

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

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## Hand Therapy: Wrist exercises

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### What do these exercises do?

The following exercises are designed to help you stretch and regain movement in your wrist.

### How often should I do them?

Your therapist or consultant will discuss with you how often you should be exercising.

### How hard do I push?

With each exercise, take the movement only as far as you feel an uncomfortable stretch. Then hold this stretch for five to 10 seconds.

### Exercises

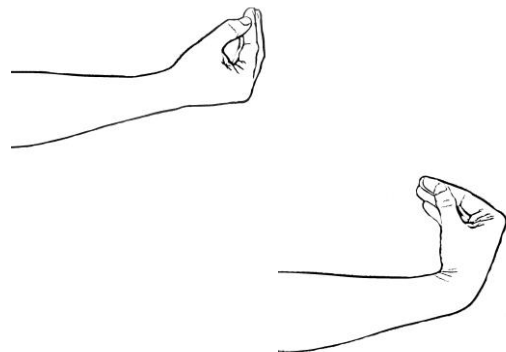
**1)** Put the palms of your hands together.

Slowly lower your hands and raise your elbows.

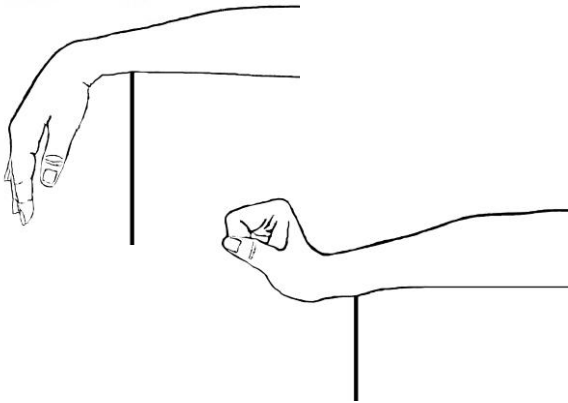
Remember to keep your palms together so you feel a stretch.



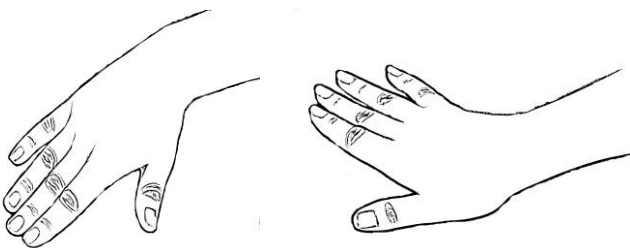
**2)** Rest the side of your hand on a table. Bend your wrist forwards and backwards.



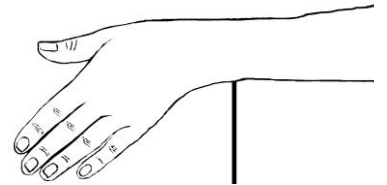
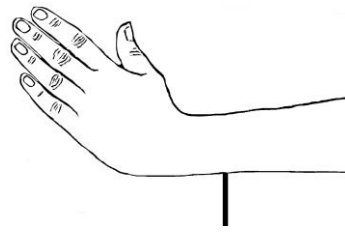
**3)** Rest your hand over the edge of a table, palm down. Make a fist and lift your hand up. Relax your fingers and take your hand down. Remember to keep your forearm on the table.



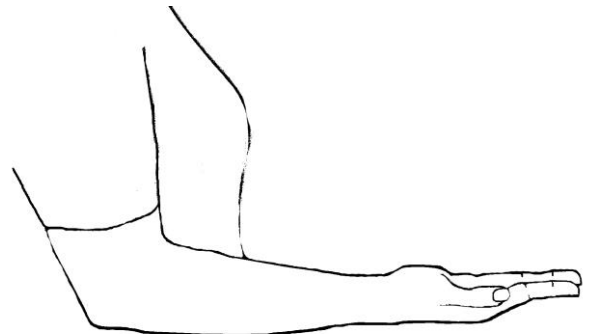
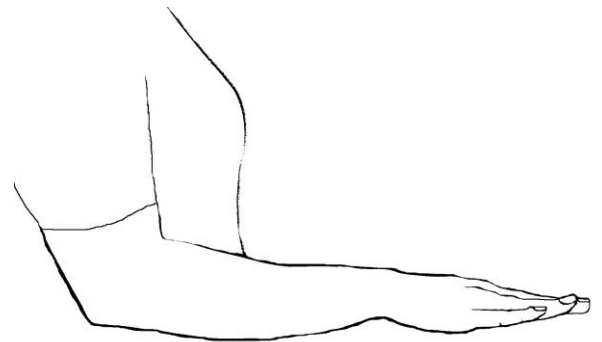
**4)** Rest your forearm on a table with your hand facing palm down. Slide your hand from side to side, moving at the wrist and making sure your forearm stays still.



**5)** Rest the side of your forearm on a table with your hand over the edge. Move your hand up and down.



**6)** With your elbow tucked into your side, turn your hand palm up, then palm down. Remember not to move your elbow.



## Contact details

If you have any questions or concerns about your exercises or your condition, please contact your occupational therapist

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on (01623) 622515, extension 4271.

**For appointment queries please contact Therapy Services reception at King's Mill Hospital on (01623) 622515, extension 3221, or Newark Hospital on 01636 685885.**

## Further sources of information

NHS Choices:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

Our website: [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk)

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