

## **Neck Pain Exercises**



Active neck rotation



Active neck sidebend



Neck flexion



Neck extension



Neck extension on hands and knees



Scapular squeeze



Head lift: Neck curl



Head lift: Neck side bend

Active Neck Rotation: Sit in a chair, keeping your neck, shoulders, and trunk straight. First, turn your head slowly to the right. Move it gently to the point of pain. Move it back to center. Relax. Then move it to the left. Repeat 10 times.

Active neck side bend: Sit in a chair, keep your neck shoulders and trunk straight. Tilt your head so that your right ear moves toward your right shoulder. Move it to the point of pain. Then tilt your head so your left ear moves toward your left shoulder. Make sure you do not rotate your head while tilting or raise your shoulder toward your head. Repeat this exercise 10 times in each direction.

**Neck flexion:** Sit in a chair, keeping your neck, shoulders, and trunk straight. Bend your head forward, reaching your chin toward your chest. Hold for 5 seconds. Repeat 10 times.

**Neck extension:** Sit in your chair, keeping your neck, shoulders, and trunk straight. Bring your head back so that your chin is pointing toward the ceiling. Repeat 10 times.

**Neck extension on hands and knees:** Get on your hands and knees and look down at the floor. Keep your back straight and let your head slowly drop toward your chest. Then tuck your chin slightly and lift your head until your neck is level with your back. Hold this position for 5 seconds. Repeat 10 times

**Scapular squeeze:** While sitting or standing with your arms by your sides, squeeze your shoulder blades together and hold for 5 seconds. Do 3 sets of 10.

**Head Lift - Neck curl:** lie on your back with your knees bent and your feet flat on the floor. Tuck your chin and lift your head toward your chest, keeping your shoulders on the floor. Hold for 5 seconds. Repeat 10 times.

**Head lift - Neck side bend:** Lie on your right side with your right arm lying straight out. Rest your head on your arm, then lift your head slowly toward your left shoulder. Hold for 5 seconds. Repeat 10 times. Switch to your left side and repeat the exercise, lifting your head toward your right shoulder.