

Pro-align, Sydney

Injury Profile: Neck for Pro- Align

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The following are rehabilitation exercises to help you recover faster and prevent re-injury. Please contact your Health Professional if you have any questions

Comment: Perform these exercises throughout the day to help relieve and revive your neck

### Cervical Fist Traction



0:30

Hold

2

Sets

- Make a fist and place it at the top of your sternum under the chin
- Rest your chin on the circular plateau formed by your curled index finger and thumb
- Place the other hand on the back of the head at the base of the skull
- Pull the head forward and down to rest on the fist
- Keep your mouth closed and do not allow the fist to move
- The fist becomes a fulcrum to stretch the lower neck
- Gently traction the back of the head as if lengthening to the ceiling. Breathe into this stretch.
- **Do not perform if exacerbates pain**

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### Resisted Cervical Rotation



0:10

Hold

2

Sets

- This helps to strengthen the neck
- With head in neutral place hand along side of chin
- Look to the side you are turning to and resist the movement with your hand. Start the movement with your eyes.
- The pressure should be gentle and not cause pain
- **Hold for 10 secs.**

### SCM/Scalene Stretch



0:20

Hold

- Tilt your head to the side
- Then turn your head to look up at the opposite side of the room
- Keep your shoulders level
- You may wish to increase the stretch by dropping your shoulder on the side you are stretching
- This opens the muscles that become overactive from fwd head carry

### Deep Cervical Flexors Nod on Wall



0:05

Hold

10

Sets

- Standing with back on wall, feet out just slightly
- Engage lower abdominals drawing belly button in towards spine
- Slide the back of the head up the wall maintaining contact
- Stop as feel stretch at back of head or when eyes reach horizontal plane
- Hold **5 Secs.** and then relax back to start position
- Stop if exacerbates pain
- you may need a cushion behind the head if kyphosed or the head doesn't touch the wall easily .

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