

— 7 SIMPLE STEPS TO EASE —

Back Pain

*And get back to the sport, training and life you love —
without pills, injections or surgery*



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A quick note before you read on

This guide is here to help you feel more confident about the choices you have when your back is playing up — and to show you that there is usually a great deal you can do before pills, injections or surgery ever come into the picture. It isn't a substitute for a proper one-to-one assessment, but it's a very good place to start.

About the Author

Who is Amy at AG Injury Rehabilitation?

I help active people in and around Wigan get back to the things they love — whether that's five-a-side, a round of golf, their weekend run or simply keeping up with the kids — without being told to just "rest it" or "live with it".

I know first-hand how much being active matters. I've always played sport myself — a lot of football, right up until a few years ago — so I understand how much it means to stay fit and doing what you love, and just how frustrating it is when an injury gets in the way.

So much back pain advice leaves people frightened of their own bodies: told their scan looks terrible, told to stop doing the things that keep them happy and healthy. In my experience, that rarely helps and often makes matters worse. Backs are strong, adaptable and built to move, and most people recover far better than they've been led to expect — with the right plan and the right support.

A different approach

Rather than guessing, I use objective strength and movement testing (VALD technology) to measure exactly what's going on — so your plan is built on real numbers, not assumptions. From there we work together through a clear, structured plan of care that fits around your life, so you understand what we're doing and why at every stage.

My aim is simple: to get you back to what you actually want to be doing, and to leave you stronger and more resilient than you were before the pain started.



Keeping active in the Lakes

7 Simple, Natural Ways to Ease Back Pain

These are the same principles I use every day with active people who want to get back to their sport — and stay there.

1 Keep moving — don't rest up

It's tempting to take to the sofa when your back hurts, but long periods of rest usually slow recovery rather than speed it up. Gentle, regular movement keeps the area supplied with blood, keeps muscles from stiffening and reminds your nervous system that moving is safe. You don't need to push into sharp pain — but staying active, within comfortable limits, is one of the best things you can do.

2 Build a strong, resilient core and hips

A back that copes well with sport is a back that's well supported. Targeted strengthening of your core, hips and glutes takes load off the spine and builds the resilience you need to run, swing a club or get through a match without flaring up. The key word is *progressive* — the right exercises, built up gradually, rather than a random handful pulled off the internet.

3 Get your sleep and recovery right

Recovery is where your body actually repairs and adapts, and poor sleep makes pain feel worse and lingers longer. If you sleep on your side, a pillow between your knees helps keep your spine comfortable; if you sleep on your back, a pillow under your knees supports its natural curve. Good sleep isn't a luxury when you're in pain — it's part of the treatment.

4 Manage your load — don't just avoid it

Most back pain in active people isn't caused by one dramatic moment, but by doing too much too soon, or too little for too long. The answer isn't to stop — it's to manage how much you're asking of your body and build it back up sensibly. Getting this balance right is often the difference between a niggle that settles and one that keeps coming back.

No single "magic" exercise

If someone promises one stretch or one gadget that fixes back pain for good, be sceptical. Lasting results come from putting the pieces together — movement, strength, load, sleep and confidence — not from a magic bullet.

5 Understand your pain

Pain is real, but it isn't always a measure of damage. Backs are remarkably strong, and "wear and tear" seen on a scan is often just a normal part of getting older — found in plenty of people with no pain at all. Understanding this takes the fear out of moving, and when the fear goes, recovery usually follows. A big part of my job is simply helping you make sense of what's going on.

6 Use heat, movement and hands-on for short-term relief

Heat can relax tight, guarded muscles and ease stiffness, while gentle movement keeps things loose. Hands-on treatment and sports massage can bring welcome short-term relief and help you move more comfortably so you can get on with the active parts of your recovery. Think of these as helpful support alongside the real work — not the whole answer on their own.

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Get a proper assessment rather than guessing

The single most useful step is finding out exactly what's driving your pain, instead of guessing and hoping. A thorough assessment — backed by objective strength and movement testing — shows what's strong, what's weak and what's actually holding you back, so your plan targets the real problem. It also means we can spot the rare occasions when back pain needs onward referral, and act quickly.

Sports rehabilitation is an ideal first port of call for back pain: skilled at diagnosing it, treating it without pills or surgery, and getting you back to full function — not just out of pain, but back to doing what you love.

When to seek urgent medical help

Most back pain is not dangerous, but please seek urgent medical advice (GP, NHS 111 or A&E) if you develop any of the following: numbness or tingling around your back passage or genitals, difficulty controlling your bladder or bowels, numbness or weakness in both legs, or back pain alongside a fever or feeling generally unwell. These are uncommon, but they need prompt attention.

What to Do Next

Ready to get to the bottom of your back pain — and back to what you love?

This guide gives you a strong start, but nothing beats a proper look at *your* back, *your* sport and *your* goals. That's exactly what a Free Discovery Session is for.

It's a relaxed, no-obligation chance to come in, tell me what's been going on, and find out whether AG Injury Rehabilitation is the right fit to help — before you commit to anything. You'll leave with a clearer idea of what's causing your pain and what can be done about it.

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I'd love to help you get back to it. Get in touch today.

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Each person is different, and results can vary widely depending on background, medical history, how advice is applied, motivation and many other factors. This guide is intended as general information only and does not replace an individual, in-person assessment.

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