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# Basic concepts of Sportphysiotherapy

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**"Have you ever experienced a sports-related injury? How did you recover?"**



**Sports physiotherapists:** (sports physios) play a crucial role in athletics and physical fitness. They are healthcare professionals specializing in preventing, diagnosing, treating, and rehabilitating **sports-related injuries**.

**They help:** recover from injuries  
enhance performance  
prevent future issues

# Where do sports physios work?

**Sports Teams and Clubs:** on-site care during training sessions, games, and competitions. They are a vital part of the team's medical staff.

**Private Clinics:** they treat a variety of patients, including athletes and non-athletes

**Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centres:** orthopedic or physical therapy departments, helping patients recover from surgeries or severe injuries.

**Fitness Centres and Gyms:** offering guidance on injury prevention and helping clients achieve their fitness goals safely.

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# Key Responsibilities

**Injury Prevention:** design and implement programs to help athletes avoid injuries (educating athletes on proper techniques, warm-up routines, and exercises that enhance strength and flexibility)

**Injury Assessment and Diagnosis:** They use their knowledge of anatomy and biomechanics to identify the problem accurately.

**Rehabilitation:** Developing and overseeing rehabilitation programs is a core function. Sports physios guide athletes through tailored exercises and treatments to promote healing and restore function.

**Performance Enhancement:** Beyond injury care, sports physios help athletes improve their overall performance (optimizing movement patterns, improving strength and conditioning, and providing advice on nutrition and recovery strategies).

**Emergency Care:** During sporting events, sports physios are often the first responders to injuries, providing immediate care. 3



# Summary

## **They help athletes:**

- recover quickly and safely
- minimizing downtime
- swift return to sport
- reduce the risk of re-injury
- long-term athlete health



# Testing methods

## Motor functions

1. ROM testing (goniometer)
2. Muscle strength (0-5 system, instrumented test, 1RM-MVC)
3. Muscle tests (extensibility)
4. Stability testing (FMS, Y balance, Triple Hop, Davies test)

## Physical examination

1. Medical history, visual inspection, palpation
2. Special tests



# Medical History

„Twenty Questions“ game

## 1. **Chief Complaint** (CC):

“What brings you here today?” “Can you describe your symptoms?” “When did it start?” “Has it gotten better or worse?”

2. **History of Present Illness** (HPI): “How did the problem begin?” (gradually, suddenly, after an injury, etc.) “What makes it better or worse?” “Describe your pain.” “Have you had this problem before?” “Have you tried any treatments?”

3. **Past Medical History** (PMH): “Do you have any chronic illnesses (e.g., diabetes, hypertension)?” “Have you ever had any major injuries, surgeries, or hospitalizations?” “Are you currently under medical treatment for any condition?”

4. **Medication History** “Are you taking any medications or supplements?” “What is the dosage and frequency?”

5. **Family History** (FH): “Has anyone in your family had similar symptoms?”

6. **Social History** (SH): “Do you smoke, drink alcohol, or use recreational drugs?” “Do you exercise regularly?” “What is your diet like?”

7. **Review of Systems** (ROS) (Checking for symptoms in different body systems) “Have you experienced fever, fatigue, or unexplained weight loss?” “Any issues with breathing, digestion, or sleep?” “Do you have any joint pain, swelling, or muscle weakness?”

# Inspection

In rest

- Unloaded, loaded

During movement



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# Functional Movement Screen (2006)



Deep Squat



Hurdle Step



In Line Lunge



Shoulder Mobility



Active Straight  
Leg Raise



Trunk Stability  
Push Up



Rotary Stability

Score	Criteria
0	Pain, regardless of performance
1	Unable to perform
2	Performed with compensation
3	Performed as directed

**FMS™****FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT  
SCREEN SCORE SHEET**

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HEIGHT: 150 cm

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AGE: 20

GENDER: Female

PRIMARY SPORT: None

PRIMARY POSITION: None

HAND/LEG DOMINANCE: Left-handed

PREVIOUS TEST SCORE:

TEST		RAW SCORE	FINAL SCORE	COMMENTS
DEEP SQUAT		3	3	I have no problem performing deep squat.
HURDLE STEP	L	2	2	I had trouble balancing myself.
	R	2		
INLINE LUNGE	L	3	3	I had no problem executing inline lunge.
	R	3		
SHOULDER MOBILITY	L	2	2	I had issue performing shoulder mobility.
	R	2		
SHOULDER CLEARING TEST	L +/-	3		I had no problem performing the clearing test.
	R +/-	3		
ACTIVE STRAIGHT-LEG RAISE	L	3	3	I had no problem executing active straight-leg raise.
	R	3		
TRUNK STABILITY PUSHUP		2	2	I had a hard time performing trunk stability push-up
EXTENSION CLEARING TEST	+/-	3		I had no problem executing the clearing test.
ROTARY STABILITY	L	2	2	I had a hard time performing the rotary stability.
	R	2		
FLEXION CLEARING TEST	+/-	3		I had no problem performing the clearing test.
<b>TOTAL SCREEN SCORE</b>			17	

Raw Score: This score is used to denote right and left side scoring. The right and left sides are scored in five of the seven tests and both are documented in this space.

