

HSP Assessment and Management Form

Page 1: Preliminary Assessment

Within 24 hours of admission, a 'screening' assessment should be carried out by the admitting doctor. This aims to identify patients with a shoulder pain problem and to determine appropriate initial management.

Guidelines for medical aspects of assessment and management are detailed on pages 27-31 (pink sheets).

It is the doctor's responsibility to:

- Examine the patient to determine the presence and characteristics of shoulder pain.
- Record a brief pain history.
- Determine the patient's overall physical presentation.
- Evaluate the duration, site, severity and frequency of shoulder pain.

HSP ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT FORM

PAGE 1: PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

Surname Age Hospital number
 First name Sex Male Female Date of admission

MAIN DIAGNOSIS

Diagnostic category Physical deficit L hemi Other...
 R hemi Tetraparesis
 Date of onset

DESCRIPTION OF SHOULDER PAIN Duration of shoulder pain (weeks)

Brief History of shoulder pain

Pain severity None Mild Moderate Severe

Sleep disturbance Yes No

Pain at rest Yes No

Pain on movement Yes No

Main category of HSP Painful stiff (Spastic) Floppy subluxed (Flaccid)

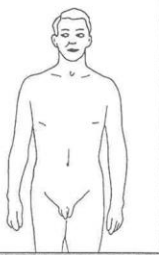
Neurogenic type pain Yes No

History of Trauma Yes (describe) No

Localisation of pain

Previous Shoulder problems Yes (describe) No

Main examination findings



Investigations

U+E Cx Spine Xray
 FBC/platelets Cx Spine MRI
 Plain AP xR Other...
 MRI Shoulder
 Bone Scan
 Dexa scan
 EMGs

Date of initial management plan

See proforma page 1 for details of management plan

Print name.....Signed.....Date...../...../.....

- Arrange further investigations as necessary.
- Summarise findings on the *HSP Assessment and Management Form – Page 1: Preliminary Assessment*
- Present the screening questionnaire (AbilityQ) and shoulder questionnaire (ShoulderQ) as appropriate, (see pages 8-11 for further details).
- Prescribe appropriate initial analgesia
- Liaise with nursing staff about the need to initiate the appropriate handling protocol.
- Liaise with therapy staff about the need to determine immediate positioning and support needs.
- Record these actions on page 1 of the proforma and note any reasons for variance from the protocol.

The Northwick Park Shoulder Pain Questionnaire (ShoulderQ)

The ShoulderQ also contains questions in verbal and numbered VAS format.

- It is administered using the same level of assistance as deemed necessary from the AbilityQ
- It can also be presented in large print on separate cards.

Northwick Park Shoulder Pain Questionnaire. v.2.0

Q1 Surname: [1-12 boxes]

Q2 Hosp No.: [1-6 boxes]

Q3 First name: [1-12 boxes]

Q4 Date: D D / M M / Y Y

Q5 Do you have pain in your shoulder?
 Yes
 No

Q6 If yes, when do you have shoulder pain?
 All of the time
 Most of the time
 Some of the time
 Only when my arm is moved

Q7 How severe is your shoulder pain overall?
 Extremely severe
 Severe
 Moderate
 Mild

Q8 How do you rate your pain severity this week in comparison to last week?
 Much better
 A little better
 The same
 A bit worse
 Much worse

Q9 Does your pain wake you from sleep at night?
 Most nights
 Some nights
 Not at all

Q10 If it wakes you from sleep, how many times a night?
 More than twice a night
 Once or twice a night
 Only occasionally

Q11 Does your pain interfere with therapy sessions? (eg physio)
 Most sessions
 Some sessions
 Not at all

Q12 If it does interfere with therapy, how much?
 Very much
 Quite a lot
 Only occasionally

Q13 Mark below how severe your shoulder pain is during the day
 Worst possible 10
 9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
No pain at all 0

Q14 Mark below how severe your shoulder pain is in physiotherapy
 Worst possible 10
 9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
No pain at all 0

Q15 Mark below how severe your shoulder pain is at night
 Worst possible 10
 9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
No pain at all 0

Q16 During which of the following tasks do you have more pain?
 Tick all that apply
 Transfers
 Washing and dressing
 Physiotherapy sessions
 Turning in bed at night
 None of the above
 Something else: []

Q17 Which of the following helps to relieve your pain?
 Tick all that apply
 Positioning - such as support on pillow / arm-rest
 Pain-killing tablets
 Strapping / brace
 None of the above
 Something else: []

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP: Now please return the questionnaire

Answers indicate the circumstances, timing and severity of pain. This provides a running record of how shoulder pain changes over time and informs any changes in intervention.

