

Neck Exercises

- Exercising your neck can reduce pain and stiffness in the neck muscles. It helps keep you strong and flexible.
- Do these neck exercises two times each day.
- To keep from hurting yourself, stretch only as much as comfortable. Do not stretch to the point of pain.



Turn Head Slowly from Left to Right



Forward Resistance



Tilt Head from Side to Side



Side Resistance



Tilt Head Forward and Backward



Backward Resistance

- Starting in the center, turn your head to one side as far as you can.
- Hold your position for a moment.
- Turn your head back to the center.
- Turn your head in the other direction.
- Repeat 10 times.
- Press your palms against your forehead and push your forehead against your palms. Hold your hands steady.
- Hold for about 10 seconds.
- Relax.
- Repeat 10 times.
- Starting in the center, tilt your right ear toward your right shoulder as far as you can.
- Slowing bring your head back to the center.
- Tilt your left ear toward your left shoulder as far as you can.
- Return to the center.
- Repeat 10 times.
- Place your hand against the side of your head.
- Try to move your ear toward your shoulder, resisting with your hand.
- Hold for about 5 seconds.
- Relax, then repeat the exercise on the opposite side.
- Repeat 10 times.
- Sitting or standing, bring your chin to your chest.
- Slowly bring your head back to the forward position.
- Next, slowly bend your head backwards as far as you can.
- Slowly return to forward position.
- Repeat 10 times.
- Place both hands behind your head.
- Try to tilt your head backwards, resisting with your hands. As you move, hold your head straight. Do not tilt your chin down.
- Hold for about 5 seconds, then relax.
- Repeat 10 times.

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