

Good Boost Clinical Rationale for exercise recommendation

This document is for the purposes of registration of the Good Boost app on the app and play store, to highlight the clinical rationale in the selection of exercise by Good Boost's exercise selection AI.

Good Boost's exercise recommendation engine technology is registered as a Class 1 Medical Device (Ref 8727) with the Medicines and Health Regulatory Authority (MHRA) with CE status. Good Boost has been [awarded a score of 74%](#) by Orcha, the international medical-app reviewer in the bone/muscle/joint category. On the date of review this places Good Boost in the top 10% of bone/muscle/joint category app on the planet. The Orcha review process includes: clinical assurance, functions & features, data privacy, user experience/accessibility. Good Boost has completed external and independent audit of our AI exercise selection engine with the Aquatic Therapy Association of Chartered Physiotherapist. The summery report is available on the Good Boost research page.

Good Boost is one of twelve organisation selected for Microsoft AI for Good programmes, with inputs and support from Microsoft in developing our AI platform and system.

Good Boost was one of five organisations that were selected by the Institute for Ethical AI as a top performing organisations.

Good Boost's was awarded the 'Technology' award by London Sport in March 2020.

Good Boost has been funded by both the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) and Innovate UK to develop our technology and therapeutic exercise AI following competitive processes.



The remainder of this document includes the published research and clinical guidelines that the Good Boost system has been developed on to ensure that users receive safe, appropriate and optimal exercise for their bone/muscle/joint condition.

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Good Boost works with external consultant Physiotherapists and exercise specialists to ensure our clinical rationale and logic the underpin the exercise recommendation engine is safe, appropriate and optimal.

Knee Osteoarthritis Balance Responders

Rationale

Resistance exercise is a vital component of the treatment for some of the underlying mechanisms of knee OA, including muscle strength insufficiency, muscle activation imbalance and aberrant biomechanics and cartilage loading (Vincent and Vincent 2012). For this reason, hip, knee and general lower limb strength and neuromuscular function is integrated and focused on for knee OA.

Home exercise programmes should aim to improve muscle strength and joint flexibility rather than knee extension muscle power only leading to the inclusion of wider lower limb neuromuscular and strength exercises (Suzuki et al 2018).

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Total Knee Replacement

Rationale

The primary exercises aim to increase range of movement and stability, focusing mainly on functional training with strength elements (Artz et al 2015).

Dominguez-Navarro et al (2019) describe balance exercises as a convenient adjunct to conventional rehabilitation protocols and seem to add to self-reported functionality post operatively.

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Total Hip Replacement

Rationale

Current protocols include strengthening, education on hip precautions and exercise progression, gait retraining, stairs practice, range of motion exercises (Nelson et al 2018).

Dominguez-Navarro et al (2019) describe balance exercises as a convenient adjunct to conventional rehabilitation protocols and seem to add to self-reported functionality post operatively.

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Spine Flexion, Extension and Side-Flexion

For the responder groups, participants are prescribed exercises in the movement direction that reduces pain severity or are less painful to perform than movements in other directions.

Exercise performed in low back pain's directional preference shows significantly superior outcomes to other exercise forms and treatments across the literature.

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Superior in extension-provoked

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6626624/> - neuromuscular control

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<https://academic.oup.com/milmed/article/182/11-12/e1957/4661612> - DP > UC

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15564907/> - exercises matching subjects' DP significantly and rapidly decreased pain and medication use and improved in all other outcomes.

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Post-Surgical Lumbar Rehabilitation

Evidence supports rehabilitation in the early stages. For example, Snowdon and Peiris, (2016), found, in participants four weeks post-surgery or less, physiotherapy significantly reduced pain at 12 weeks and 12+months compared to no physiotherapy, standard postoperative care, rest, less active physiotherapy, or sham physiotherapy. Neither Physiotherapy groups saw any adverse events.

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Stabilisation Exercise

Patients use postures and movements that are potentially harmful due to maladaptive processes (Moseley, 2008).

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Shoulder Instability

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Humorous / Shoulder fracture recovery

Numerous authors have demonstrated or collected evidence demonstrating early rehabilitation following surgery for humeral fracture improves outcome. For example, Hodgson et al, (2007) showed immediate physiotherapy resulted in faster recovery, with benefits that were maintained, maximal functional benefit being achieved at 1 year (Hodgson et al., 2007).

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Limited Shoulder Mobility / Stiffness

Stiff Shoulder Justification

Literature strongly advocates the use of individualising treatment on the shoulder. Kelley et al, (2009a) advocate clinical decisions, including the nature of exercise prescription, should be based on pain irritability, as does Longo et al, (2018) in his systematic review. In their guideline Kelley et al, (2013b) strongly advocate stretches exercises, but again stress the importance of individualizing these to the patient. Page et al, (2014) labelled exercise to regain ROM active assisted and through stretching as essential in his systematic review of the literature.

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Shoulder Pain / Weakness

Weak shoulder exercise should focus on many body areas, but preferentially target the rotator cuff. Objective studies using instrumented testing have frequently demonstrated weakness and muscular imbalance in rotator cuff impingement (Erol et al., 2008). This is especially important in participants with weak, painful shoulders, and objective testing is recommended Ellenbecker and Cools (2010). Exercises are therefore based upon pain response to movements of the shoulder. We also analyse range of motion.

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Sub-Acromial Decompression Surgery

The positive effects of early Physiotherapy/rehabilitation is a recurrent theme in the literature shared amongst all the pathologies. Following sub-acromial decompression surgery (SAD), Hultenheim et al (2008) found participants engaging in dynamic exercises for the rotator cuff on the day of surgery had an improved Constant-Murley Shoulder Outcome Score against participants who only started dynamic exercises for the rotator cuff after six weeks.

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