The ShoulderQ should be completed by patients each fortnight while they are on the ICP. When this has been done, check that the name and date are correctly entered on the top of the form and file it in the ICP section of the notes.

This action should be recorded in the multi-disciplinary review sections of the ICP proforma

The Pictorial Scale of Pain Intensity (SPIN)

The SPIN is a 6-point ordinal scale, coloured red for visual impact, with optional pictures (see below) conveying pain in different circumstances.

This system has been developed for patients who fail the AbilityQ screen; that is those with aphasia/cognitive impairment who are unable to use either verbal or numbered VAS scales. This group are unlikely to be able to complete a pain questionnaire in standard format.



A booklet has been designed to assist clinicians to evaluate the patient's ability to understand and respond to this way of self-reporting on pain. It acts as both a teaching and an assessment tool. Help from a speech and language therapist may be needed at the outset.

The booklet intersperses explanation with a series of questions which determine the ability to:

- Indicate Yes/No
- Distinguish between two pictures showing 'shoulder pain' and 'no pain'
- Point to each point on the SPIN (to make sure patients can see the whole scale)
- Indicate the site of shoulder pain on their own body
- Answer Yes/No to the question: *'Do you have pain in your shoulder at rest'?*
- Use SPIN to indicate answer to the question: *'How bad is the pain in your shoulder at rest'?*
- Repeat these two steps for: *'Pain on movement'* and *'Pain at night'*

A score sheet is used to record the patient's responses.

If these responses are correct and pain intensity ratings reflect the clinical impression, then we judge it reasonable to accept the patient's self-report as indicating their pain intensity. Additional support for this judgement could be acquired by test-retest.

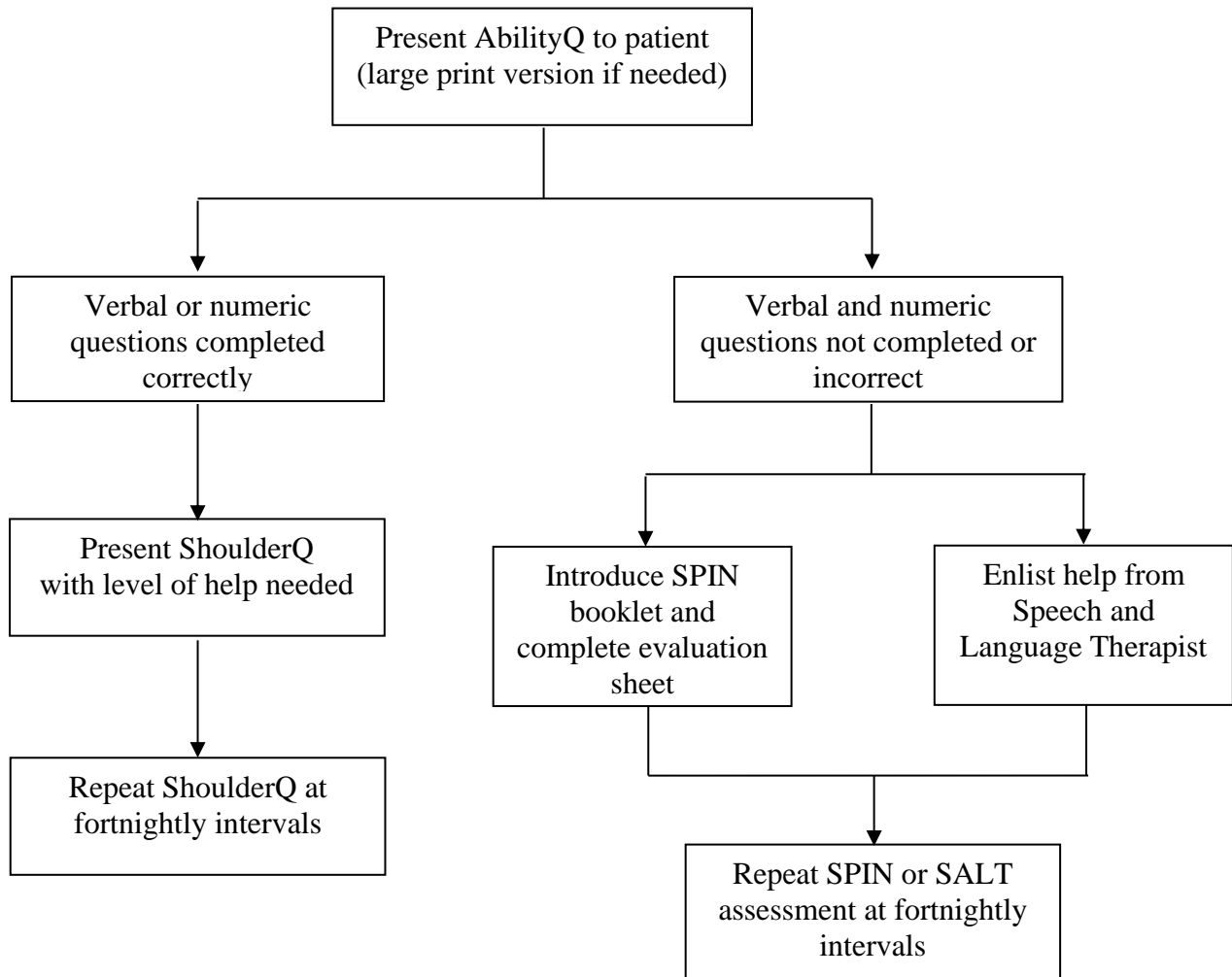
Once the patient can understand the scale, subsequent ratings can be made using laminated copies of the SPIN and pictures.

