

Unlock the Secrets of Scapulothoracic Assessment: A Comprehensive Guide

Mastering scapulothoracic assessment is crucial for physical therapists, chiropractors, and other healthcare professionals seeking to optimize treatment outcomes. This comprehensive guide will provide you with a step-by-step approach to assess the scapulothoracic region effectively. Based on the latest research and clinical experience, this book empowers you with the knowledge and skills to accurately identify movement impairments, optimize rehabilitation plans, and improve patient outcomes.



Scapulothoracic Assessment in Three Simple Steps: Unique Three Dimensional Approach (What's Wrong With My Shoulder? Book 1)

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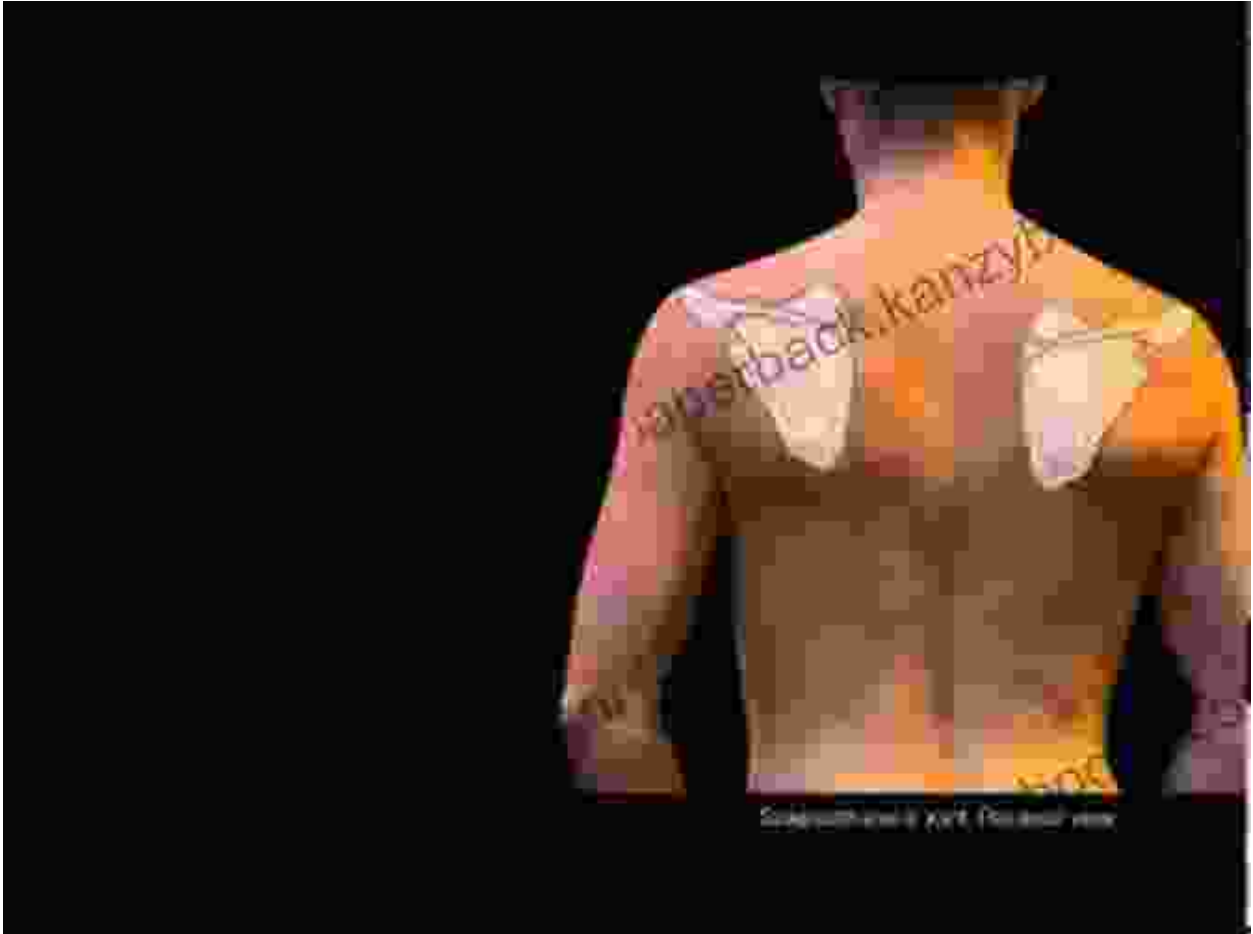
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Step 1: Observation and Palpation

