

# Cervical Myelopathy

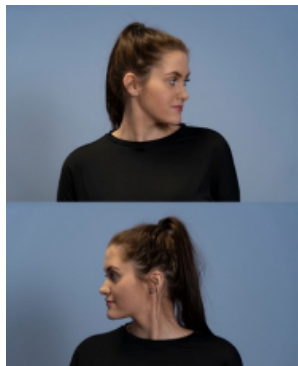
## Early Programme

Aim to perform this programme a minimum of once per day unless prescribed otherwise. As with any new exercise, start slowly (repetitions as able) and build up as you are able within the guidelines below. Pain should not exceed 3/10 whilst completing this exercise programme.



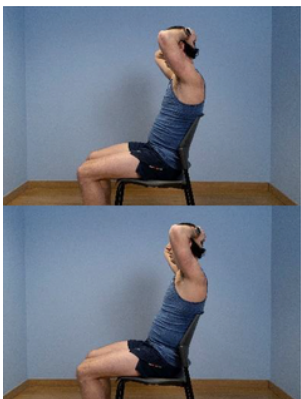
### 1. Deep neck flexion in sitting or lying

- With your head in neutral, gently pull your chin backwards towards your neck (not nodding your head).
- Only pull back till you start to feel stretch at the back of your neck, this may be a very small movement.
- Hold for 5 seconds and relax.
- **Perform this exercise up to 8 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2-3 times.**



### 2. Neck rotations

- In sitting looking forward, turn your head as far to one side as you can within your comfortable range.
- Then as quickly as you feel comfortable to, turn to the other side as far as you can within your comfortable range.
- Try to build the speed of movement over time as you feel able.
- **Perform this exercise up to 20 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2-3 times.**



### 3. Shoulder setting

- Sitting upright in a supportive chair.
- Arms out to the side level with the shoulders or as close to as able.
- Pull the arms back behind you and naturally it will feel the shoulder blades coming together.
- **Perform this exercise up to 8 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2-3 times.**