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Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

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INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Therapy Services

Shoulder range of motion exercises

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7POkiYMYuTU>

Pendulum exercise:

- Start by leaning on a stable surface; a kitchen table or work top is ideal.
- Lean forwards supporting yourself through your good arm.
- Stand with your feet apart for better balance and lean forwards.
- Gently allow your affected arm to hang down.
- Like a grandfather clock pendulum, allow your arm to swing freely backwards and forwards and in circles – one way and the other.
- Repeat 10-12 times or as comfort allows.

Passive elevation exercise:

- Lie flat on your back with your neck and head comfortable on pillow(s).
- Use your good hand to hold or support your affected arm.
- Use your good hand to lift your affected arm up and above your head – allow it to go further a comfort allows.

- You may experience some mild ‘stretching’ discomfort as you push your arm further – please be reassured this is normal and usually soon settles when you return your affected arm to the start position.
- Repeat 10-12 times or as comfort allows.

Passive external rotation exercise:

- Start by lying on your back.
- Have a folded-up towel under your affected arm – allow your upper arm/elbow to rest on the towel for optimum support.
- Hold both ends of a stick with your palms facing you, both elbows should be bent at a 90-degree angle.
- Use your good hand to push your affected arm with the stick to turn it outwards to the side.
- Repeat 10-12 times or as comfort allows.

These types of exercises are ‘range of movement exercise’ therefore it is recommended that you do these exercises regularly throughout each day.

Always allow pain to be your guide. It is acceptable and normal for the exercises to cause some mild discomfort, but this should settle down soon after you have completed the exercises.