

Thoracic Outlet Syndrome

Intermediate 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.

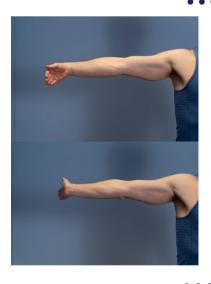
Pain should not exceed 5/10 whilst completing this exercise programme.



15 reps / 3 sets / 1 minute rest

1. Neck side bend

- Sitting upright in a supportive chair.
- Bring your left ear down to your left shoulder, and then the exact opposite over to the right. Working in your comfortable range.



10 reps / 3 sets / 1 minute rest

2. Median nerve glide

- Hold your arm out to the side so elbow and wrist as close to level with the shoulder as possible. Have the palm of the hand facing forward.
- Pull the wrist backward so the backs of the fingers are trying to touch the back of the forearm.
- With the head facing forward try to take the ear on the opposite side to the outstretched arm, down to the opposite shoulder whilst staying facing forward. Hold for 2-5 secs.
- Stop at the point it produces symptoms and slowly return the head to upright and the hand to facing forward and repeat.



3. Shoulder sets

- In sitting looking forward, put your hands on your hips.
- Pull your elbows and shoulders back to bring your shoulder blades together.
- Hold for up to 10 seconds.

We recommend consulting a musculoskeletal physiotherapist to ensure exercises are best suited to your recovery. If you are carrying out an exercise regime without consulting a healthcare professional, you do so at your own risk. If you have any concerns whilst completing these exercises, please contact a healthcare professional.