# Joint Examination and Injection Course

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## **ELBOW PROBLEMS**

Lateral epicondylitis (Tennis elbow)

Medial epicondylitis (Golfers elbow)

OA,RA,Gout etc

Olecranon bursitis

Other causes





## REFERRED PAIN TO ELBOW

From proximal site:

Cervical root

Thoracic outlet syndrome

Supraspinatus tendonitis and SAB

From distal sites:

Carpal tunnel syndrome

Ulnar nerve entrapment





#### **TENNIS ELBOW**

Diffuse pain in lateral side of elbow often radiating into upper arm and into forearm and dorsum of hand

There is tenderness localised to the lateral epicondyle

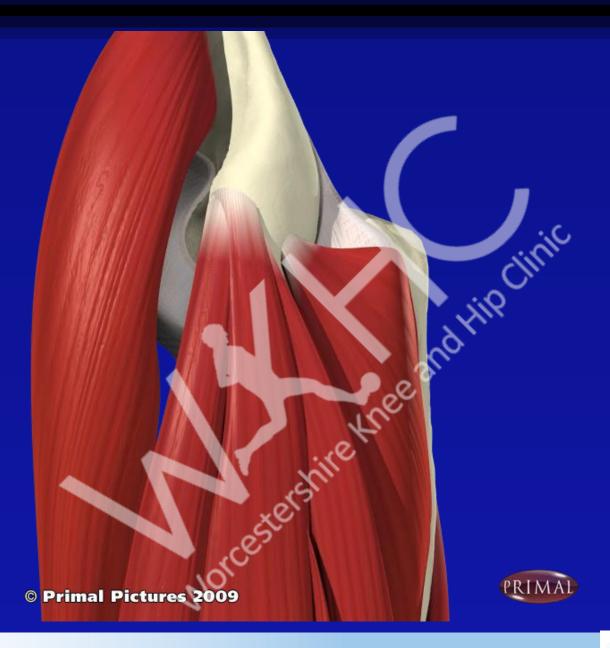
Pain is aggravated by dorsiflexing the wrist against resistance



























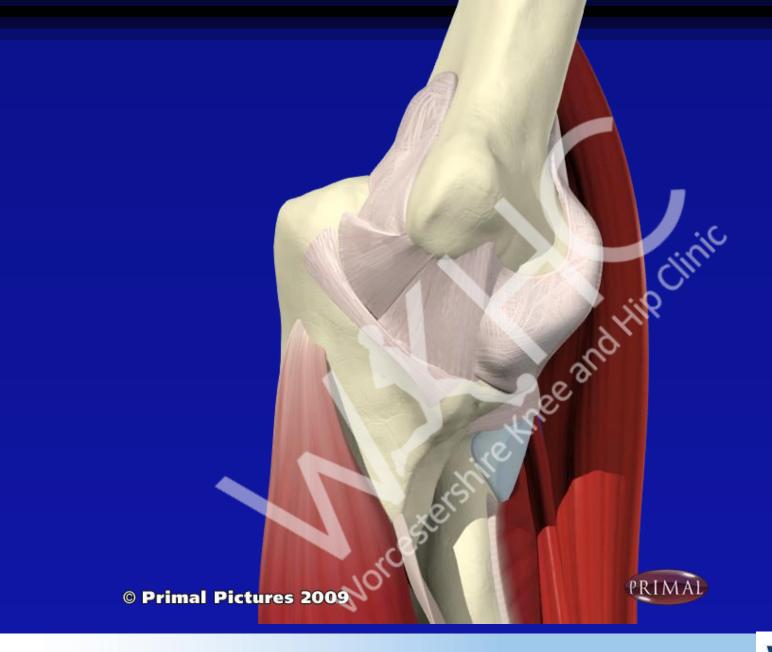
#### **GOLFERS ELBOW**

Diffuse pain on medial side of elbow often radiating to upper and lower arm, accompanied by tenderness over medial epicondyle

