

Middle Back: stretches (631) 499 - 6180





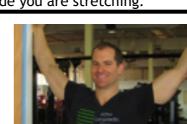


Head is looking straight ahead. \* Lower the shoulder on the side you are stretching.

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







(Reverses forward shoulder posture). \*Perform with arms both at 90 degrees and 145 degrees.

Pectoralis major and minor stretches: Perform 3 sets on each side holding 15 - 30 seconds.

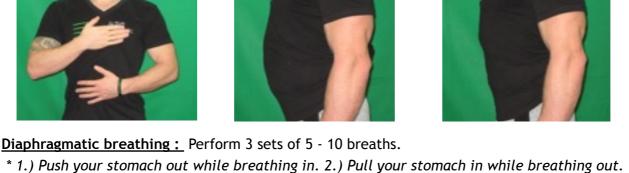


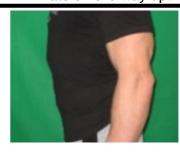






<u>Cobra stretch:</u> Hold for 5 seconds. Repeat 3-5 times. \*Shoulders back and down. (Reinforces the normal curve of the lower back). \*Inhale on the way up.

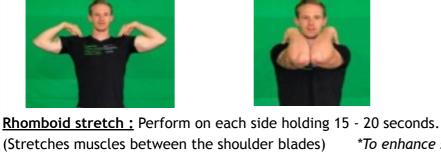




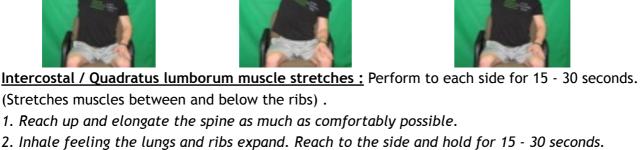
\*Do not perform stretches if you have any discomfort.

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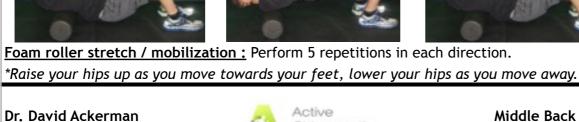
3. Exhale, and return back to the starting point. \*Perform on both sides.



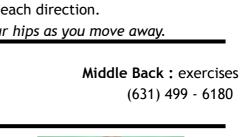




<u>Cat / Cow stretches</u>: Perform 5 breathes and repetitions in each direction. \* Breathe in and push your stomach out as you arch your back down. \*Breathe out and pull your stomach in as you arch your middle back upwards.



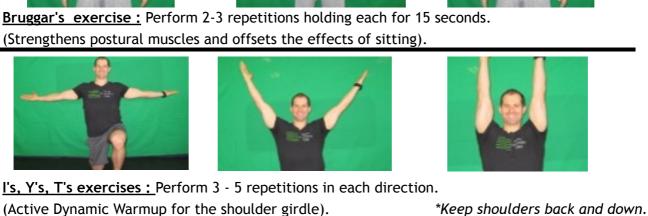






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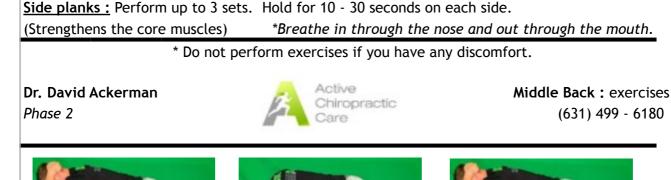




(Active Dynamic Warmup for the shoulder girdle).

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







(Improves spinal stability and balance).

Thoracic rotation exercise: Perform 10 - 15 repetitions to each side.



<u>Scapular retraction exercise</u>: Perform 2-3 sets of 10 - 15 repetitions.

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



<u>Core rotations with band</u>: Perform up to 3 sets of 10 - 15 repetitions on each side.