Flowchart to guide choice of pain assessment tools

The flowchart below should be used to guide pain assessment by self-report from the patient.

If they have communication and/or cognitive impairments of such severity that they are unable to self-report, a judgement will be made by the rehabilitation team as to whether pain appears to be better, the same, worse or resolved.

Whichever method is used to evaluate pain, a fortnightly record of pain status should be made on the multi-disciplinary review sheets in the proforma.



Positioning and handling

Based on an evaluation of the patient's physical presentation, an immediate positioning and handling regime will be recommended.

The following procedures should be implemented within 48 hours of ICP commencement. All actions should be recorded on the proforma, signed and dated.

Northwick Park Hemiplegic Shoulder Pain Protocol

Day 2: Within 48 hours

Nurse's Protocol: Completing Nurse: **Date**

Tick if done
 Positioning chart above bed
 HSP protocol Hypotonic (flaccid) shoulder (A) Hypertonic (spastic) shoulder (B)
 Other comments:

If protocol not initiated, give reason:

Support system: Completing O/T: **Date**

Recommended support system: None needed

Arm-support on wheelchair: Bexhill Ottobock Other.....

Cushion in chair/wheelchair Beanbag Pillow Other.....

Personal Strapping Sling Type:.....

Was recommended system provided? No Yes
 (If not, given details in variance box below)
 Other comments:

If not, reason for variance (eg recommended system not available, say what was done instead)

Documentation: Completing O/T / P/T: **Date**

Goal for management of HSP to be documented in notes
Tick if done
 Goal:

If not, reason for variance

It is the nurse's responsibility to:
Place an appropriate positioning chart above the patient's bed.

Please familiarise yourself with positions on pages 19-24 and nursing guidelines on pages 25-26 (yellow sheets).

There are two alternative positioning protocols for patients with uncomplicated needs:

A: Hypotonic (flaccid) shoulder

Chart A shows positioning in bed and in a chair for these patients.

B: Hypertonic (spastic) shoulder

Chart B shows positioning in bed and in a chair for these patients.

Complex positioning needs

If a patient has complex positioning needs, their physiotherapist and occupational therapist should prepare individualised positioning instructions to go above their bed.

It is accepted that this may take longer than 48 hours. If so, please make a note to this effect on the proforma.

It is the occupational therapist's responsibility to:

Select and supply an appropriate arm support system. Pages 32-34 (green sheets) detail the various options and the flowchart on pages 35-36 (green sheets) guides the choice of support.

It is the occupational therapist's and/or the physiotherapist's responsibility to:

Set one or more goals, specific to the management/reduction of the individual's shoulder pain.

These should be: **Specific Measurable Achievable Relevant Timely**

Medication management and review

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It is the doctor's responsibility to:

Determine an appropriate analgesia regimen in relation to timing and severity of shoulder pain.

