Section 26: Joints – Types and Movement

Synovial joints: stability

- Stability is determined by:
 - Articular surfaces shape determines what movements are possible
 - Ligaments unite bones and prevent excessive or undesirable motion
 - Muscle tone

Synovial joints: stability

- Muscle tone is accomplished by:
 - Muscle tendons across joints acting as stabilizing factors
 - Tendons that are kept tight at all times by muscle tone

Terms

- Pivot Point The point that the joints rotate about.
- The fundamental movements are roll, slide, and spin.



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More Terms

- Motion Either active or passive
 - Active is the patients movement of his or her arm
 - Passive is the examiners movement of the patient's arm
- Extension Natural movement opposite to flexion at the zero position.
- Hyperextension Unnatural motion opposite to flexion at the zero position.



Types of synovial joints

- Hinge joints
 - Cylindrical projections of one bone fits into a trough-shaped surface on another
 - Motion is along a single plane
 - Uniaxial joints permit flexion and extension only

Hinge Joint



An example of a hinge joint is the elbow joint.

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Hinge Joints

<u>The knee joint</u>

- In the knee joint the femur articulates with the tibia.
- The patella (knee cap) helps to give a better angle of pull.
- The fibula is not part of the knee joint and so the tibia is the weight bearing bone.





 A ball-and-socket joint consists of a ball (head) inserted into a socket. Movement is multiaxial allowing movement in almost any direction

Ball-and-Socket joints

- A spherical or hemispherical head of one bone articulates with a cuplike socket of another
- Multiaxial joints permit the most freely moving synovial joints

Ball-and-Socket Joint



An example of a ball-and-socket joint is the hip joint.

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Ball & socket joints

<u>The hip joint</u>

- The head of the femur fits into a deep cavity called the acetabulum on the pelvic bone.
- This deep cavity gives the hip joint stability.
- The presence of strong ligaments add to the stability making it difficult to dislocate the hip.





Hip Joint ROM



Knee Joint ROM



Angular movements

- Angular movements involve changing the angle between two parts of the body
- Found in most of all our limb joints

Flexion / Extension

- Flexion means to bend (decrease the angle)
- Extension means to straighten (increase the angle)

