Hip Flexor Strain



What is it?

An overstretch or tear of a muscle and/or tendon of a group of muscles called the hip flexors

What causes it?

Excessive and/or repetitive stress. Unexpected or strong hyperextension of leg at hip. Poor technique during activity

Symptoms

Pain, inflammation, tenderness upon movement, restricted range of movement

Top Tips

Rest and ice asap

How to Treat it

Ice and rest for 48-72 hours. Anti-inflammatories and painkillers. Physical therapy using heat and massage.



Rehab

Stretching and strengthening of hip flexors, abs, back, quads and hamstrings.

Definitions

Tendon - flexible, inelastic connective tissue attaching muscle to bone

Hip Flexors - group of muscles located at front of thigh and torso

Hyperextension – forceful extension beyond normal range in posterior direction

Extension - moving in a posterior direction, increasing the angle between body parts

Associated Conditions

- Groin Strain (Rider's strain),
- Piriformis Syndrome,
- Iliopsoas Tendinitis,
- Tendinitis of Adductor Muscles,
- Snapping Hip Syndrome,
- Trochanteric Bursitis

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