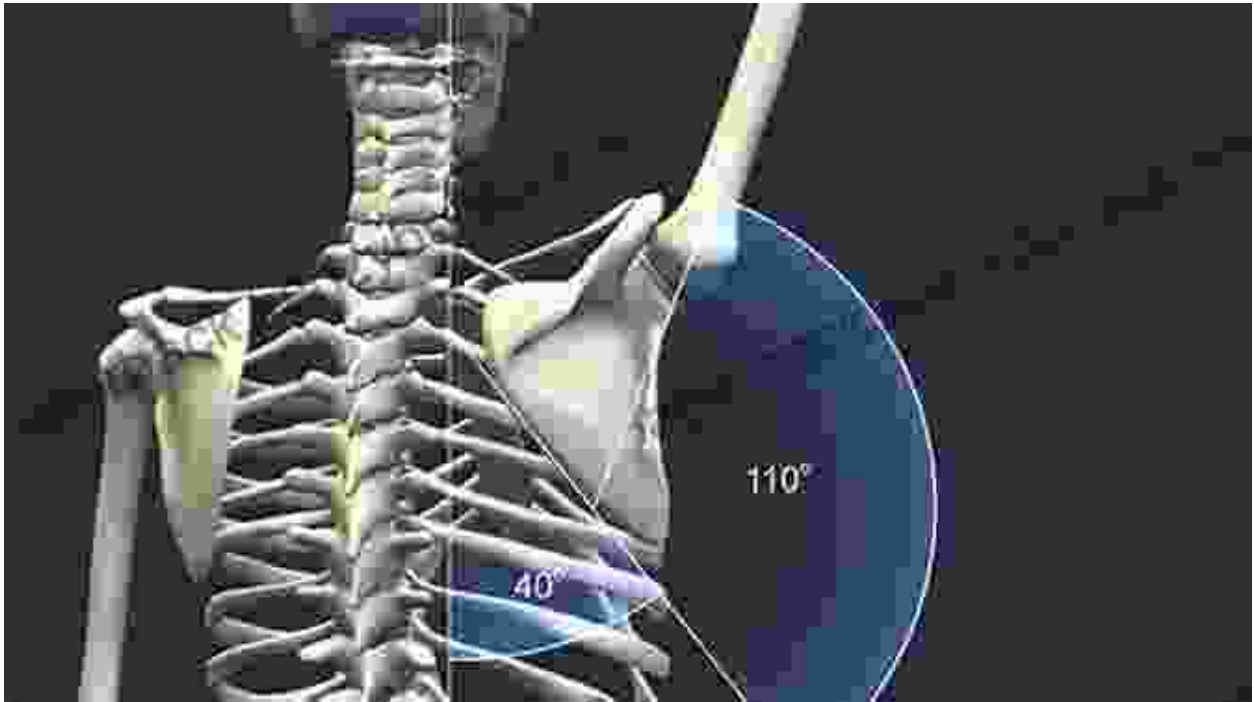
- **Visualize:** Observe the patient's scapulothoracic region from anterior, posterior, and lateral views, noting any asymmetry, scapular winging,

or postural deviations.



- **Palpate:** Using light to moderate pressure, palpate the scapula, thoracic spine, and surrounding musculature to assess for tenderness,

trigger points, or muscle imbalances.



Step 2: Active and Resisted Range of Motion

- **Active Range of Motion (AROM):** Ask the patient to actively move their shoulder through flexion, extension, abduction, adduction, internal

and external rotation, noting any limitations or pain.



- **Resisted Range of Motion (RROM):** Apply manual resistance to the patient's shoulder movements to assess muscle strength and identify

any weakness or imbalances.



Step 3: Specific Tests

- **Scapular Dyskinesia Test:** Assess the scapula's upward and downward rotation, anterior and posterior tilt, and winging during arm