This should be introduced, documented and dated on the proforma within 10 working days of commencement of the ICP.

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Northwick Park Hemiplegic Shoulder Pain Protocol

Medication review: Completing Doctor: **Date**

Pain severity at rest	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Mild	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe
Pain severity on movement	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Mild	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe
Interference with daily function	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> Therapy sessions	
Night-time disturbance by pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Requests for prn analgesia/24 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> >4
Pain Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory			
Contra-indications to NSAIDs	<input type="checkbox"/> Gastric history <input type="checkbox"/> Anticoagulation <input type="checkbox"/> Renal impairment			
NSAID use permissible	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> With care <input type="checkbox"/> NO – absolute contra-indication			

Suggested analgesic regimens (for information only)

Agent	Persistent daytime pain	If Pain disturbs sleep Add:	If Pain interferes with therapy: Give 1 hour before
NSAIDs (1st choice unless contra-indicated) <i>Precautions: Consider Misoprostol protection</i>	Voltarol Retard 75mg morning Alternatives Naprosyn 250 mg tds Ibuprofen Retard 800mg od	Voltarol Retard 75mg evening Naprosyn 250mg nocte Ibuprofen Retard 800mg	Voltarol (normal) 25-50 mg NB Total daily dose must not exceed 150mg Naprosyn 250mg Ibuprofen 400mg
Regular simple analgesics	Paracetamol 1g tds	Paracetamol 1g nocte ± Temazepam 10mg	Co-proxamol ii 1hr before NB: Total dose of paracetamol not to exceed 4g per day
Stronger analgesics <i>Precautions: consider Lactulose / Senna</i>	Co-proxamol ii tds Alternatives Co-dydramol ii tds	Co-proxamol ii nocte ± Temazepam 10 mg Co-dydramol ii nocte	Ditto

Chosen medication regimen

Regular medication:	
P.r.n medication:	
Monitoring required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (on NSAIDs: recommend monthly FBC / Biochem)	
Details:.....	
Other: eg Nerve Block /Botulinum Toxin	
Details:	

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They suggest management in cases where there may be:

- Soft tissue damage
- Osteopenia/occult fracture
- Reflex sympathetic dystrophy
- Neurogenic pain
- Cervical spondylosis

Further details of the medical management for these conditions can be found on pages 27-30 (pink sheets).

Two weekly medication reviews

Medication should be reviewed every 2 weeks while the patient is on the ICP.

Review should occur in the light of the patient's self-reported pain status either from the ShoulderQ, the SPIN or from team consensus where the patient is unable to self-report.

Responses should be summarised on the proforma.

This should be documented, signed and dated on the **First Multi-disciplinary Review** (page 14) and thereafter on the **Subsequent Multi-disciplinary Review** (page 16).

Multi-disciplinary management and review

*The HSP Assessment and Management Form - Page 2: M-D Assessment (see facing page) should be filled in jointly by **medical** and **physiotherapy** staff with input from **occupational therapy** staff as required to ensure that all parts of the form are completed.*

This should be done and documented, signed and dated on the proforma within ten working days of commencement on the ICP, otherwise variance should be recorded.

Northwick Park Hemiplegic Shoulder Pain Protocol	
First Multi-disciplinary Review: (Approx Day (10-14)) Date .../.../....	
P/T Assessment: Completing P/T: Date	
Tick if done <input type="checkbox"/> HSP Assessment form: M-D Assessment Page 2	
If not, reason for variance (eg not done to timescale)	
Treatment Plan / Goals: Review of handling / support: What is current support system? Is it appropriate / best available? If not, what is recommended	
Medication review: Completing Doctor: Date	
Tick if done <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Pain Questionnaire <input type="checkbox"/> Better <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Worse <input type="checkbox"/> Resolved	
Pain control <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory	
Current medication for HSP:	
Change of medication to:	
Monitoring: FBC <input type="checkbox"/> U+E <input type="checkbox"/> LFTs	
Other.....	
Other intervention: eg Nerve Block /Botulinum Toxin	
Details	

It is the physiotherapist's responsibility to:

Review the initial treatment plan and goals and adjust these if necessary in the light of the detailed assessment. See pages 37-39 (blue sheets).

It is the occupational therapist's responsibility to:

Review the efficacy of the allocated arm support and change it if necessary. See pages 32-36 (green sheets).

