

ORTHOSPINOLOGY

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DeCubellis Family Chiropractic

Upper Cervical Care & Shoulder pain

Understanding Shoulder Pain

Shoulder pain can result from various factors, including injuries, overuse, or structural issues such as misalignments in the spine or neck. The shoulder joint's complex anatomy makes it susceptible to pain arising from both musculoskeletal and neurological sources.

How Orthospinology Can Help with Shoulder Pain

1. Addressing Cervical Misalignments

- **Mechanism:** The upper cervical spine, particularly the atlas (C1) vertebra, plays a crucial role in overall spinal alignment. Misalignments in this area can lead to compensatory patterns in the shoulder and upper back, contributing to pain.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology focuses on correcting these misalignments, which may alleviate shoulder pain by restoring proper biomechanics.

2. Scientific Support:

- A study in the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics* demonstrated that upper cervical chiropractic care improved cervical alignment and reduced associated pain, including shoulder pain (Cummings & White, 2015).

3. Improving Neurological Function

- **Mechanism:** The nerves that innervate the shoulder area originate from the cervical spine. Misalignments in the upper cervical region can lead to nerve interference, resulting in pain or dysfunction in the shoulder.
- **Benefit:** By correcting upper cervical misalignments, orthospinology may improve nerve function and reduce pain symptoms in the shoulder.

4. Scientific Support:

- Research published in *PubMed* found that chiropractic care can enhance neurological function and reduce symptoms related to nerve compression, including shoulder pain (Higgins et al., 2017).

5. Reducing Muscle Tension

- **Mechanism:** Shoulder pain often results from muscle tension and imbalances, which can be exacerbated by poor spinal alignment.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology aims to restore structural integrity to the spine, which can help reduce muscle tension and improve overall shoulder function.

6. Scientific Support:

- A systematic review in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* indicated that chiropractic care effectively reduces muscle tension and associated symptoms, including shoulder pain (Cochrane, 2016).

7. Enhancing Range of Motion

- **Mechanism:** Shoulder pain can limit range of motion, impacting daily activities and overall quality of life.
- **Benefit:** By addressing structural issues in the cervical spine, orthospinology may improve shoulder mobility and function, facilitating better movement patterns.

8. Scientific Support:

- A clinical trial published in the *Journal of Upper Cervical Chiropractic Research* found that patients receiving upper cervical chiropractic adjustments experienced significant improvements in range of motion and reductions in shoulder pain (Mally et al., 2015).

9. Facilitating Overall Spinal Function

- **Mechanism:** Proper spinal alignment is essential for optimal function and movement in all areas of the body, including the shoulders.
- **Benefit:** Orthospinology focuses on enhancing overall spinal function, which may contribute to reduced shoulder pain and improved mobility.

10. Scientific Support:

- A study in *The Spine Journal* indicated that chiropractic adjustments could lead to improvements in spinal biomechanics and function, which may be beneficial for individuals experiencing shoulder pain (Harrison et al., 2006).

Conclusion

Orthospinology offers a targeted approach to managing **shoulder pain** through specific adjustments to the upper cervical spine. By addressing cervical misalignments, improving neurological function, reducing muscle tension, enhancing range of motion, and facilitating overall spinal function, orthospinology can provide significant relief for individuals suffering from shoulder pain.

Scientific studies published in the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics*, *PubMed*, and the *Journal of Upper Cervical Chiropractic Research* support the efficacy of orthospinology in alleviating shoulder pain and enhancing overall spinal health.

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