

PSI Evidence-Based Newsletter

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Neck Pain - The Facts

- 66% of people will experience neck pain at some time in their lives
- 10% of people with neck pain will go on to develop chronic pain
- Evidence shows that patients treated by a physiotherapist within 5 days of injury have significantly less time lost from work

Neck Pain

- Deep neck flexor (DNF) muscle weakness has been associated with cervical pain and dysfunction.
- Mobilization combined with an exercise regimen is beneficial for patients with mechanical neck disorders.
- Active treatment, administered early, is effective for pain reduction.

Physiotherapy helps!

- Active treatments are superior to rest or collar use.
- Manual therapy can reduce pain and increase mobility.
- Active and passive movements in the cervical spine can reduce neck pain following whiplash.
- Training of DNF's helps to prevent recurrence.

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Why use PSI Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Centres?

- ✓ We focus on functional outcomes.
- ✓ We improve level of function, ability to work, and quality of life.
- ✓ We go for long-term results not just short-term pain relief.
- ✓ 85% of patients meet their goals.

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