Theraband™ Upper Body Exercises: Back, Shoulders, & Arms

The goal of these exercises is to regain or maintain function of your upper body. To help increase your strength, these exercises use a resistive rubber therapy band.

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.

**ELBOW - Flexion**

With band looped around hand and wrist, use elbow movements only.
Using other arm as anchor, bend elbow, pulling up.
Hold 3 seconds.
Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.
ELBOW - Extension

With band looped around hand and wrist, use elbow movements only. Using other arm as anchor, straighten elbow, pushing down. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

SHOULDER - Flexion

With arms in front, keep elbows straight. Using other arm as anchor, pull affected arm upward. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

SHOULDER - Extension

With arms in front, keep elbows straight. Using other arm as anchor, pull affected arm downward. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.
SHOULDER - External Rotation

With band looped around hand and wrist, use elbow movements only. Using other arm as anchor, bend elbow, pulling up. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

SHOULDER - Horizontal Abduction

With arms at shoulder level, keep elbows straight. Using other arm as anchor, pull affected arm outward. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

SHOULDER - Internal Rotation

With elbow bent at right angle, hold firmly against side. Using doorknob to anchor band, pull inward. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat ______ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.
SHOULDER - Horizontal Adduction

With arm at shoulder level, keep elbow straight. Using doorknob to anchor band, pull across front toward other shoulder. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat _____ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

SCAPULA - Upward Diagonal

Using other hand as anchor, pull band up and out to side with palm facing up. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat _____ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

SCAPULA - Downward Diagonal

Using loop device anchored in door, pull band toward opposite knee with palm facing down. Hold 3 seconds. Repeat _____ times. Do these exercises ______ times per day.

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