Your Shoulder Exercises



- Stop and inform your Chiropractor if you experience discomfort, pins & needles, numbness, dizziness or nausea
- Aim for a mild-moderate tension stretch, not pain. Don't forget to breathe.
- Repeat exercise <u>1</u> 2 3 times per session, 1 2 3 5 7 times per day / week
- Common errors are highlighted in red.
- Ask your chiropractor to check your technique if you have any doubt or questions.

GH.ADB.ST Shoulder Abduction Standing

- Stand tall with arms by your sides
- Keep shoulder blades back and down throughout the exercise- *don't let your shoulder blades rise towards your ears*
- Turn both arms so palms face <u>outwards</u> (not shown by image)
- Slowly raise arms directly outwards and upwards until your palms meet (take 5-7 seconds)
- Where possible, move slowly and purposefully through any areas of increased tightness or resistance. If your arm cannot move past a certain point (from pain or stiffness), maintain that position for 3-5 seconds then slower lower down
- Pause at the top of your range (may not necessarily be hands touching)
- Keeping shoulder blades held back and down, slowly and purposefully lower arms back down to your sides
- PART 2: Turn both arms <u>inwards</u> so thumbs point down then repeat the above process- your arms are unlikely to rise as far in this position

Feel: Shoulder muscles working, some stretch/resistance in shoulder joint. Low level discomfort is okay but don't push into pain

GH.R.ST Shoulder Rotation Standing

- Stand tall with elbows bent at 90° and upper arms out from your body about 45-60°
- Hold shoulder blades back and down throughout the exercise, don't let your shoulder blades rise towards your ears
- Slowly rotate your arm so your hand moves upwards (see A in image)- *low level discomfort is okay but don't push into pain*
- Hold a gentle stretch at the end of your range for 3 seconds (may not necessarily be hand pointing straight up)
- Slowly rotate your arm so your hand moves downwards (see B in image) and hold at end range for 3 seconds

Feel: Shoulder muscles working, some stretch/resistance in shoulder joint.

GH.H-AB.ST v1 Shoulder Horizontal Abduction Standing v1

- Place elbow and hand on door frame with elbow bent at 90° and upper arm at 90° to your body
- Stand tall, elevate front of chest sightly (i.e. don't slouch) and gently turn your chest (not your head) away from your arm until you feel a stretch in your chest or shoulder
- Hold stretch 7 10 seconds
- Repeat other side

Feel: Stretch in chest/front of shoulder

GH.H-AB.ST v2 Shoulder Horizontal Abduction Standing v2

- Hold onto door frame with fingertips, arm 90° to the wall makes it easier for your fingers to hold
- Stand tall, elevate front of chest sightly (i.e. don't slouch) and gently turn your chest (not your head) away from your arm until you feel a stretch in your chest or shoulder
- You can vary the stretch by placing your hand <u>higher</u> on the door frame and pulling chest <u>down</u> slightly when performing the above. Alternatively, place your hand <u>lower</u> on the door frame and pull chest <u>up</u> slightly when performing the above
- Hold stretch 7 10 seconds
- Repeat other side

Feel: Stretch in chest/front of shoulder





