### Neck Rehab

**Apply a heat pack for 10-20 minutes.**

### Stretches

#### Upper Trapezius Stretch
- Tilt your head to the side as though you are trying to touch your ear to your shoulder.
- Use your hand to increase the stretch by gripping onto the opposite side of your head.
- Sit on the opposite hand or use it to grip onto a chair to increase the stretch further.
- Hold for 30 seconds. Repeat 3 times each side.

#### Levator Scapulae Stretch
- Tilt your head to the side as though you are trying to touch your ear to your shoulder.
- Use your hand to increase the stretch by gripping onto the opposite side of your head.
- Sit on the opposite hand or use it to grip onto a chair to increase the stretch further.
- Hold for 30 seconds. Repeat 3 times each side.

#### Anterior Scalene
- Tilt your head to the side as though you are trying to touch your ear to your shoulder.
- Turn your head as though you are trying to look at the roof.
- Use your hand to increase the stretch by gripping onto the opposite side of your head.
- Sit on the opposite hand or use it to grip onto a chair to increase the stretch further.
- Hold for 30 seconds. Repeat 3 times each side.

#### Sub occipitals
- Sitting or standing position
- Retract your chin as though you are trying to make a ‘double chin’.
- Hold for 10-30 seconds. Repeat 3 times.

#### Mobilisation
- In the standing or sitting position.
- First look down to the ground then up to the roof.
- Look to your left and then to your right.
- Tilt your head to the left and then to the right.
- Repeat 3 times
- To increase the stretches in each direction apply overpressure with your hand.

**Exercises**

### Neck Movement with Resistance
Neck Flexor Endurance
- Lay on your back
- Retract your chin as to make a ‘double chin’
- Lift your head 2-3cm off the table
- Hold this position as long as possible.
- Stop when you begin to shake.
- Hold for 10-30 seconds. Repeat 3 times.

Resisted side bend
- Lie on your side with a pillow under your head.
- Push down on the pillow with the side of your head,
- Perform 3 sets of 10 seconds holds.
- Repeat on the opposite side.

Lateral Raises
- Standing with your hands by your side.
  Without weight in your hands.
- Keeping your elbows straight and arms in line with your body raise your hands to shoulder height.
- Slowly lower them down over 5 seconds.
- Perform 3 sets of 10 repetitions.

Shoulder Shrugs
- Standing with your without weight in your hands.
- Shrug your shoulders as though you are trying to touch them to your ears.
- Slowly lower them back down over 5 seconds.
  Relax.
- Perform 3 sets of 10 repetitions

Apply cold pack for 10-20 minutes post exercise

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