SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL CATEGORY 3B CME PROGRAMME

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		True	False
1.	Frozen shoulder is defined as a condition of uncertain aetiology, characterised by significant restriction of both active and passive shoulder motion occurring in the absence of a known intrinsic shoulder disorder.		
2.	Patients with frozen shoulder typically experience severe pain, which is worse in the day and improves at night.		
3.	There is higher risk of primary idiopathic frozen shoulder in patients with diabetes mellitus, and it may		
	be the first presentation of a diabetic.		
4.	Adhesive capsulitis can occur after shoulder injuries or immobilisation (e.g. trauma, rotator cuff tear or shoulder surgery) or with systemic diseases such as thyroid diseases and Parkinson's disease.		
5.	Frozen shoulder often progresses in two stages: the freezing (painful) and thawing phases.		
6.	In the freezing stage, which lasts about 1–2 months, there is a gradual onset of diffuse, severe shoulder pain that typically worsens at night.		
7.	During the thawing stage, the patient experiences a gradual return of range of motion, which takes about 5–26 months to complete.		
8.	Adhesive capsulitis is often self-limiting, usually resolving in 1–3 years without professional treatment.		
9.	Frozen shoulder is estimated to affect about 2–5 in 100 persons among the general population, and		
	can be significantly painful and disabling.		
10.	Frozen shoulder most commonly occurs in those in their sixth to eighth decades of life, and more often in women than men.		
11.	There are limited management modalities for frozen shoulder in the primary care setting, and these are		
	limited to patient education of its natural history and appropriate anti-inflammatory drugs and analgesia.		
12.	Doctors should be encouraging and reassure patients that they will definitely regain full range of motion with adequate thawing time.		
13.	Physical therapy has been shown to increase pain for patients but can speed up the return of functional motion.		
14.	Pain is often most severe during the freezing phase, and there are no physical therapies targeted at pain relief.		
15.	A heat or ice pack can be applied as a modality to relieve pain before the start of physical therapy exercises.		
	Aggressive stretching beyond the pain threshold can result in faster recovery and better outcomes, particularly in the early phase of the condition.		
17.	Strengthening exercises are added at the frozen stage to maintain muscle strength.		
	In the thawing phase, it is crucial to get the shoulder back to normal as quickly as possible by regaining full movement and strength. Strengthening exercises are important, as the shoulder is considerably weakened after a few months of little movement.		
19.	Referral to a physiotherapist can be made if the patient needs more guidance or fails to improve after		
	the recommended trial of exercises.		
20.	Patients with calcific tendonitis or acromial bone spur seen on shoulder radiographs need to be referred		
	to an orthopaedics specialist for further evaluation and treatment.		
Doctor's particulars:			
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Specialty: Email:			

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