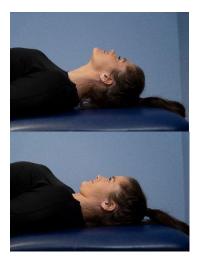


# **Cervical Myelopathy**

### 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 3/10 whilst completing this exercise programme.



## 1. Neck strength in lying

- With your head in neutral, lift your whole head up to bring your chin as close to your chest as possible.
- Hold for up to 10 seconds and relax.

20 reps / 2-3 sets / 1 minute rest

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8 reps / 2-3 sets / 1 minute rest

## 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.



## 3. Side lying chest opener

- Lying on your side in the recovery position, arms out to the side level with shoulders.
- Lift your upper arm up and over in an arc following your thumb with your eyes as far as is comfortable.
- Return to the start position and repeat.

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.