

— 7 SIMPLE STEPS TO EASE —

Shoulder 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 shoulder 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".

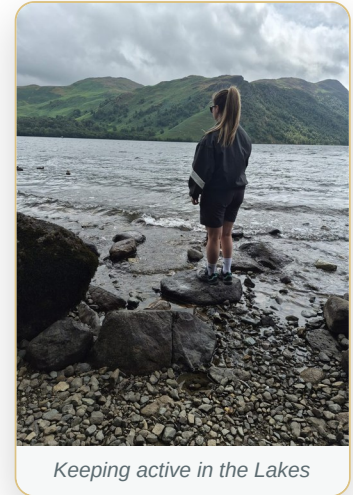
I know first-hand how much being active matters. I've always played sport myself — a lot of football, right up until a few years ago — so I understand how much it means to stay fit and doing what you love, and just how frustrating it is when an injury gets in the way.

So much shoulder 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. Shoulders 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.



7 Simple, Natural Ways to Ease Shoulder 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 it moving — gentle movement beats total rest

When a shoulder hurts, the instinct is to protect it and stop using it altogether — but a shoulder that stops moving quickly becomes a stiff one. Gentle, regular movement within comfortable limits keeps the joint mobile, maintains blood flow and reminds your nervous system that moving is safe. You don't need to force through sharp pain, but keeping the shoulder gently active is one of the best things you can do early on.

2 Build strength through range

A shoulder that copes well with sport is a strong, well-controlled one. Targeted strengthening of the rotator cuff and the muscles around your shoulder blade builds the stability and resilience you need to press, throw, swim or swing without flaring up. The key word is *progressive* — the right exercises, built up gradually and through range, rather than a random handful pulled off the internet.

3 Get your sleep and setup right

Shoulder pain and sleep are closely linked — lying on the sore side often wakes people through the night, and poor sleep makes pain feel worse. Try sleeping on your back, or on the opposite side hugging a pillow to support the affected arm. It's also worth checking your everyday setup, like your desk and driving position, so you're not constantly aggravating it. 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 shoulder pain in active people isn't caused by one dramatic moment, but by doing too much too soon — a sudden jump in overhead work, pressing, throwing or racket sport — or too little for too long. The answer isn't to stop, but to manage how much you're asking of the shoulder 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, band or gadget that fixes shoulder 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. Shoulders are remarkably adaptable, and changes seen on a scan — like minor "wear" or small rotator cuff changes — are often 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 ease stiffness and help a guarded shoulder relax, while gentle movement keeps it from seizing up. 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.

7 Get a proper assessment rather than guessing

The single most useful step is finding out exactly what's driving your shoulder pain, instead of guessing and hoping. Shoulder pain has several possible sources — the rotator cuff, the joint itself, the control of your shoulder blade, or even the neck referring pain — and they don't all respond to the same thing. A thorough assessment, backed by objective strength and movement testing, shows what's actually going on so your plan targets the real problem.

Sports rehabilitation is an ideal first port of call for shoulder 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. It also means we can spot the rare occasions when shoulder pain needs onward referral, and act quickly.

When to seek urgent medical help

Most shoulder pain is not dangerous, but please seek prompt medical advice if any of the following apply: your shoulder looks out of shape or you can't move it after a significant fall or injury; you can't lift your arm at all after a trauma; the joint is hot and swollen and you feel unwell or feverish; or you notice an unexplained lump. And if shoulder pain comes on with chest tightness, breathlessness, sweating or feeling unwell, treat it as an emergency and call 999 — occasionally this can signal a heart problem rather than the shoulder itself.

What to Do Next

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

This guide gives you a strong start, but nothing beats a proper look at *your* shoulder, *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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