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Active Wrist Exercises

To do at home

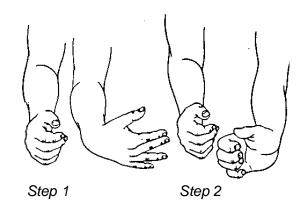
This handout gives step-by-step instructions for 4 active wrist exercises. These are exercises you can do at home.

For each exercise:

- Do ____ repetitions (reps) ____ times every day.
- Do the exercise slowly and smoothly.
- Keep your fingers as relaxed as you can.

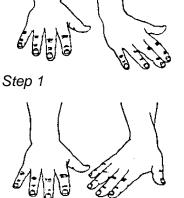
Exercise #1

- 1. Hold your hand relaxed, as shown. Then bend at the wrist to move your hand toward you as far as you can.
- 2. Relax. Then bend at the wrist to move your hand away from you as far as you can.
- 3. Relax and repeat from Step 1.



Exercise #2

- 1. Place your palm down on a flat surface. Move your hand as far as you can toward your thumb, bending only at your wrist.
- 2. Relax, then move your hand as far as you can toward your little finger, bending only at your wrist.
- 3. Relax and repeat from Step 1.



Step 2

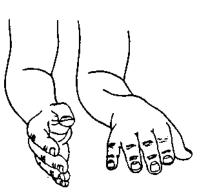
Exercise #3

Keep your elbow at your side as you do this exercise.

- 1. Turn your palm up as far as you can, moving only your forearm and hand.
- 2. Relax. Then, turn your palm down as far as you can, moving only your forearm and hand.
- 3. Relax and repeat from Step 1.



Step 1

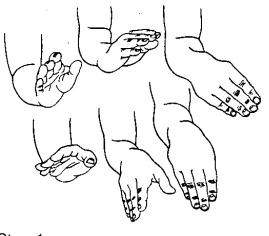


Step 2

Exercise #4

Keep your elbow at your side as you do this exercise.

- 1. Move your wrist so that your hand moves in a circle. Avoid moving your forearm.
- 2. Relax. Then repeat, moving your hand in the opposite direction.



Step 1

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

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