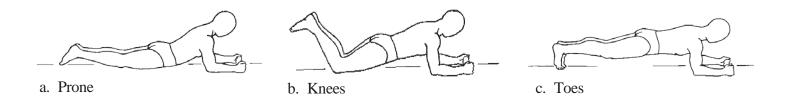
# **Closed Kinetic Chain Upper Extremity Home Exercise Program**

# 1. Prone on Elbows With Protraction

Lie on your stomach propped up on your forearms, with your elbows directly under your shoulders. Slowly move your sternum away from the floor. Keep your low back flat by tightening your abdominals. You should feel your spine move up away from your shoulder blades. Do not shrug your shoulders. Maintain this position for \_\_\_\_\_\_seconds. This position can also be performed on your knees and toes as pictured below.

Perform \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day. Advance to \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.



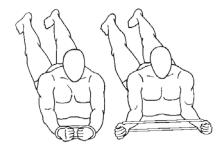
#### 2. Prone on Elbows External Rotation

Lie on your stomach and assume the prone on elbows position as described in #1.

Maintain your shoulder blade position throughout the exercise.

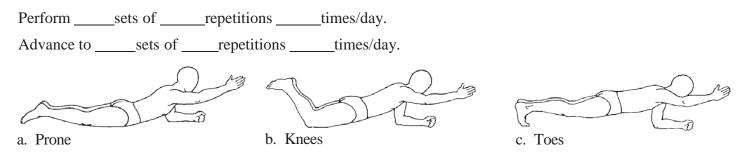
Hold tubing in both hands and try to gently pull your hands apart. Hold for seconds.

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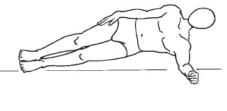
# 3. Prone on Elbows Arm Reach

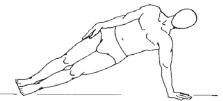
Lie on your stomach and assume the prone on elbows position as described in #1. Maintain this position throughout the exercise. Reach forward with the right arm and hold for seconds. Support yourself with the left arm, shifting as little as possible to the left. Repeat with the right arm. This exercise can also be performed on your knees and toes as pictured below.



# 4. Side on Elbow With Neutral Posture

Lie on your side and prop yourself up on your elbow and feet as pictured. Your elbow should be directly under your shoulder, head and neck should be in a straight line with your trunk. Do not tilt your head to either side or sag your shoulder. Hips should be lifted off the floor approx. \_\_\_\_\_ inches. Hold this position for \_\_\_\_\_ seconds. Repeat with opposite elbow. This exercise can also be performed with the elbow straight as pictured at right.





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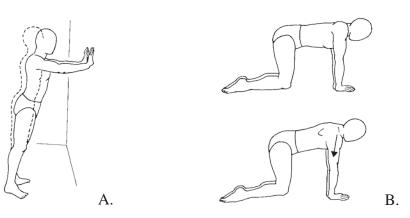
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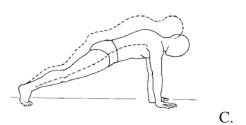
# 5. Wall Push Up With a Plus

Stand arms length away from a wall. Place hands on wall, shoulder width apart. Keep elbows straight/bent slightly throughout the exercise. Slowly move your sternum closer to the wall, letting your shoulder blades slide toward your spine. Then, move sternum away from the wall, pushing your shoulder blades away from your spine. This exercise can also be performed in a hands and knees position and in a traditional push up position as shown.

 Perform \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.

 Progress to \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.



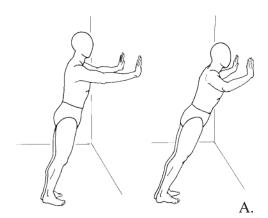


# 6. Push-up Progression

**A. Wall Push-Up** – Stand arms length away from a wall. Place hands on the wall, shoulder width apart. Begin with elbows slightly bent. Keep your shoulder blades in proper position. Slowly move your body toward the wall, bending your elbows. Do not let your low back arch or your head move forward. Return to the start position. Do not lock your elbows during the exercise.

