

Cx Radiculopathy Cheat Sheet

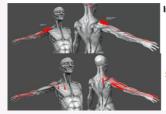
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TrP pain referral similar to cx radiculopathy



Supraspinatous

evator Scapula



Infraspinatous

Scalenes

- Supraspinatous C5
- Infraspinatous C5-7
- Scalenus Anterior C5-C7
- Levator Scapulae C8,T1

Cx Disc Herniation

- More likely to occur posterolaterally
- Hard Disc Derangement = older patient with degenerative changes
- Soft Disc Derangement = young pts, trauma commonly benign
- Look out for C8,T1 lesions, disc herniations are rare could be non-mechanical

NR Symptoms

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Root	Symptoms	
C5	Pain lateral upper arm to elbow, medial scapula border	
C6	Pain in the lateral forearm, thumb and index finger	
C7	Neck pain, medial scapula down to middle finger	
C8	Neck pain, radiating to the shoulder, ulnar side of forearm and little finger	
T1	Pain in shoulder and axilla to olecrana	

Hx Findings

- Sharp, Aching pain in neck radiating into arm	 Stiffness of neck with decreased ROI
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- Sensory Changes in dermatonal fashion , tingling, numbness, loss of sensation - Myotomal weakness in muscles supplied by effected nerve root

- Bakody's sign (abducting the shoulder and placing hand on their head) reduces symptoms - Pain may wake up patient at night (common in neurological pain)

- Coughing, Sneezing/straining (Valsalva) worsens pain



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Exam Findings	
- Pt head tilts away from side of radicular pain	- AROM reduced in Extension, rotation and lateral flexion - flexion relieves pain
- Tenderness of paraspinal cx muscles, Trps in muscles supplied by the affected nerve	-Cx spine compression & Doorbells +ve, Cx distraction relieves pain
- SMR affected (Diminished & Asymmetrical)	- Gait, LL reflexes & Hoffmans and Babsinki for suspected myelopathy

Cervical Spine Injuries

Fracture

Dislocations

Spondylolisthesis

Disc Derangements



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