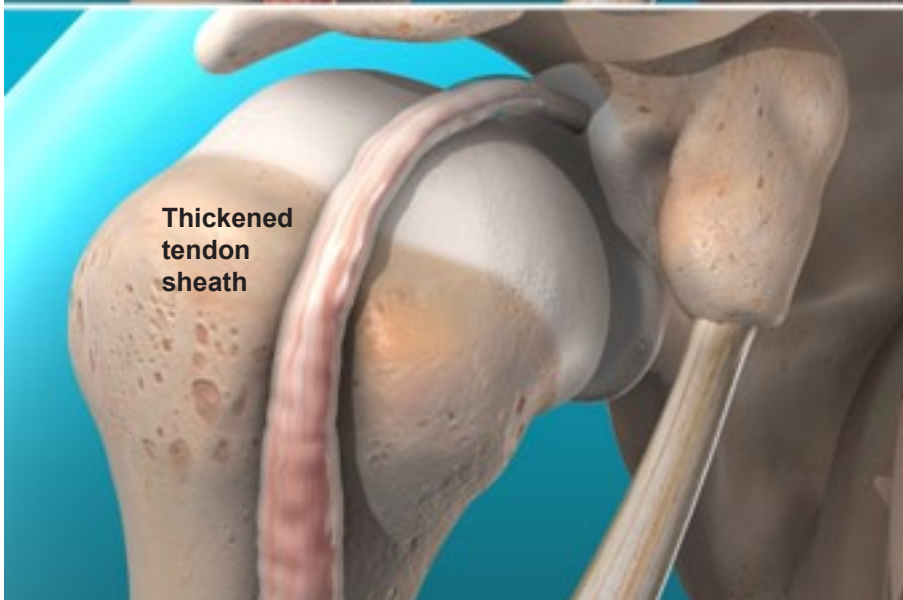
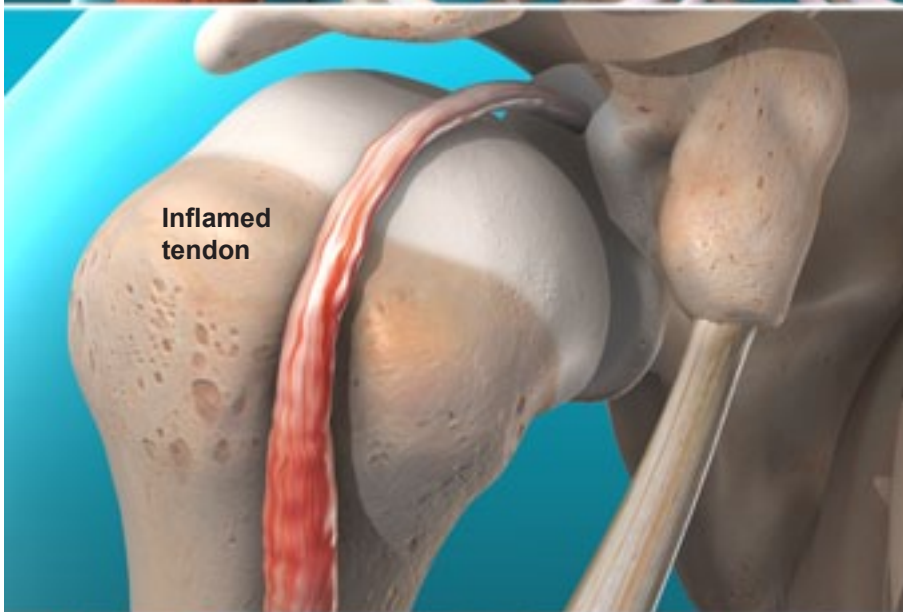


Biceps Tendonitis



Overview

This is a problem with a tendon in your shoulder. Most often, it's the "long head of biceps" tendon. It travels from the front of your upper arm to the top of your shoulder socket. With this condition, the tendon becomes painfully inflamed or irritated.

Causes

Biceps tendonitis is usually caused by normal wear and tear. It can be a problem for people who perform repetitive shoulder movements. It can be a problem for people who play tennis or baseball, and for swimmers. Over time, these activities can damage your shoulder's tendon. It can become red and swollen. The covering around it, called the "tendon sheath," can thicken.

Symptoms

Biceps tendonitis causes pain in the front of your shoulder. You may feel this pain when you lift your arm, or when you do activities that involve your shoulder. Your upper arm may ache. And sometimes you may feel a snapping sensation in your shoulder.

Treatment

Treatment options may include rest, ice, medications, and physical therapy. If those don't help, you may need surgery. Your healthcare provider can create a plan that's right for you.