

Subacromial pain syndrome (SAPS) is a common diagnostic term given to patients with shoulder pain with non-traumatic onset which has lasted for three months or more. Despite early management being offered in the form of manual treatment, analgesia, exercise and steroid injections, some patients can report little progress. Arthroscopic subacromial decompression may be offered as an alternative for long-lasting symptoms. However, a recent review of evidence published as a clinical practice guideline has reported that subacromial decompression surgery should not be offered for patients experiencing SAPS. Further information can be found in the full text of the article*.

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