Even if no changes are made, this should still be documented, signed and dated on the proforma.

Variance from the protocol:

Selecting the most appropriate arm support, monitoring its efficacy and gauging patient compliance is not always straightforward.

It is especially important, therefore, to document difficulties of this nature on the proforma. This will add to our understanding of these problems and ultimately improve patient care.

Categories on the M-D Assessment Form are clarified below and on the next page:

Range of non-painful movement: This test should be performed passively in sitting

Suspected rotator cuff tear: A rotator cuff tear may be suspected in a patient with some or all of the following features and may be confirmed by MRI scan:

- History of trauma to the hemiplegic shoulder
- Persistent low tone
- Large subluxation
- Persistent pain

HSP Assessment and Management Form Page 2: M-D Assessment

HSP ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT FORM	
PAGE 2: M-D ASSESSMENT	
Date of M-D Assessment: _____	
Functional Neglect of arm <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Learned disuse <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Sensation in arm <input type="checkbox"/> Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Somatic loss <input type="checkbox"/> Proprioceptive loss <input type="checkbox"/> Not assessable Reflex sympathetic features <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Red/purple skin discoloration <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature change <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of sweating <input type="checkbox"/> MCP tenderness <input type="checkbox"/> Thin shiny skin Severity of GHJ subluxation <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Mild <input type="checkbox"/> Marked GHJ Subluxation <input type="checkbox"/> Flaccid <input type="checkbox"/> Other... <input type="checkbox"/> Spastic Direction of GHJ subluxation <input type="checkbox"/> Inferior <input type="checkbox"/> Anterior <input type="checkbox"/> Medially rotated Scapular malalignment <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Protracted <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated <input type="checkbox"/> Retracted <input type="checkbox"/> Depressed <input type="checkbox"/> Winged	Assessors <input type="checkbox"/> Dr - name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> P/T - name: _____ Tone around shoulder <input type="checkbox"/> Predominantly Low <input type="checkbox"/> Predominantly High <input type="checkbox"/> Other... Spastic muscle groups <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Rhomboids <input type="checkbox"/> Other... <input type="checkbox"/> Pectorals <input type="checkbox"/> Subscapularis <input type="checkbox"/> Lat dorsi <input type="checkbox"/> Biceps <input type="checkbox"/> Trapezius <input type="checkbox"/> Triceps Contractures <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other... <input type="checkbox"/> Medial rotators <input type="checkbox"/> Adductors <input type="checkbox"/> Elbow flexors Distal tone <input type="checkbox"/> Predominantly Low <input type="checkbox"/> Predominantly High <input type="checkbox"/> Other... Muscle activity at shoulder <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Selective <input type="checkbox"/> Flickers <input type="checkbox"/> Functional <input type="checkbox"/> Gross Return of activity in arm <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Throughout <input type="checkbox"/> Proximal <input type="checkbox"/> Distal
MUSCULOSKELETAL ASSESSMENT	
Neck movement <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Neck pain at rest <input type="checkbox"/> Neck pain on movement <input type="checkbox"/> Painless restricted range <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected root entrapment GlenoHumeral joint <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Degenerative change: Non-tender enlargement <input type="checkbox"/> Inflammation: Warm / swelling / redness <input type="checkbox"/> Effusion AcromioClavicular joint <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Degenerative change: Non-tender enlargement <input type="checkbox"/> Inflammation: Warm / swelling / redness <input type="checkbox"/> Effusion SternoClavicular joint <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Degenerative change: Non-tender enlargement <input type="checkbox"/> Inflammation: Warm / swelling / redness <input type="checkbox"/> Effusion	RANGE OF NON-PAINFUL MOVEMENT <small>Measured with shoulder aligned as far as possible, but before physiotherapy to reduce spasticity</small> Abduction _____ Flexion _____ External rotation _____ Internal rotation _____ Elbow flexion _____ Elbow extension _____ Suspected RC tear <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Osteopenia <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Suspected Occult fracture <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Functional neglect: May be seen clinically as failure to dress the arm, poor care of the arm, leaving it outside the wheelchair.

Learned non-use: May be seen clinically as activity that is present in the arm, but not used functionally by the patient.

Sensation in the arm: Assessment should include appreciation of light touch and ability to localise this, as well as joint position sense.

Light touch should be tested with the assessor's finger, proceeding from distal to proximal. The patient may localise verbally or by touching the assessed area.

