Tissue Troubles - Diagnose, Discover, Design

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| 2 Q1. What is your age group? |
| a) Below 14 |
| b) 15–30 |
| c) 31–50 |
| d) 60+ |
| 💢 Q2. Do you experience regular pain or stiffness in joints, muscles, or nerves? |
| Yes |
| □ No |
| A Q3. On average, how many hours do you spend sitting each day? |
| Less than 2 hours |
| 2–5 hours |
| 6–8 hours |
| More than 8 hours |
| 🏃 Q4. How often do you exercise per week? |
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| ☐ 1–2 days |
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| □ 3–5 days |
| Daily |
| ♦ Q5. Have you ever had muscle cramps, back pain, or joint swelling? |
| ☐ Never |
| Rarely |
| Sometimes |
| ☐ Often |
| Q6. How do you relieve tissue discomfort (if any)? |
| Medication |
| Stretching |
| Physiotherapy |
| ☐ Home remedies |
| ☐ I don't take any treatment |
| Q7. Do you follow a diet rich in proteins, calcium, or vitamins? |
| ☐ Yes |
| □ No |
| ■ Not sure |
| Q8. Any injuries or tissue-related issues in the past 6 months? |

Your answer here

Survey Responses Table

| Name | Age Group | Pain/Stiffness | Sitting (hrs/day) | Exercise/wk | Symptoms | Relief Method | Healthy Diet | Recent Injury |
|---------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aarav | Below 14 | No | 2–5 hrs | Daily | None | Not applicable | Yes | No |
| Meera | Below 14 | Yes | 6–8 hrs | 1–2 days | Muscle cramps | Stretching | No | Twisted ankle during P.E. |
| Arjun | 15–30 | Yes | 6–8 hrs | 3–5 days | Back pain | Physiotherapy | Yes | Strain from gym workout |
| Riya | 15–30 | No | 2–5 hrs | 3–5 days | None | Not applicable | Yes | No |
| Tanish | 15–30 | Yes | More than 8 hrs | Never | Neck stiffness | Medication | No | None |
| Radhika | 31–50 | Yes | More than 8 hrs | 1–2 days | Joint swelling | Home remedies | No | Occasional wrist pain |
| Neeraj | 31–50 | Yes | 6–8 hrs | 3–5 days | Lower back pain | Stretching | Yes | No |
| Priya | 31–50 | No | 2–5 hrs | Daily | None | Not applicable | Yes | No |
| Dinesh | 60+ | Yes | 2–5 hrs | 1–2 days | Knee joint pain | Medication | No | Old injury flaring up |
| Sushma | 60+ | Yes | Less than 2 hrs | Rarely | Joint stiffness | Home remedies | Yes | Slipped and bruised elbow |
| Kishore | 60+ | Yes | 6–8 hrs | Never | Chronic knee swelling | Physiotherapy | No | Ongoing arthritis treatment |
| Reena | 60+ | No | 2–5 hrs | 3–5 days | None | Not applicable | Yes | No |

Data Analysis — Trends & Insights

Key Observations:

Most Affected Age Group:

60+ years showed the highest reports of tissue-related discomfort like joint stiffness and chronic swelling.

- Habits Causing Issues:
 - Long sitting hours (6–8 hrs or more) correlate with back and neck pain.
 - Lack of exercise (Never or 1–2 days/week) is common among those reporting discomfort.
 - Poor diet awareness is linked to more cases of joint/muscle pain.
- Common Relief Methods Used:
 - Younger groups (Below 30): Prefer stretching, physiotherapy, or no treatment at all.
 - Older groups (31+): Rely more on medication and home remedies.
 - Physiotherapy is popular for those with chronic conditions or gym injuries.

Tissue Discomfort by Age Group

| Age Group | Total People | People with Discomfort | % Affected |
|-----------|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| Below 14 | 2 | 1 | 50% |
| 15–30 | 3 | 2 | 66.7% |
| 31–50 | 3 | 2 | 66.7% |
| 60+ | 4 | 3 | 75% |

Summary by Age Group

Below 14

- Common Issues: Minor cramps, occasional sports injury.
- Habits: Active lifestyle but increasing screen time.
- Relief: Stretching or no treatment.

