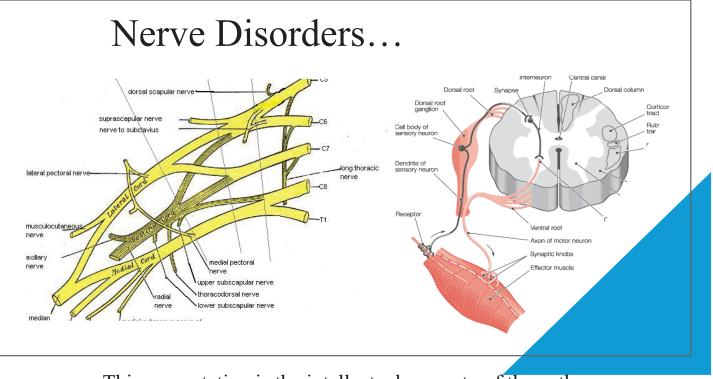
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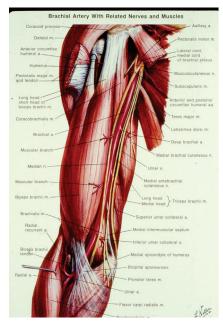
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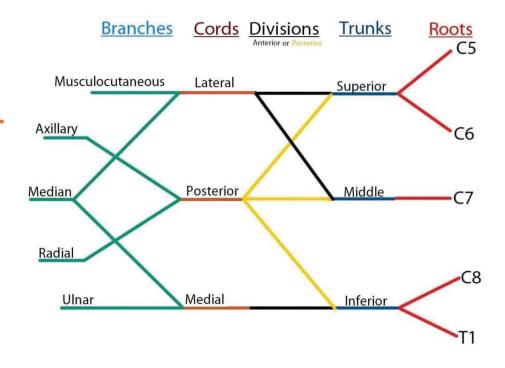


Brachial Plexus...

- Set of symptoms that involve pain
- Burning and tingling down the arm
- Localized weakness
- All symptoms resolve within ten minutes

RTDCB

- roots, trunks, divisions, cords and branches
- A good mnemonic device: Read That Damn Cadaver Book



Neuropraxia

- Axonotmesis
- Neurotmesis

Brachial Plexus

- Limited c-spine motion
- Radicular pain
- Bilateral pain
- Weakness, sensory deficit
- Trauma



Brachial Plexus

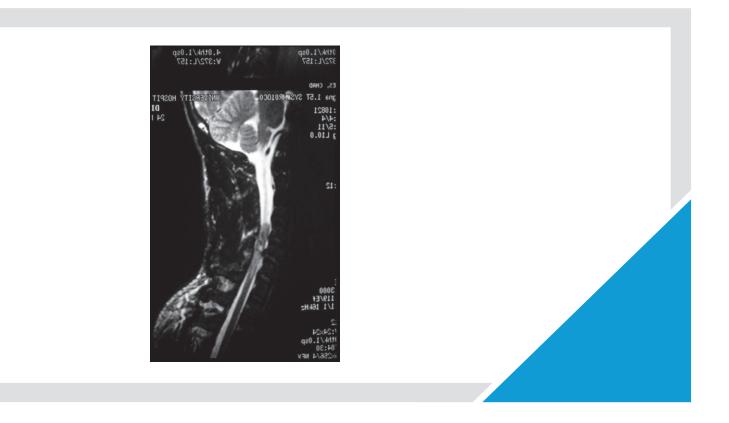
- 20-year-old college football player after tackle
- Pain in both arms, radiating from neck
- Neck is painful and stiff
- Weakness in both upper extremities

