Signs/Symptoms \*\*</u> (Aggravating/Easing Factors, Description/Location of symptoms, Behavior, Mechanism of injury)

- Mechanism
- Immediate proximal pain
- Inability to bear wt, extend knee with gait (short stride)
- Ecchymosis
- Pain with sitting
- Intermittent Distal NT







## \*\* Physical Exam "Asterisks" Signs/Symptoms \*\* (Special Tests, Movement/Joint Dysfunction, Posture, Palpation, etc.)

- Pain with palpation Proximal aspect, lateral HS (biceps femoris) distal 3 cm
- Improving ecchymosis ٠
- (-) Lumbar clearing
- (+) Slump
- (+) Knee EXT test (40) > SLR (60)
- (+) Thomas Test
- (+) Pain with resisted knee flexion in prone at 15 > 90 degrees; Tibial ER>IR
- No palpable defect Poor LP stability (Ant tilt/Trendelenberg) with Single leg
- Stance/Squat Swing Test: Decreased Hip EXT – increased Ant tilt, pain at end ROM hip flexion/knee EXT; Poor stance stability

#### Diagnostic Accuracy of Clinical Tests for Assessment of Hamstring Injury: A Systematic Review

- Diagnostic Accuracy Variable
- Puranen-Orava Test
- Bent-Knee Stretch Test - Small- Moderate: Alter post test probability
- Taking-Off-The-Shoe Test
  - Conclusive - Study biased
- Clustering Tests minimally improved accuracy
- **Caution: Comprehensive Exam recommended** April 2013 | volume 43 | number 4 | journal of orthopaedic & sports physical therapy

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 Puranen-Orava test
 • This test entails actively stretching the hamstring muscles in the standing position with the hip flexed at about 90°, the knee fully extended, and the foot on a solid support surface.

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# HS knjurg Risk Factors Age Previous HS injurg HS weakness, poor endurance, decr strength Muscle imbalance HS (ecc). Quads (conc) Poor LP control/stability

#### **Factors Associated with Recovery**

- Kicking versus sprinting
- Proximal tendon
- Semimembranosus
- Distal from Ischial tuberosity
- Length of injury
- High Recurrence
   >30% 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks



#### Adverse Neural Tension: A Factor in Repetitive Hamstring Strain? Volume 27 - Number 1 - January 1998 - JOSPT

- 14 male Rugby Union players with a history of grade 1 repetitive hamstring strain.
- Results indicated that 57% of the test group had positive slump tests, suggesting the presence of adverse neural tension.
- None of the control group had a positive slump test.
- Results suggest that adverse neural tension may result from or be a contributing factor in the etiology of repetitive hamstring strain.

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### Neurodynamic Slider



#### **Neurodynamic Tensioner**





#### Hamstring Strength and Morphology Progression after Return to Sport from Injury

- Residual Edema at return to sport (average 26 days post injury)
- Resolved at 6 months
- 10% strength deficit
- Persistent Scar formation
- Protective muscular inhibition
- Shift in peak torque to shorter HS length – change length/tension
- 5% atrophy at 6 months (worst BF)





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#### **LP/SIJ Regional Manipulation**



Patient is SB to same side and rotated opposite to take up slack/lock up lumbar spine. Posterior directed thrust applied to (L) innominate.



Posterior Rotation Innominate – Mobilization/MET



Anterior Rotation Innominate – Mobilization/MET



#### **Eccentrics**

- Stretch-Shortening Cycle
  - "Springs" to utilize elastic energy
- Highest forces with reduced energy
   expenditure
- Overloads muscle compared to
   Concentric
  - Increased mass, power, strength
- Structural and Neural influences



#### **Eccentric Training**

- Shift in peak torque to longer HS length – change length/tension
- Active spring adaptation "stiffer" muscle
- Increased force to resist stretch
- Protect lengthening muscle from stretch overload – injury
- Increased force threshold for tissue failure
- Enhance amount of elastic recoil
  - Enhanced load attenuation
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#### A Comparison of 2 Rehabilitation Programs in the Treatment of Acute Hamstring Strains

• Progressive Agility and Trunk Stability (PATS)

J Orthop Sports Phys Ther 2004;34:116-12

- Static Stretching, Progressive Hamstring Resistance Exercise (STST)
- Re injury rate:
   PATS: 0% @ 2weeks; 7.7% @ 1 year
  - STST: 54% @ 2 weeks; 70% @ 1 year
- Return to sport:
   Avg. 37.4 days (STST)

- Avg. 22.2 days (PATS)

Clinical and Morphological Changes Following 2 Rehabilitation Programs for Acute Hamstring Strain Injuries: A Randomized Clinical Trial

- Progressive Agility and Trunk Stabilization Rehabilitation Program
- Progressive Running and Eccentric Strengthening Rehabilitation Program
- No significant differences in clinical or morphological outcome measures between rehabilitation groups across time
- Re injury rates were low for both rehabilitation groups after return to sport
   Jorthop Sports Phys Ther 2013;43(5):284-299





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