Wrist Exercises: Active Range of Motion

The goal of these exercises is to regain or maintain function of your wrist. It uses active movement of the wrist.

Your occupational therapist has designed these exercises to meet your specific needs. For best results, please perform each exercise as shown.

If your symptoms change or become worse when you are exercising, stop the activity. If the symptoms persist or are bothersome, call your doctor’s office.

WRIST - Extension with Finger Flexion (Active)

With fingers curled, bend hand back at wrist.
Hold 5 seconds.
Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

WRIST - Flexion (Active)

Bend wrist down with fingers curled.
Repeat 10 times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.
WRIST - Radial Deviation with Finger Flexion (Active)

With fingers curled, bend wrist toward thumb side.
Repeat 10 times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

WRIST - Ulnar Deviation (Active)

With fingers curled, bend hand to side at wrist in direction of little finger.
Repeat 10 times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

WRIST - Flexion with Finger Extension (Active)

Let hand dangle over edge of table, palm down. Bend wrist downward as far as possible. Hold 5 seconds.
Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.
WRIST - Extension with Finger Extension (Active)

With forearm on table and wrist over edge, lift hand with fingers straight. Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

WRIST - Circumduction (Active)

With fingers curled, move slowly at wrist in clockwise circles 10 times. Repeat counterclockwise. Do not move elbow or shoulder. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

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