 Perform \_\_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.

 Advance to \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.

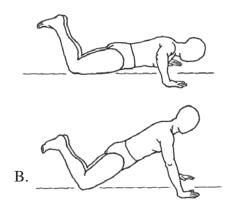


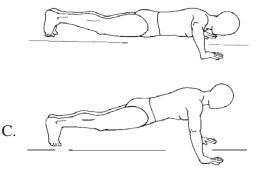
**B.** Modified Floor Push-Up – Position yourself on your hands and knees on the floor as pictured. Your head, shoulders, hips and knees should be in a straight line. Begin with your elbows slightly bent. Keep your shoulder blades in proper position. Slowly move your body toward the floor. Do not let your low back or head sag toward the floor. Return to the start position. Do not lock your elbows during the exercise.

Perform sets of repetitions times/day. Advance to \_\_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.

C. Floor Push-Up – Position yourself on the floor on your hands and toes as pictured. Keep your head, shoulders, hips and knees in a straight line. Begin with your elbows slightly bent. Keep your shoulder blades in proper position. Slowly move your body toward the floor and return. Do not let your low back or head sag toward the floor. Do not lock your elbows during the exercise.

Perform	_sets of	_repetitions	_times/day.
Advance to	sets of	repetitions	times/day.





# 7. Floor Scrubbing

Place a sock on each hand. Position yourself on the floor in the hands and knees position with your knees directly under your hips and your hands directly under your shoulders. Slowly move your sternum away from the floor. Maintain this position throughout the exercise. Move your arms in the following directions:

- Out to the side and back to the middle
- In clockwise circles In counterclockwise circles

Perform sets of repetitions times/day. Advance to \_\_\_\_\_\_ sets of \_\_\_\_\_\_ repetitions \_\_\_\_\_\_ times/day.



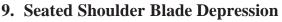


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# 8. Ball Rolling

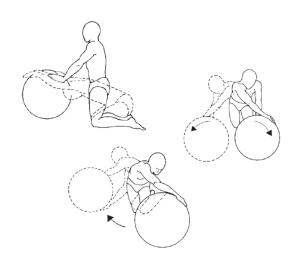
Utilizing a ball or rolling chair, position yourself with your hands on the moving object and your knees on the ground. Using one or both of your arms, move the object in the following directions:

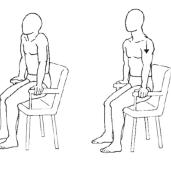
forward / backward side to side	clockwise counterclockwise	
Perform sets of	_ repetitions times/day.	
Advance to sets of	repetitions times/day.	



Utilizing a chair with armrests, grasp each armrest with your hands and maintain the elbows in a straight position. Your seat will be raised off the chair to start and your shoulders will be shrugged toward your ears. Place pressure into the armrests, causing your shoulder blades to slide down your back, moving your shoulders away from your ears and raising your body up from the chair. This may also be performed on chair without armrests as shown.

Perform \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_reps \_\_\_\_times/day. Advance to \_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_reps \_\_\_\_times/day.







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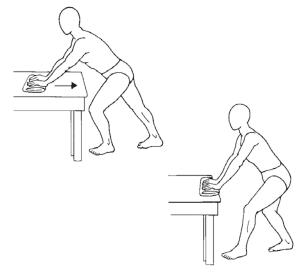
# **10. Table Top Push-Pull**

Grasp rolled-up towel in both hands. Position yourself close to a table with one leg forward as shown in the picture. Push down onto the towel with both hands as you push the towel forward, as if you are wiping the table. Shift your weight onto the front leg while you push. Pull back, returning to the starting position, shifting your weight onto the back leg.

Repeat with opposite leg forward.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.

Advance to \_\_\_\_\_sets of \_\_\_\_\_repetitions \_\_\_\_\_times/day.



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