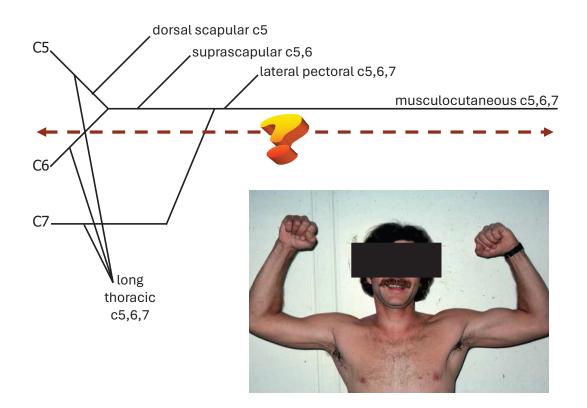


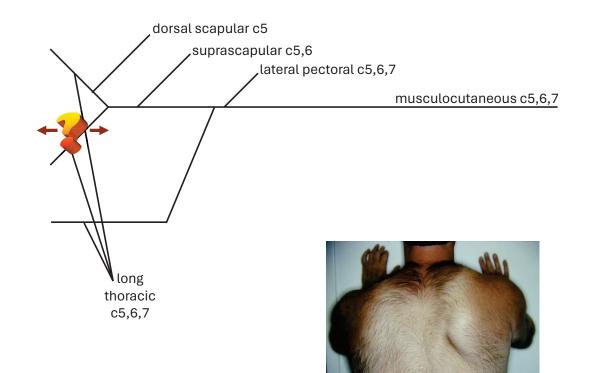
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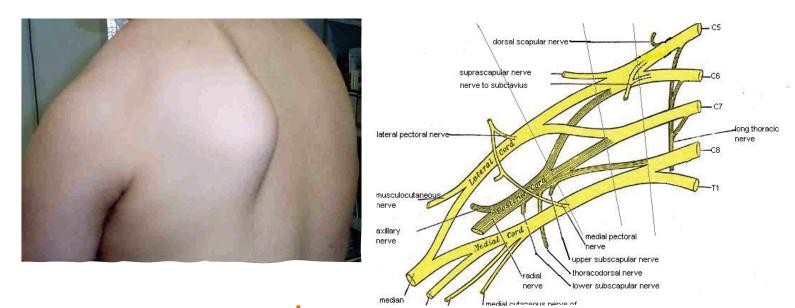
- 20-year-old college football player
- Neck Injury
- Immediate quadriplegia
- Complete resolution in ten minutes





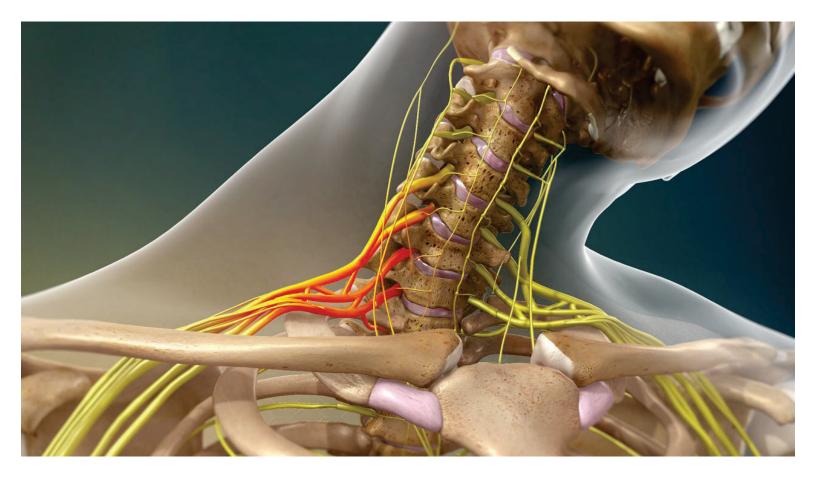


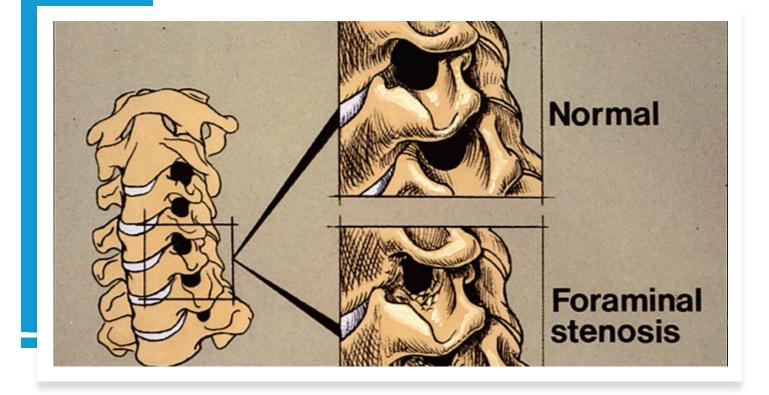




Nerve disorders...

Scapula winging







All motor and sensory symptoms resolve in seconds to minutes.



• Symptoms longer than few minutes should be worked up with EMG or MRI.

Stinger

- Always unilateral.
- Biceps, deltoid, supraspinatus and infraspinatus muscles involved.

Stinger

- Protection of injured structure
- Rules changed
- Rehab
- Flexibility & Strength

- 1. Careful Physical Exam Will Detect 95% of Brachial Plexus Injuries
- 2. EMG May Be Helpful After 3 Weeks
- 3. Nerves of the Upper Trunk Are More Commonly Affected