CPD EVENT RECORD

Case-Based Discussion



This case concerned a young man with benign hereditary chorea (BHC), as well as general hypermobility. A keen karateka, he suffered right shoulder pain when executing a movement known as the "rising block".

As a result of the chorea, his scapular movement was imperfect, and his problem might be compounded by the long hours he spends seated at a computer. When seated, he exhibits a marked sidebending to the left.

There are no conventional treatment protocols for BHC, therefore the discussion ranged over a large number of possible interventions. These included K-taping; positive reinforcement of "correct" movements, possibly through supervision during exercise; trigger point work; contralateral strength training; functional exercises and postural alignment.

It was recognised that there might be limited scope to change the patient's functionality, and that symptomatic relif might have to be the main priority.



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This case provided a great opportunity to apply basic therapeutic principles to a complicated problem. It serves as a reminder that even in cases where the underlying problem is outside my scope of practice, it might st ill be possible to improve a patient's quality of life.