

Physiotherapy

Whiplash

What is whiplash?

Whiplash is a neck injury caused by sudden movement of the head,
Common symptoms of whiplash include:

- neck pain
- difficulty moving your head
- tingling or numbness

Things you can do to treat whiplash

- Take painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen-, to help with the pain.
- Seek advice from your GP or Pharmacist
- Use an ice or heat pack. **Do not** use heat for the **first 48 hours**
- **Do the exercises your physiotherapist gives you**
- Remain active and try to continue doing everyday activities. This will speed up your recovery.
- Be aware of keeping a good posture when sleeping or sitting

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