Final Score: This score is used to denote the overall score for the test. The lowest score for the raw score (each side) is carried over to give a final score for the test. A person who scores a three on the right and a two on the left would receive a final score of two. The final score is then summarized and used as a total score.

Clearing Test: A positive indicates pain. A negative indicates no pain. If pain is present (+), the score for that test would result in a 0.

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# Testing methods



## Strength, and endurance tests:

1. Endurance track tests (Cooper, pendulum, Yo-Yo)
2. Endurance lab test–spiroergometry
3. Acceleration sprint runs
4. Agility track tests (Illinois, Bochum)
5. Dynamic strength track test (high from place, high from place distance)
6. Instrumental force measurement in biomechanical laboratory

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# Phases of Sports Rehabilitation



## 1. **Acute Phase (Inflammation Control)**

- Focus: Pain and swelling reduction.
- Methods: Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation (**RICE**), and gentle mobility exercises.

## 2. **Early Rehabilitation (Restoring Mobility & Basic Strength)**

- Focus: Regaining joint mobility and muscle activation.
- Methods: Passive & active range-of-motion exercises, isometric strengthening, and light stretching.

## 3. **Intermediate Rehabilitation (Strength & Stability)**

- Focus: Improving muscle strength, coordination, and balance.
- Methods: Resistance training, proprioception exercises (e.g., balance boards), controlled functional movements.

## 4. **Advanced Rehabilitation (Sport-Specific Training)**

- Focus: Restoring power, endurance, and agility.
- Methods: Plyometrics, high-intensity resistance training, sport-specific drills.

# Techniques & Tools Used in Sports Physiotherapy

- **Manual Therapy** – Hands-on techniques like joint mobilization, soft tissue massage, and myofascial release to reduce pain and improve mobility.
- **Therapeutic Exercises** – Strength, flexibility, and balance exercises to restore function and prevent re-injury.
- **Electrotherapy** – Modalities like **TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation)** and **ultrasound therapy** to reduce pain and promote healing, as well as **shock-wave therapy**.
- **Cryotherapy & Heat Therapy** – Ice packs and heat applications to manage inflammation and improve circulation.
- **Kinesiology Taping** – Supports muscles and joints, reduces pain, and enhances movement efficiency.
- **Proprioceptive & Balance Training** – BOSU balls, balance boards, and stability exercises to improve coordination and injury prevention.
- **Foam Rolling & Self-Myofascial Release** – Helps with muscle recovery and flexibility.
- **Sport-Specific Drills** – Functional movement training to ensure a safe return to play.

# Returning to sport

## Precondition:

1. No pressure sensitivity in the affected area
2. Overall function (ROM, muscle strength)
3. Pain relief during both concentric and eccentric muscular activity

Task: Tailor a rehab protocol after an ankle sprain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yohLKy5lj5k&t=17s>



# Summary Table of Major Manual Therapy Approaches



Manual Therapy	Core Principles	Typical Techniques	Indications	Contraindications
<b>Massage Therapy</b>	Soft-tissue manipulation to improve circulation and reduce tension	Effleurage, petrissage, friction, tapping	Muscle tension, stress, soft-tissue restrictions	Acute infections, open wounds, thrombosis
<b>Myofascial Release (MFR)</b>	Releases fascial restrictions to restore mobility	Sustained pressure, stretching of fascia	Chronic pain, postural dysfunction, mobility limitations	Acute inflammation, fractures, deep vein thrombosis
<b>Trigger Point Therapy</b>	Deactivates painful myofascial trigger points	Ischemic compression, deep pressure	Localized muscle pain, tension headaches	Severe osteoporosis, acute injuries
<b>Joint Mobilization (Maitland, Kaltenborn)</b>	Restores joint play and mobility	Graded oscillatory (Maitland) or sustained (Kaltenborn) mobilizations	Stiff joints, hypomobility, mild arthritis	Joint instability, fractures, malignancy
<b>Manipulation / High-Velocity Low-Amplitude (HVLA)</b>	Rapid thrust to improve joint function	Spinal or peripheral joint thrusts	Joint restrictions, mechanical spinal pain	Osteoporosis, severe arthritis, vascular disorders
<b>Manual Lymphatic Drainage (MLD)</b>	Stimulates lymph flow and reduces edema	Gentle, rhythmic strokes following lymph pathways	Lymphedema, post-surgery swelling	Acute infection, heart failure, renal issues
<b>Craniosacral Therapy</b>	Gentle mobilization of cranial and sacral rhythms	Light touch, subtle tissue release	Headaches, stress, chronic pain	Increased intracranial pressure, skull fractures
<b>Visceral Manipulation</b>	Restores mobility of internal organs and fascia	Gentle organ-specific mobilization	Digestive dysfunctions, post-surgical adhesions	Acute infections, active inflammation, pregnancy



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# Thank you for your attention!

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