## **Stretching Exercises**

## **Hamstring Stretch**



- Sitting with one leg extended, ankle flexed
- Lean forward at hip (keep neutral spine)

## **Hip Stretch**



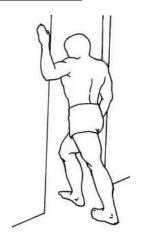
- Sitting position, cross one ankle across your knee
- Sit up tall
- To increase stretch, lean forward slightly at hips

## **Back Stretch**



- Sitting position
- Interlace fingers and reach forward

## **Chest Stretch**



- Rest forearm on wall
- Step forward keeping neutral spine



# **Self Monitoring Log**

FOR THE WEEK OF:\_\_\_\_\_

TIME	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
8:30AM	© Sleep  Read emails, computer time  Pain 4/10	Stayed in bed late Pain 8/10	Sleep  Medical  appointment  Pain 7/10	Sleep  Read emails  Pain 6/10	Sleep Reading Pain 4/10	Forgot to complete this entry (skipped)	Sleep  Late Breakfast  Pain 4/10
1:30Pm	Cleaned kitchen Pain 7/10	Skipped lunch TV, reading Pain 8/10	Grocery shopping Pain 8/10	Lunch out with friend Pain 4/10	Skipped lunch Gardening Pain 7/10	Yoga Pain 5/10	Walk Housecleaning Pain 7/10
9:30Pm	Takeout dinner Watched TV Pain 7/10	Unloaded dishwasher Pain 9/10	Takeout dinner TV Pain 9/10	Went for Walk TV Pain 5/10	Long Phone call  Did some stretches  Pain 6/10	Movie night Pain 6/10	Watch TV Pain 7/10

#### NOTE:

My goal for this week is to track my pain levels and daily activities

I think my pain symptoms might be related to sleep, so I will pay special attention to this



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NOTE:



### **Increasing Activity Tolerance**

Remember, tolerance is the amount of time you can do an activity <u>until</u> you experience a noticeable increase in pain, <u>not</u> the maximum time that you are able to do something before needing to take a break.

To calculate your current activity tolerance plan, follow these steps:

#### Week1

Choose an activity

Complete the activity at least 3 times. Take a break when you experience a **noticeable** increase in pain (i.e., 1 to 2 point increase on a 10 point scale) and make note of how much time it took before your symptoms increased

Calculate the average time of the three trials to find your 'tolerance' for the activity

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Trial 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Trial 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Trial 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Tolerance (Average of 3 trials): \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2

Calculate the baseline (where you will begin build your tolerance). Divide the tolerance by two to determine the baseline. Next time you do this activity, take a break or change activities once you reach your 'baseline'.

Baseline (Tolerance ÷ 2): \_\_\_\_\_\_

Week 3

Follow a schedule to slowly increase activity level over time. Add 10% of baseline every 3 times you complete the activity.

When will you increase the activity? \_\_\_\_\_\_

How much will you increase by (Baseline ÷ 10) ? \_\_\_\_\_\_