Boot Camp for Persistant Neck Pain

Date						
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
1. Bike/walk/run/swim	min	min	min	min	min	min
Sitting or Standing						
2. Shoulder Shrugs (up, back and down)	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold _ repeat_
3. Neck-shoulder pull downs- right and left	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold _ repeat
4. Corner stretch- shoulders/chest/back	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold _ repeat_
5. Head retraction stretch	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold _ repeat_
6. Range of motion (ROM) stretch to maximum position a) rotation b) side bending	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold repeat	hold _ repeat_
7. Resisted ROM using hand						
a) rotation	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets
b) side bending	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets
c) extension	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets
Lying Down						
8. Resisted ROM using head weight						
a) rotation	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets
b) side bending	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets
c) extension	repeat Sets	repeat Sets	repeat Sets	repeat Sets	repeat Sets	repeat Sets
Sitting or Standing						
9. Shoulder pull downsbroom stick	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	repeat sets	
10.Postural instruction	Sit/drive	Computer/ mobile devices	Stand	Walk	sleep	Daily awareness
Step/Activity Count						

BIKE/WALK/RUN/SWIM

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Instructions

Each boot camp program includes aerobic exercise. The type and intensity of the aerobic exercise you will be asked to do will depend on the severity of your neck pain, your level of fitness and any other underlying health problems you may have. Consult your health care professional before engaging in any aerobic exercises to ensure it is safe for you. If you use a stationary bike it is important to adjust the seat height to a level that allows the knee to almost fully extend while pedaling.



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Bike/walk/run/swim	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes
For bike: tension (resistance)						

SHOULDER SHRUGS









Instructions

This can be done either sitting or standing. Draw your shoulders up toward your ears while contracting firmly the muscles in your neck and shoulders. Hold this position. Then draw the shoulders back as far as you can and at the same time squeeze the muscles between the blades tightly. Hold this position. Then drop the shoulders and return to your resting position. Then repeat.

Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Shoulder Shrugs	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold
(up, back and down)	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat

NECK-SHOULDER PULL DOWNS

Instructions

While sitting place one hand under your buttock with your palm down. Using your other hand, and while maintaining an erect posture, place it on the opposite side of your head. Using your hand that is on the side of the head, gently pull your head toward your shoulder as far as you can and hold this position. Repeat on the opposite side.





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Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Neck-Shoulder	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold
Pull Downs	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat

CORNER STRETCH







Instructions

Find a corner where you can place your hands on either side of the corner about shoulder high and keeping your head erect. Place one foot forward toward the corner of the wall and then slowly bend the forward knee while keeping the other back leg straight. Bring your chest as close to the corner as possible. You should feel a stretch across the front of your chest and between your shoulder blades. Hold this position.

Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Corner Stretch	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold
	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat

Instructions

While sitting or standing against a wall, tuck your chin down slightly toward your chest. Then draw your head backwards as far as possible or until the back of your head touches the wall. Hold this position.





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Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Head Retraction Stretch	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold
	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat

RANGE OF MOTION (ROM) STRETCH (A) ROTATION







Instructions

While sitting or standing against a wall, rotate your head as far as you can while attempting to touch your chin to your shoulder. Hold this Position. Repeat on the opposite side.

Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Range of Motion Stretch a) rotation	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold
	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat

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RANGE OF MOTION (ROM) STRETCH (B) SIDE BENDING

Instructions

Side bend your head as far as you can attempting to touch your ear to your shoulder. Hold this position and repeat on the other side.





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Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Range of Motion Stetch b) Side Bending	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold
	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat

RESISTED ROM USING HAND (A) ROTATION









Instructions

Rotate your head into your hand while your hand resists your head from moving. Hold this position for one second. Then rotate your head the opposite way a few degrees and repeat until your chin reaches as close as possible to the shoulder. Repeat on the other side.

Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Resisted ROM Using Hand a) Rotation	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat
	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets

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RESISTED ROM USING HAND (B) SIDE BENDING

Instructions

With your head erect side bend your head toward your hand while your hand resists your head from moving. Hold this position for one second. Then side bend your head the opposite way a few degrees and repeat until you ear reaches as close as possible to your shoulder.







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Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Resisted ROM Using Hand b) Side Bending	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat
	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets

RESISTED ROM USING HAND (C) EXTENSION

Instructions

Drop your head down so your chin is touching or is close to your chest as possible. Lift your head into your hand while your hand resists your head from moving. Hold this position for one second. Then lift your head up a few degrees and repeat until your head is erect.







Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Resisted ROM Using Hand c) extension	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat
	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets

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RESISTED ROM USING HEAD WEIGHT ADVANCED A) ROTATION - PERFORM SLOWLY

Instructions

Lie on your side with your head suspended over the edge of a bench or your bed. Keep your head in the neutral position. Rotate your head by directing your nose toward the floor as far as possible and hold for one second then turn your head by pointing your nose toward the ceiling and holding for one second. Then repeat. Lie on opposite side and repeat. *Avoid if experience dizziness or vertigo.





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Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Resisted ROM Using head weight a) Rotation	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat
	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets

RESISTED ROM USING HEAD WEIGHT B) SIDE BENDING PERFORM SLOWLY







Instructions

Lie on your side with your head suspended over the edge of a bench or your bed. Keep your head in the neutral position. Side bend your head toward the floor trying to approximate your ear to your shoulder hold for one second then return to the neutral position and repeat. Lie on opposite side and repeat. *Avoid if experience dizziness or vertigo.

Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Resisted ROM Using head weight b) Side Bending	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat
	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets

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RESISTED ROM USING HEAD WEIGHT C) EXTENTION - PERFORM SLOWSLY

Instructions

Lie on your stomach with your head suspended over the edge of a bench or bed. Drop your chin toward your chest and hold for one second then extend your head back to neutral and hold for one second then repeat. *Avoid if experience dizziness or vertigo.





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Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Resisted ROM Using head weight c) extension	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat
	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets	sets

SHOULDER PULL DOWNS BROOMSTICK







Instructions

While sitting or standing, place your hands on a broomstick about shoulder width apart. Place the broomstick over your head and extend your arm. Then draw the broomstick downward behind your head by squeezing your shoulder blades together. Hold for one second and repeat.

Performed times daily	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Shoulder Pull Downs using Broomstick	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold	hold
	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat	repeat