

# Patient information

# **Finger Exercise Programme**

## **Therapies Department**

Your Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist has selected the following exercises for you.

**Only** complete the exercises that have a tick next to them.

For each exercise hold the position for three to five seconds or as tolerated.

#### One



- Place the palm of your hand flat on the table.
- Spread fingers open then bring them back together.

#### Two



- Bend the top two joints of your fingers keep your knuckles straight.
- Now fully straighten your fingers.

## Repeat five times. Do three sets per day.

#### **Three**



- Bend your knuckles and the first joint of your fingers.
- Keep the end joint of your fingers straight and touch your palm.
- Now fully straighten your fingers.

### Four



- Make a fist.
- Now fully straighten your fingers.

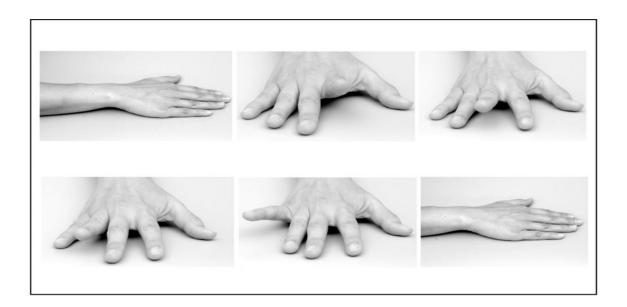
## Repeat five times. Do three sets per day.

## Five.



- Place your palm flat on the table.
- Bend your knuckles.
- Keep your fingers straight with your fingertips touching the table.
- Now straighten your knuckles.

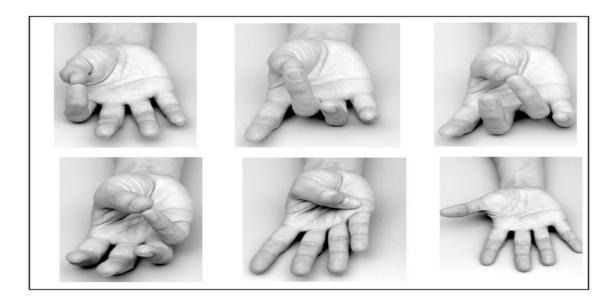
### Six



- Place your palm flat on the table.
- Lift each finger individually off the table

## Repeat five times. Do three sets per day.

### Seven



- Touch the tip of each finger with your thumb.
- Now touch the base of your little finger with your thumb.
- Now stretch out your thumb.

### **Eight**



- Place the palm of your hand flat on the table.
- Spread fingers open then bring them back together.
- Bend the top two joints of your fingers keep your knuckles straight.
- Place your palm flat on the table.
- Starting with your index finger, walk each finger towards your thumb.
- Repeat the exercise without letting your fingers return to their starting position.
- Repeat five times. Do three sets per day.

### During a flare up adjust your exercise regime within your limits

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