Age 15–30

- Common Issues: Gym-related strains, back/neck pain due to screen time.
- Habits: Sedentary study/work life, variable exercise.
- **Relief:** Physiotherapy, stretching, some medication.

Age 31–50

- Common Issues: Joint pain, lower back pain.
- Habits: Sedentary jobs, occasional physical activity.
- Relief: Home remedies and basic stretching.

Age 60+

- Common Issues: Chronic joint stiffness, arthritis, limited mobility.
- Habits: Low physical activity, often unaware of dietary needs.
- Relief: Medication and physiotherapy, traditional remedies.

Quick Insights Table

| Cause | Most Affected Age Group | Notes |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Long sitting hours | 15–50 | Linked to back/neck pain |
| Lack of exercise | 31+ | Seen in chronic joint stiffness |
| Poor diet | All (esp. 60+) | Correlates with tissue weakness |
| Physiotherapy usage | 15–60 | Helps in muscle/joint recovery |
| No action taken | Below 14, some 15–30 | Often ignore minor pains |

Research to Deepen My Understanding

Tissues Affected & Their Functions

| Tissue Type | Structure | Function |
|-------------|---|--|
| Muscle | Long, fibrous cells (skeletal, smooth, cardiac) | Enables body movement, posture, heartbeat, and digestion |
| Cartilage | Semi-rigid connective tissue, smooth surface | Cushions joints, supports bones, absorbs shock |
| Nerve | Neurons with axons/dendrites | Transmits electrical signals across the body |
| Connective | Includes ligaments, tendons, adipose tissue | Binds, supports, protects organs, stores energy |

Impact of Lifestyle Habits on Tissues

| Habit | Tissue Affected | Consequences |
|----------------------|-------------------|--|
| Lack of Exercise | Muscle, Cartilage | Weakness, stiffness, muscle atrophy, joint wear |
| Poor Posture | Muscle, Nerve | Strain, nerve pinching, back/neck pain |
| Overuse (gym/phone) | Muscle, Nerve | Cramps, tendinitis, carpal tunnel, nerve fatigue |
| Poor Nutrition | All | Weak tissue regeneration, increased inflammation |
| Ageing (no activity) | Cartilage, Nerve | Joint degeneration, slower nerve signal transmission |

Suggestions for Prevention & Care

Muscle Tissue

• Exercise: Include stretching, resistance training

• Rest: Allow recovery after strain

• Nutrition: Protein-rich diet (eggs, lentils, nuts)

Cartilage

• Hydration: Keeps joints lubricated

Movement: Low-impact exercises (yoga, walking)

• Supplements: Calcium, Vitamin D, Omega-3

✓ Nerve Tissue

- Posture Correction: Use ergonomic chairs/desks
- Mindfulness: Reduce screen stress, take breaks
- B Vitamins: Essential for nerve repair (found in dairy, whole grains)

Sustainable Tissue Care Tips

- Malk or cycle instead of using motor transport daily (lowers joint load).
- Eat more whole, plant-based foods to support long-term tissue health.
- Integrate 10–15 mins of yoga/stretching into your daily routine.
- \bar{\textbf{\textbf{D}}} Take hourly breaks from screens to relax muscles and nerves.
 - Pro Tip: Prevention > Cure. Lifestyle is medicine when you use it right.

X Identify a Problem & Design a Solution

Identified Problem Overview

- Tissue Type Affected: Cartilage
- Main Problem Observed: Early-onset joint stiffness and knee pain in adults aged 31–50
- What causes this problem?
 - Sedentary work lifestyle (prolonged sitting)
 - Skipping stretching and warm-ups before exercise
 - Poor intake of calcium and vitamin D
 - Being overweight, which puts stress on joints
 - Neglect of low-impact physical activities

Link to Sustainability

Our lifestyle tip poster promotes **daily habits** that are simple, natural, and **low-resource** — no expensive treatments or medications needed. By encouraging **regular movement**, **hydration**, **and natural nutrition**, it reduces long-term healthcare costs and reliance on synthetic drugs.

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