

LATERAL HIP PAIN

Gluteal Tendinopathy and Trochanteric Bursitis



Recent LEAP trial published in British Medical Journal:

PHYSIOTHERAPY
(Education plus exercise)

VS

CORTISONE INJECTION

VS

WAIT + SEE FOR LATERAL HIP PAIN
(gluteal tendinopathy +/- trochanteric bursitis).

thebmj Visual Abstract **Gluteal tendinopathy: Comparison of 3 approaches**

LEAP trial

People with lateral hip pain **204**

Aged 35-70 82% female Median 24 months pain

Randomisation

EDX **69**
A programme of education on load management plus exercise (14 sessions over 8 weeks)

CSI **66**
A single corticosteroid injection

WS **69**
"Wait and see" approach

Primary outcomes

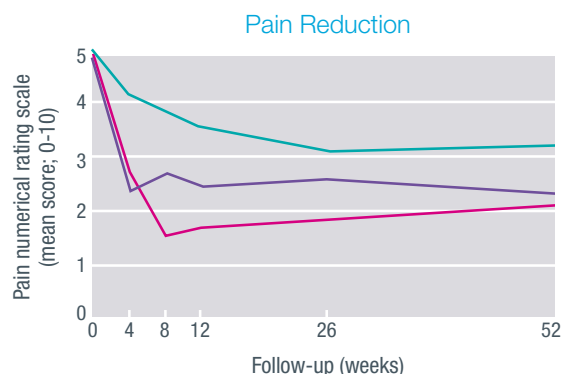
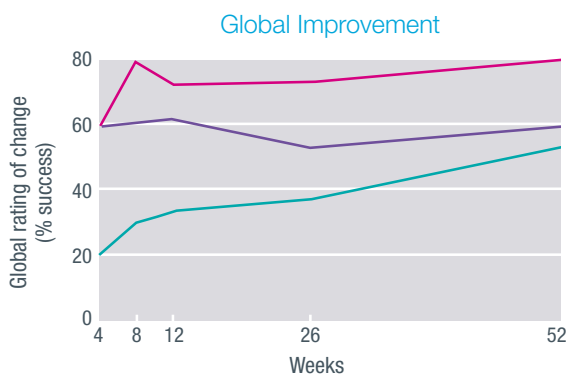
Global rating of change (GROC). Proportion reporting at least "moderately better"

Mean pain intensity (0-10), low scores better

Time Point	EDX	CSI	WS
8 weeks	GROC: 77%	GROC: 58%	GROC: 29%
8 weeks	Pain: 1.5	Pain: 2.7	Pain: 3.8
52 weeks	GROC: 78%	GROC: 57%	GROC: 52%
52 weeks	Pain: 2.1	Pain: 2.3	Pain: 3.2

EDX resulted in greater improvement than **CSI** and **WS** at both 8 and 52 weeks

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EDUCATION

Avoiding compressive positions which worsen gluteal tendinopathy/trochanteric bursitis, appropriate activity modification, appropriate load progression.



POSITIONS TO AVOID FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS	ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS
Deep Sitting/Sitting in a low chair	High sitting (e.g. on a stool, wedge cushion or pillows) Sitting with affected leg over edge of chair Recline
Sitting cross legged	No alternative. Avoid.
“Lazy” Standing (standing with leg across body in adduction)	Stand straight
Prolonged Deep Squatting (e.g. during gardening)	Kneeling on affected side if able
Knee to Chest and Across Body Stretches	Self-massage, Physio
Lying on affected side	Lie on opposite side, or on back. If lying on opposite side, place a pillow between knees.



EXERCISE

4-6 exercises performed daily, including: Hip extensor, abductor, external rotation strengthening and graduated functional loading exercises.



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