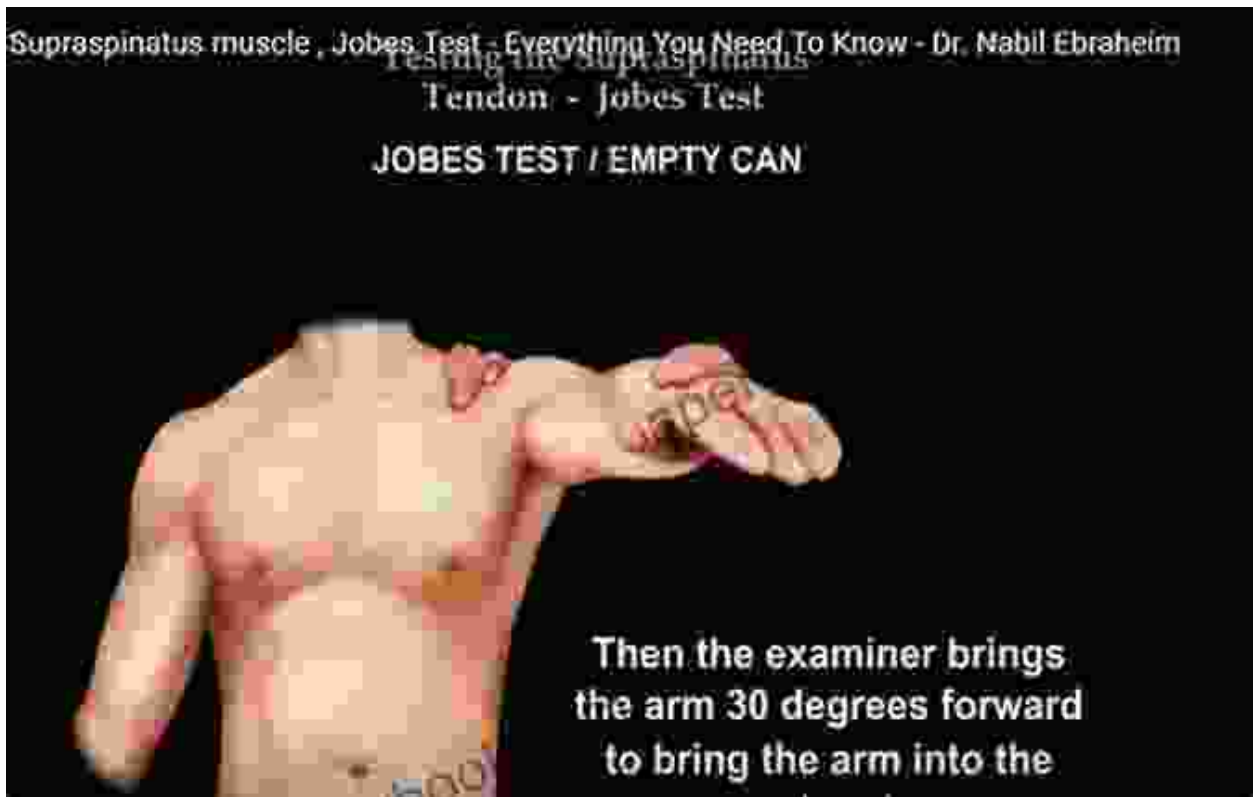
elevation.



- **Apprehension Test:** Perform this test to assess for shoulder instability by applying gentle anterior or posterior force to the humerus while the patient resists.



- **Yergason's Test:** Evaluate the integrity of the supraspinatus muscle by assessing the patient's ability to externally rotate the shoulder against resistance.



Interpretation and Intervention

Based on the assessment findings, you can determine the underlying movement impairments and develop an appropriate rehabilitation plan. This may include exercises to improve scapular stability, restore muscle balance, and correct postural deviations.

- **Strengthening Exercises:** Prescribe exercises to strengthen weak muscles, such as the serratus anterior, trapezius, and rotator cuff muscles.
- **Stretching Exercises:** Address muscle imbalances by incorporating stretching exercises for tight muscles, such as the pectoralis minor, upper trapezius, and latissimus dorsi.

- **Postural Correction:** Guide patients on proper body mechanics and provide exercises to improve posture and reduce stress on the scapulothoracic region.

Mastering scapulothoracic assessment is essential for healthcare professionals seeking to optimize patient outcomes. This comprehensive guide provides a step-by-step approach to accurately assess the scapulothoracic region, identify movement impairments, and develop effective rehabilitation plans. By integrating the principles outlined in this book, you can enhance your clinical skills and empower your patients to achieve optimal physical function.

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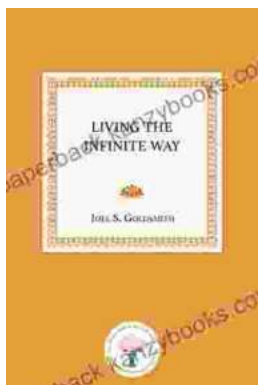
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