

# Gaze Stabilization Exercise VORx1

**Purpose:** To improve ability to focus eyes when your head is moving.

**Procedure:**

- Hold the target “x” card in your hand about arm’s length away. Hold the card at eye level.
- Keep your eyes focused on the target and turn your head slowly from side to side. Always keep the target steady and in clear focus. Move your head side to side as fast as you can without the target getting blurry or moving.
- Repeat the exercise while moving your head slowly up and down. Always keep the target steady and in clear focus.

**Level 1:**

- Begin seated facing a plain background

**Level 2:**

- Progress to standing on a firm surface

**Level 3:**

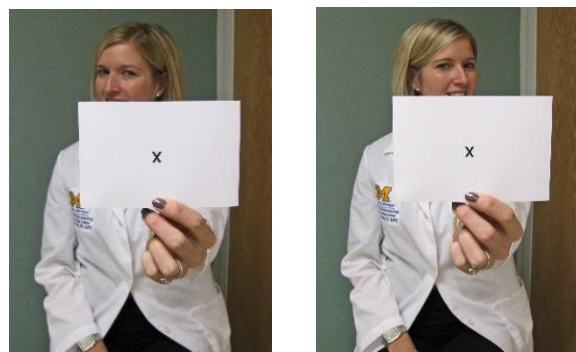
- Progress to standing on a pillow/ folded up yoga mat
- Facing busy background (checkerboard, wall paper)

**Level 4:** (Not shown in video)

- Progress to walking /jogging with target letter taped on a wall at eye level ~15-20 feet away.

**Guidelines:**

- Begin performing this exercise for \_\_\_\_\_ seconds, gradually increasing to 2 minutes, 3-4 times per day.
- Remember to stop this exercise if symptoms increase by 3 points on a 10-point scale. Wait until symptoms return to baseline before trying again.



To view a video demonstration of this exercise visit:

<http://michmed.org/y00Dn> or scan the QR code on the right.



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