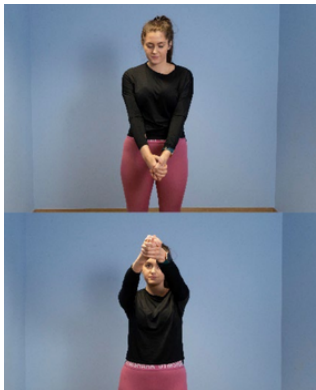


Rotator Cuff Tendinopathy

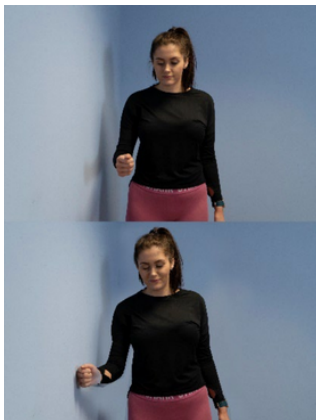
Early Programme

Aim to perform this programme a minimum of once per day unless prescribed otherwise. As with any new exercise, start slowly (repetitions as able) and build up as you are able within the guidelines below. Pain should not exceed 4/10 whilst completing this exercise programme.



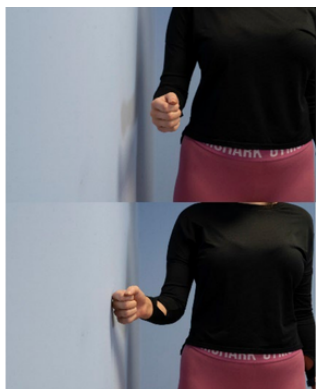
1. Assisted shoulder elevation

- In sitting or standing, clasp your hands together with your arms straight.
- Keeping your hands clasped, use your non injured arm to help lift your injured arm above you.
- Stop when you get to the end of the movement.
- Lower your arms down in a controlled manner.
- If you struggle, introduce a stick to help you with the assisted movement.
- **Perform this exercise up to 10 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2 to 3 times.**



2. Isometric shoulder abduction

- Sit or stand with your injured shoulder facing a wall.
- Rest your arm by your side with your upper arm against the wall.
- Apply moderate pressure against the wall using your upper arm.
- Hold for 5 seconds and relax.
- **Perform this exercise up to 15 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2 to 3 times.**



3. Isometric shoulder external rotation

- Sit or stand with your injured shoulder facing a wall.
- Bend your elbow to a right angle so your forearm is level to the floor.
- Keeping your elbow bent, place the back of your hand against the wall.
- Apply moderate pressure against the wall by rotating the upper arm to push the back of your hand into the wall (not the entire forearm).
- Hold for 5 seconds and relax.
- **Perform this exercise up to 15 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2 to 3 times.**