#### AUSTRALIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY



# **Upper Limb Stretches**

These exercises are designed to improve and maintain the length and mobility of your Upper Limbs and prevent further injury. Please ask your physiotherapist if you are unsure if you are doing these exercises correctly, or if you feel pain or extreme discomfort while doing any of these exercises.

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#### 1) Triceps Stretch

Raise arm above head so elbow points upwards. Use opposite hand, pull elbow behind neck, while keeping trunk and neck facing forwards and upright.

Hold for .	seconds. Repeat _	times. Practice
sets	times daily	



#### 2) Triceps Stretch and Internal Rotation Stretch

Raise arm above head so elbow points upwards, put other arm behind back and lift as high along back as possible. If able grab fingers of other hand and curl fingers to increase stretch.

Hold for .	seconds. Repeat _	times. Practice
sets	times daily.	



#### 3) Shoulder and Triceps Stretch

Cross arm over body at shoulder height use opposite arm to hug into chest. Keep trunk facing forward.

Hold for	seconds. R	Repeat	times.	Practice _	
sets	times daily.				



#### 4) Biceps and Anterior Capsule Stretch

Standing, reach with both hand behind back. If able make a fist or mesh fingers and raise arms higher behind back.

Hold for	seconds. Re	epeat	times.	Practice .	
sets	times daily.				



### 5) Bilateral Standing Pectoral and Bicep Stretch

Stand facing corner wall, raise arms to 90 degrees with bent elbows, so that forearms run along wall vertically. Lean into wall with trunk to increase stretch.

Hold for	seconds. Repe	eat times.	Practice
sets	times daily.		

[N	6) Unilateral Standing Pectoral and Biceps Stretch		
	Facing wall, place palm on wall with arm at 90 degrees. Turn face, trunk, and body to become side on to the wall to increase stretch.		
&( )	Hold for seconds. Repeat times. Practice sets times daily.		
	7) Complete Upper Limb Stretch		
	Interlock hands, turn palms so they face outwards, then raise arms straight above head to become vertical with ears and shoulders.		
	Hold for seconds. Repeat times. Practice sets times daily.		
8) Upper Back and Posterior shoulder Stretch			
	Use both hands to reach around body to grab shoulder blades. Crawl fingers further around back to increase stretch.		
	Hold for seconds. Repeat times. Practice sets times daily.		
	9) Wrist Flexor Stretch		
	Use opposite hand to pull back fingers and wrist whilst straightening elbow and taking arm to 90 degrees in front of body.		
	Hold for seconds. Repeat times. Practice sets times daily.		
	10) Wrist Extensor Stretch		

## 10) Wrist Extensor Stretch



Use opposite hand to pull fingers and wrist downwards whilst straightening elbow and taking arm to 90 degrees in front of body.

Hold for	seconds. Repeat _	times. Practice	_
sets	times daily		

- All exercises are to be done with respect to pain. There should be no exacerbation of pain during or after the exercises.

Please consult your Health Practitioner for a full assessment and diagnosis before commencing any of these exercises.

Not all these exercises may be appropriate for your condition so please consult your Health Practitioner.