

# Upper Extremity Range of Motion Exercises

#### When exercising, remember:

- 1. Take deep breaths during and after each exercise and after each set of exercises. Complete 2-3 sets x 10 reps daily.
- 2. Pace yourself.
- 3. Follow exercise directions as listed
- 4. Notify your therapist if you have any questions or concerns
- 5. Do **not** force movements that cause pain or discomfort. Discontinue exercise if experiencing increased cramping, pain or discomfort.
- 6. Do **not** hold your breath while exercising

#### **Scapular Elevation and Depression**

- 1. Raise your shoulders up toward your ears
- 2. Now press your shoulders down, away from your ears.

Repetitions: \_\_\_\_ times per day



# **Scapular Retraction**

 Squeeze your shoulder blades toward your spine bring your shoulders back with your chest forward.

Repetitions: \_\_\_\_ times per day



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## **Shoulder Flexion**

- 1. Start with your arm by your side.
- 2. Slowly lift your hand toward the ceiling with your elbow straight.
- 3. Slowly bring your arm back down by your side with your elbow straight.

Repetitions: \_\_\_\_ times per day

# **Elbow Flexion/Extension**

- 1. Start with your arm straight at shoulder level.
- Bend your elbow and bring your hand slowly toward your opposite shoulder and then push it out.



Repetitions: \_\_\_\_ times per day

# Wrist Flexion/Extension

- 1. Lift your fingers toward the ceiling, bending at the wrist.
- 2. Keep your forearm and elbow still at your side.
- 3. Lower your fingers to point toward the floor.

Repetitions: \_\_\_\_ times per day



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# Finger Flexion/Extension

- 1. Begin with your elbow at your side with a 90° angle.
- 2. Start with your fingers in an open position.
- 3. Slowly curl your fingers in to create a fist and hold.
- 4. Straighten your fingers back into an open position.



Repetitions: \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ times per day

# Finger Opposition

- 1. Start with your fingers in an open position.
- 2. Slowly touch the tip of your thumb to each of your other fingers.
- 3. Hold tip of thumb to tip of each finger for 2–3 seconds.
- 4. Straighten your fingers back into an open position.

Repetitions: \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ times per day

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