Pain aggravated by active flexion of the wrist and reisted pronation







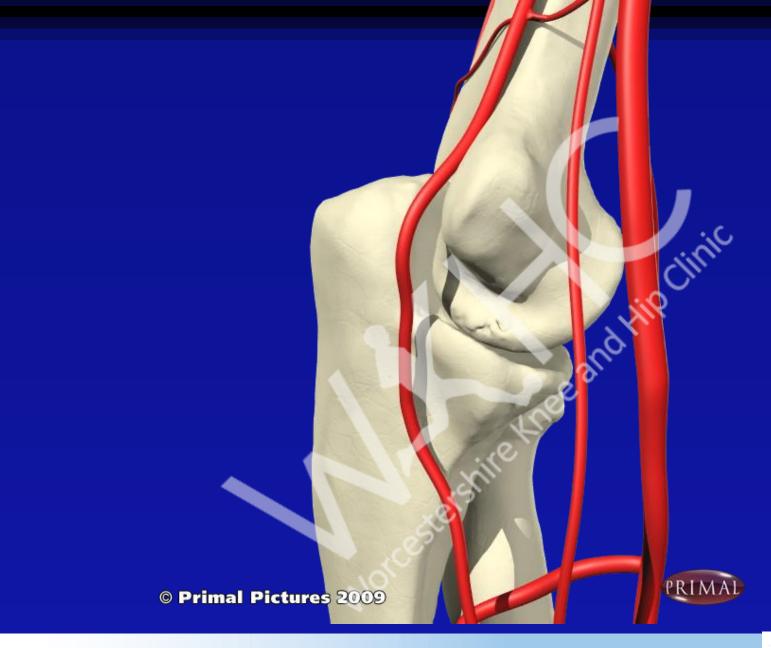






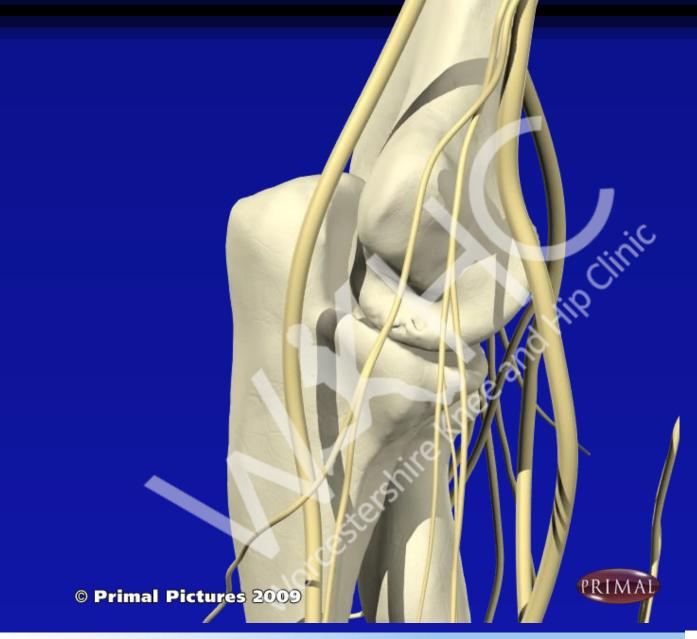






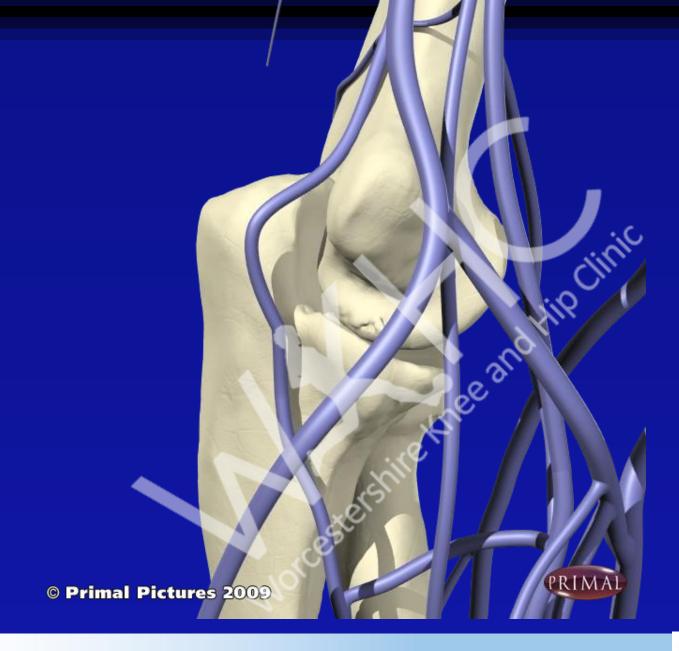
















# Elbow pain caused by 'arthritis'

Loss of range of movement with characteristic fixed flexion deformity. (never seen with golfers or tennis elbow)

Hot with palpable swelling especially over head of radius

Tender joint margin

Reduced supination and pronation





# Elbow pain caused by 'arthritis'

Inject down into groove along medial side of olecranon process towards the elbow joint





#### Olecranon Bursitis

Common in:

Trauma

Infection

Inflammatory arthritis

Gout

Aspirate and send aspirate for MCS and crystal analysis (cytology)

Painless swelling requires no intervention unless large and therefore inconvenient



