

Habituation: Body Turns with Head Movements

- The goal of **habituation training** is to help decrease symptoms of vertigo, dizziness, or nausea that are caused by some head and body movements.
- These exercises might make your symptoms worse at first. However, continue to do the exercises and work through your symptoms. With repetition and time, the exercises will help to reduce or get rid of your symptoms.
- Do this exercise with just enough intensity to cause mild to moderate dizziness. Moderate dizziness is 4-6 on a 10-point scale. Your symptoms should stop within 30 to 60 seconds.

Dizziness Intensity Scale	
0	No dizziness
1	Mild
2	
3	
4	Moderate
5	
6	
7	Moderate-Severe
8	
9	
10	Severe dizziness



1. At a comfortable speed, make a **half (180°)** / **full (360°)** body turn toward your **left** / **right** while moving your head **up and down** / **ear to shoulder**.
2. Wait for your symptoms to go away, plus _____ seconds between each turn.

Repeat ____ times per session. Do ____ sessions per day.

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