Exercises after Burn Injury to your Elbow

A) Stretching Activities

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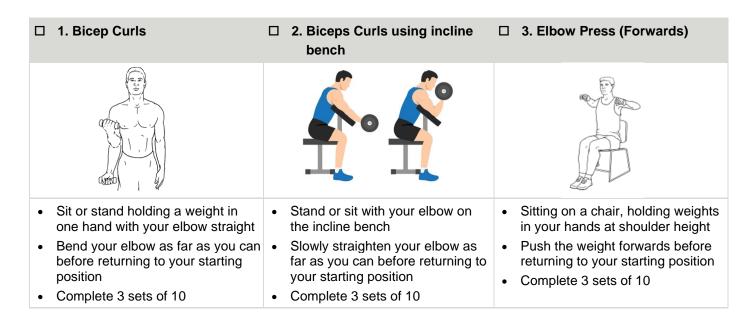
Stretches should be completed <u>4 to 5 times per day</u>. <u>Hold each stretch for 1 minute</u> at the maximum range of motion for the best effect. Follow your stretches with some exercises from Section B) Strengthening and Endurance Activities.

	1. Elbow Flexion	□ 2. Elbow Extension	☐ 3. Elbow Extension with Weight
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•	Bend your elbow to take your palm and fingers towards your shoulder You can use your other hand to help you move to the maximum Hold for 1 minute	 Straighten your elbow fully You can use your other hand to help you move to the maximum Hold for 1 minute 	 Lie on your back with a weight in your hand, rest your elbow on a rolled towel or pillow Let your elbow straighten over the towel or pillow until it is completely straight Hold for 1 minute
	4. Extended Arms behind Back	☐ 5. Combined Elbow & Wrist Stretch	☐ 6. Supination
•	Stand with your hands clasped behind your back and straighten your elbows fully Hold for 1 minute	 Place one arm out in front of you with elbow straight Combine this with moving your wrist forward and backward to increase the stretch Hold for 1 minute 	 Sit with your arm by your side and turn your palm upwards to the ceiling Hold for 1 minute To increase the stretch, you can hold onto a bottle or a hammer

	7. Triceps Stretch		8. Weight Bearing Stretch		9. Doorway Stretch (Low)
	With one arm bent behind your head, place the other hand on your elbow and stretch further Hold for 1 minute	•	Place your hands on the bed with your fingers facing forward Hold for 1 minute Now turn your arms to have your fingers facing backwards Hold for 1 minute	•	Reach sideways to hold onto a door frame Straighten your elbows by stepping through the doorway Hold for 1 minute
	10. Doorway Stretch (High)		11. Prone Resting on Elbows		12. Arms behind back
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•	Reach upwards to hold onto the top of a door frame Straighten your elbows by lunging forwards Hold for 1 minute	•	Lie on your stomach resting on your elbows Hold for 1 minute	•	Sit with your arms stretched behind your back with elbows straight, now turn your hands so your fingers face the back Hold for 1 minute

B) Strengthening & Endurance Activities

Strengthening exercises should be done after completing your stretching exercises from Section A. Unless told otherwise by your physiotherapist, start your strengthening exercises at **3 sets of 10 repetitions initially with 1 minute rests between each set.** To make the exercises harder, increase the number of repetitions first up to 12 and then 15. Once you are able to do 3 sets of 15 comfortably, you can then increase the weights required for each exercises.



□ 4. Theraband Triceps Forwards □ 5. Tricep Curls (Overhead) 6. Elbow Press (Upwards) Standing with a theraband Hold your arm above your head Sitting on chair, holding weights in wrapped around your back, slowly with your elbow bent your hands at shoulder height straighten your elbows forward Slowly straighten your elbow as Push the weight upwards toward Hold for 5 seconds far as you can before returning to the ceiling before returning to your your starting position starting position Complete 3 sets of 10 Complete 3 sets of 10 each arm Complete 3 sets of 10 9. Wall Push up - Single arm 7. Theraband Triceps Upwards □ 8. Wall Push Up Standing with a theraband Stand with your hands flat against • Place one hand flat against the wrapped around your feet, slowly the wall at shoulder level wall at shoulder level straighten your elbows towards the Bend your elbows to let your head • Bend your elbow to let your head ceiling come close to the wall, then come close to the wall, then Hold for 5 seconds straighten your elbows fully straighten your elbow fully Complete 3 sets of 10 Complete 3 sets of 10 Complete 3 sets of 10 10. Triceps Strength in Prone □ 11. Push Ups (4pt kneel) ☐ 12. Mini Push Up Lie on your stomach with your arm Rest on your hands and knees Lie on your stomach and lift your over the edge of the bed, weight in head and shoulders up by Bend your elbows to let your head your hand straightening your elbows come close to the floor, then Straighten your elbow straighten your elbows fully Hold for 5 seconds Hold for 5 seconds Complete 3 sets of 10 Complete 3 sets of 10 Complete 3 sets of 10

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