Joint position sense should also be assessed from distal to proximal. The patient can be asked whether the thumb is being moved up or down, or to mirror the position of the hemiplegic limb with their sound side.

Gleno-humeral joint subluxation: The team must decide the dominant tonal picture at the glenohumeral joint. Only if it is a truly mixed picture should 'other' be ticked.

Direction of subluxation: This is assessed in relation to the normal anatomical position of the glenohumeral joint. The position for assessment is sitting; either unsupported or in a wheelchair, according to the patient's abilities.

Scapular malalignment: Malalignment is in relation to the normal anatomical position, NOT to the unaffected side. A winged presentation is best seen from a lateral view. Assessment should be in sitting.

Tone around the shoulder: This refers to the shoulder complex. Again the assessors must decide the dominant tonal picture.

Hypertonic (spastic) muscle groups: Do not confuse with soft-tissue shortening or contracture. This is asking for the neurological features of resistance to movement. To help you decide, consider whether resistance to movement changes with position or speed. This will not occur if resistance is due to mechanical shortening.

Contractures: This refers to soft-tissue adaptation and/or joint limitation i.e. the range of movement is not limited by tone. The end-feel of movement may be hard (bony) or soft (muscle/connective tissue). It is possible that patients will have components of mechanical and neurological restriction of movement.

Final assessment

The ICP will come to an end when one of the following stages has been reached:

- The patient’s shoulder pain has resolved
- The team are satisfied that the patient’s shoulder pain is minimal and well managed
- The patient is at the point of discharge

It is the doctor’s responsibility to:

Make a final evaluation of pain outcome. This may be informed by the patient’s most recent ShoulderQ, SPIN recordings and/or team consensus. This information should be documented, signed and dated on the proforma.

It is the physiotherapist’s responsibility to:

Summarise management while on the ICP by completing the ***HSP Assessment and Management Form – Page 3:*** (see page 17), signing and dating it.

This action should be documented, signed and dated on the proforma.

Comments about management that varied from recommendations in the sections on guidelines should be noted.

This information makes a useful contribution to the overall evaluation of the ICP.

Northwick Park Hemiplegic Shoulder Pain Protocol

Final Assessment: Date/...../.....

Discharge Pain resolved

Final Assessment: Doctor..... **Date**.....

Tick if done

Shoulder Pain Questionnaire Better Same Worse Resolved

HSP Assessment form (Page 3: Summary of management) complete

Follow-up plans:

Final assessment: P/T **Date**.....

Tick if done

HSP Assessment form (Page 3: Summary of management) complete

Follow-up Plans:

Review of Protocol and reasons for variance

Further Comments

Signed

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HSP Assessment and Management Form

Page 3: Summary of Management

PAGE 3: SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT

<p>Help for positioning</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Full assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Not needed	<p>Protocol initiated</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Standard protocol A (Flaccid) <input type="checkbox"/> Standard protocol B (Spastic) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<p>Main method of locomotion</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Electric wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Walking
<p>Support in bed</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows <input type="checkbox"/> Bean cushion <input type="checkbox"/> Other...	<p>Support in wheelchair</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Bexhill Arm support <input type="checkbox"/> Ottobock support <input type="checkbox"/> Bean cushion <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Other...	<p>Support on feet</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strapping <input type="checkbox"/> Brace <input type="checkbox"/> Sling (Type) <input type="checkbox"/> Other...
<p>Physiotherapy management</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Positioning <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of tone <input type="checkbox"/> Mobilisation of soft tissues <input type="checkbox"/> Splinting / casting <input type="checkbox"/> Manual facilitation of activity <input type="checkbox"/> Pain relieving modalities (ice / TENS) <input type="checkbox"/> Advice to pt / carers <input type="checkbox"/> Functional re-education <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory stimulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other...		
<p>Details of medical management</p> <p>Summary of Analgesia</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<p>Suprascapular block given</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Suprascapular block response</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> None	
<p>Botulinum toxin given</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Botulinum toxin response</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> None	<p>Botulinum toxin sites</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Subcapularis <input type="checkbox"/> Retractors <input type="checkbox"/> Pecs <input type="checkbox"/> Biceps
<p>FES used</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>FES response</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> None	<p>FES muscle groups</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>

RESULT

Pain resolved Completely No Partially

Date of resolution

Signed **Date**