

# PATIENT FACT SHEET: REMEDIAL JAW EXERCISES



## Daily Exercises:

- Exercises below should be done 3 times a day for 3 weeks.
- Expect in the first week that the pain may be worse, and then slowly settle.
- If your jaw is painful whilst doing the exercises apply a heat pack over the area before and after the exercises.

## Opening Exercises:

- Form a fist with one hand and place it directly underneath your chin with your forearm perpendicular to the ground (upright).
- With your teeth slightly apart try to open your jaw whilst applying an upward pressure with your fist for 15 seconds.
- Remove your hand and open widely
- Repeat this exercise 5 times.

## Lateral Exercises:

- Form a fist with your right hand and place it directly against the right side of your lower jaw with your forearm parallel to the ground (horizontal).
- With your teeth slightly apart, swing your lower jaw to the right while applying pressure with your fist in the opposite direction.
- Remove your hand and swing the jaw smoothly as far as you can.
- Repeat 5 times
- Change hands and repeat the above exercise 5 times, this time swinging your jaw to the left.

## Important:

*Like all muscular exercises, you may experience some discomfort whilst performing these exercises. If the discomfort is significant, apply a hot pack over the jaw before and after doing the exercises.*

Expect in the first week that the discomfort and stiffness may be worse and then should gradually improve to restore your comfort and function. Perseverance is the key!

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