Shoulder Abduction Exercises

Snow Angel (Lying Down)

• Lie on your back. To support your neck put a rolled up towel under your head.

• Your arms should be straight out with the palms of your hands facing the ceiling.

• Slide your arms back and forth on the floor. You should only move your arms as far as you can and still be comfortable.

• Do this exercise for ________ sets of ________.

• For a chest stretch, hold your arms out straight with the palms of your hands facing the ceiling for 30 seconds to 1 minute and 30 seconds.

You may find it helpful to use a timer for this exercise.

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Snow Angel (Standing)

- With your head and shoulders against the wall and your chin tucked, slowly raise both arms from your sides up along the wall to shoulder height.

- With your head against the wall and your chin tucked, slowly raise your arms from shoulder height to over head.

Do this exercise for ______ sets of ______ .

Shoulder Blade Exercise

- With your arms bent at the elbows, squeeze your shoulder blades together behind you. Try not to lift your shoulders up.

- Relax

Do this exercise for ______ sets of ______ .
Supine Shoulder External Rotation (Lying Down)
- Lie on your back.
- Place your arms along side of your body with elbows bent.
- Hold a resistance band in your hands with your palms facing each other.
- Keep your neck relaxed.
- Keep your elbows on the floor and pull your hands away from each other.

Do this exercise for ________ sets of ________ .

Scapular Chest Pulls:
Grasp the resistance band in both hands or loop it over your hands. Stretch the band out to the sides with both your hands.

Do this exercise for ________ sets of ________ .

Supine Horizontal Abduction (Lying Down)
Grasp the resistance band in both hands or loop it over your hands. Stretch the band out to the sides with both your hands.
- Lie on your back.
- Hold a resistance band in your hands with your palms facing each other.
- Keep your neck relaxed and elbows straight.
- Move your hands/arms away from each other.
- Pull your arms in and out.

Do this exercise for ________ sets of ________ .