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### SHOULDER STRETCHES

#### Shoulder blade squeeze

- While standing with your arms at your sides, squeeze your shoulder blades together. Do not raise your shoulders up as you are squeezing.
- Hold for 6 seconds. Repeat 10 times.
- Place one hand under your elbow.
- Lift your elbow and stretch it across your chest. Don't rotate your body as you stretch.
- Hold the stretch for 15 to 30 seconds. You'll feel tension in the back of your shoulder.
- Relax and slowly return to the starting position.
- Repeat the stretch with the other arm.
- Place your hands behind your head.
- Squeeze your shoulder blades together, bringing your elbows back as far as possible.
- Hold the stretch for 15 to 30 seconds.
- Relax and slowly return to the starting position.
- Lean into door until you feel a stretch. Hold 10-60 seconds.
- Repeat with hands in different position to vary the stretch.







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- Sit in a sturdy chair next to a table with the arm placed as demonstrated, palm down.
- Slide the arm forward while bending at the waist as far as is possible without pain.
- Eventually the head should be level with the side of the table.



Shoulder internal rotation with towel -

- Roll up a towel lengthwise. Hold the towel above and behind your head with the arm that is not sore.
- With your sore arm, reach behind your back and grasp the towel.
- Using the arm above your head, pull the towel upward until you feel a stretch on the front and outside of your sore shoulder.
- Hold 15 to 30 seconds.
- Relax and move the towel back down to the starting position.
- Sit on your side and place the affected arm on the table
- Lean forward







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Wand exercise: Extension



Wand exercise: External rotation



Wand exercise: Internal rotation



Wand exercise: Shoulder abduction and adduction