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Jaw Pain After Whiplash (2007)

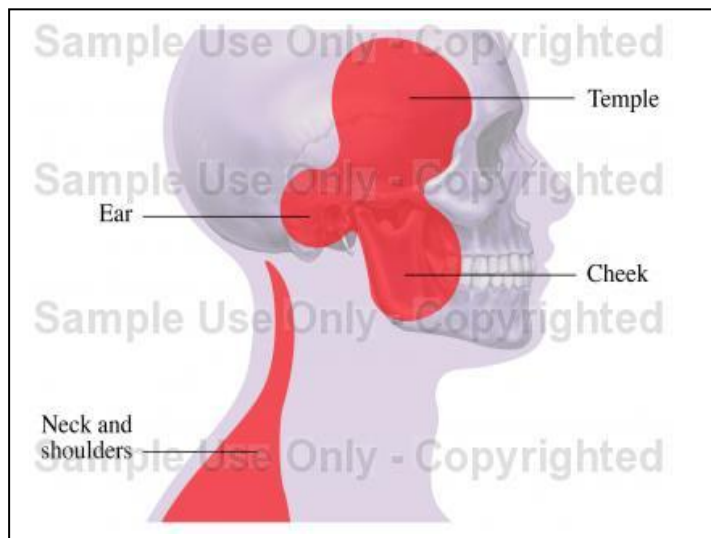


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Reduced or painful jaw movement is more common in individuals with Whiplash Associated Disorder (WAD) than other collision related disorders, such as pedestrian, bicycle or motorcycle injuries. This study included comments from the Quebec Task Force on Whiplash Associated Disorders, revealing that painful jaw movement is a common symptom of Temporomandibular Disorder. **This condition also clinically correlates to whiplash and often leads to**

permanent disorders that can be symptomatic for a lifetime. Carroll et al. (2007) determined that reduced or painful jaw movement is an important aspect of WADs, and jaw symptoms also correlated with difficulty swallowing and ringing in the ears. They also found that, “Reduced or painful jaw movement is an important aspect of [whiplash]...” (p. 86).

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