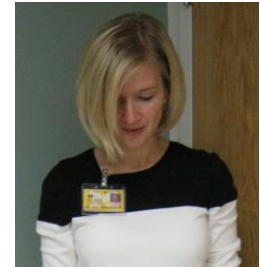
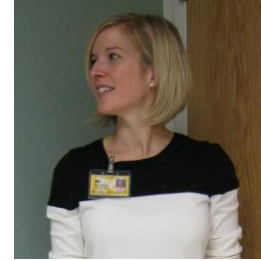


Balance Exercises

Static Standing - Feet Partial Heel to Toe



Suggested Accessories

→ Metronome OR clock with a second hand

Safety

→ Stand with your back in a corner, close to the wall but not touching. Place a firm chair in front of you.

Exercise Instructions

- The goal of this exercise is to maintain good posture (stand tall) and minimize your sway, but not be stiff and tense.
- Stand on a firm surface with your dominant leg a half step in front of your non-dominant leg (partial heel to toe). Your feet should be almost touching. **Focus on keeping equal pressure between the heels and balls of your feet.**
- There are 6 variations of this exercise (see below). It is normal to feel your leg muscles working hard, especially with the difficult exercises.
- For exercises with head turns, set your metronome to 60 beats per minute (one movement per second). Head movements should be in a comfortable range and not cause neck pain.
- Perform the exercise for 30 seconds

Exercise Variations*

Perform the checked exercises for 30 seconds each, ____ times per day, ____ times per week.



Stand on a **firm surface**, feet **partial heel to toe**, **eyes open**



Stand on a **firm surface**, feet **partial heel to toe**, **eyes open**. Move your head **up, center, down, center** at a rate of 1 movement per second



Stand on a **firm surface**, feet **partial heel to toe**, **eyes open**. Move your head **left, center, right, center** at a rate of 1 movement per second



Stand on a **firm surface**, feet **partial heel to toe**, **eyes closed**



Stand on a **firm surface**, feet **partial heel to toe**, **eyes closed**. Move your head **up, center, down, center** at a rate of 1 movement per second



Stand on a **firm surface**, feet **partial heel to toe**, **eyes closed**. Move your head **left, center, right, center** at a rate of 1 movement per second

*Exercises should be challenging but safe!

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