

Shoulder: stretches (631) 499 - 6180







<u>Upper Trapezius stretch:</u> Perform to both sides holding 10 - 15 seconds each.

Head is looking straight ahead.

* Lower the shoulder on the side you are stretching.







Levator Scapulae stretch: Perform to both sides holding 10 - 15 seconds each.

Head is looking 45° down on an angle.

* Lower the shoulder on the side you are stretching.







Pectoralis major and minor stretches: Perform 3 sets on each side holding 15 - 30 seconds. *Perform with arms both at 90 degrees and 145 degrees. (Reverses forward shoulder posture).







Rotator cuff muscle stretches: Hold each stretch variation for 15 - 30 seconds on each side. *The rotator cuff muscles are small and only require a light stretch.







Bruggar's stretch: Perform 3 sets holding 15 seconds.

*Squeeze shoulders back and down.

* Do not perform exercises if you have any discomfort. Active

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Phase 2



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I's, Y's, T's exercises: Perform 3 - 5 repetitions in each direction.

(Active Dynamic movement for the shoulder girdle).

*Keep shoulders back and down.









Scapular retraction exercise: Perform 2-3 sets of 10 - 15 repetitions.

1.) Retract shoulders 2.) Row to chest 3.) Straighten arms - shoulders back 4.) Relax shoulders









External and Internal rotation exercises: Perform 2-3 sets of 10 - 15 repetitions. (Strengthens rotator cuff muscles that stabilize the shoulder and hold it in place).









Straight arm abduction exercises: Perform 3 sets of 10 - 15 repetitions of each variation. (Strengthen the muscles of the shoulder and upper middle back).



Superman exercise: Perform up to 3 sets of 10 - 15 repetitions. *Hands and feet lift off floor. * Hold each repetition for 2 - 5 seconds. (Strengthens the lower back and postural muscles).

^{*} Do not perform exercises if you have any discomfort.