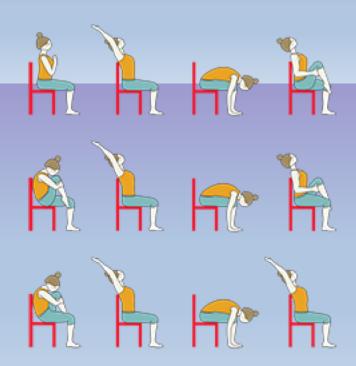
## Chair Yoga and Relaxation

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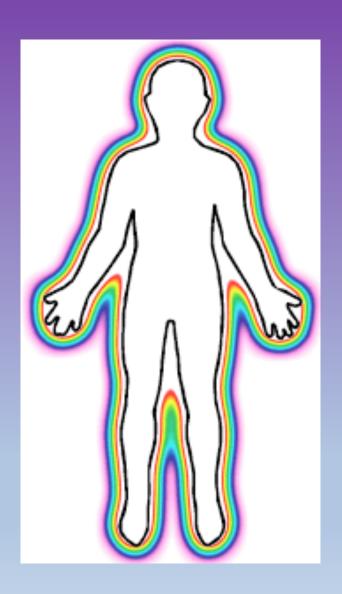
#### Chair Yoga and Relaxation



- Gently stretches the body
- Improves strength and flexibility
- Releases tension
- Relaxation
- Clarity of mind

## **Gentle Breathing** and Body Scan

- 1. Lower gaze or close your eyes
- 2. Tune into your natural breathing
- 3. With each breath you are becoming more relaxed
- 4. Start at your feet, notice any tension then soften and relax
- 5. Continue until your whole body feels relaxed



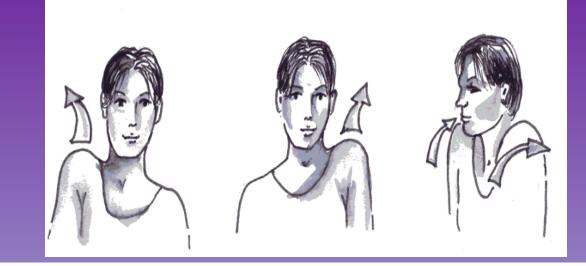
#### Target area: Neck

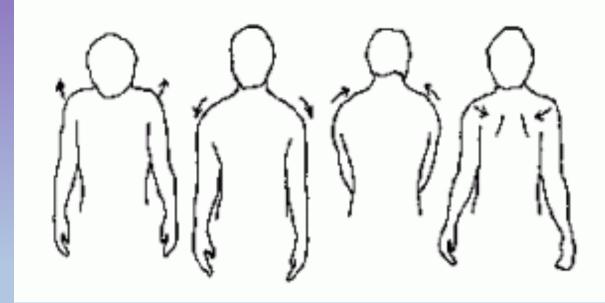
- 1. Head Up and Down
- 2. Head Turn Right and Left
- 3. Head Side to Side
- 4. Head Gentle Circles Right and Left

# 1. Range of Motion

## Target area: Shoulders

- 1. Rotate Shoulders Right and Left
- 2. Rotate Forward then Backward
- 3. Roll Shoulders Together Backward
- 4. Roll Shoulder Together Forward
- 5. Shrug the Shoulders to Ears then Release





#### Target area: Hands and Fingers

1. Wrist Rolls



3. Clench and Open



2. Extend Wrists

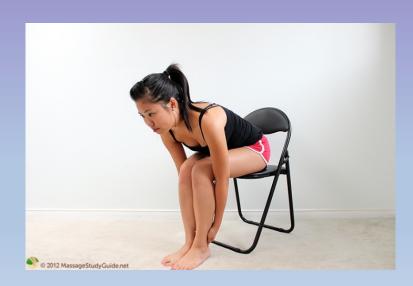
#### **Target area: Torso**



1. Twists



2. Cross-Knee Hip Fold



4. Forward Fold

## Target area: Torso





#### **Seated Cat/Cow**

- Place hands on your knees. As you inhale, lift your chest, and arch the back
- As you exhale, tuck your pelvis and pull your navel in toward the spine, round your spine back toward the back of the chair – keep your head in line with your spine – don't drop the head.
- As you move, inhale and exhale deeply and feel the broadness of the back of the body
- Repeat 3 more times

Clasp Hands Overhead Side Torso
Stretch



#### Target area: Feet



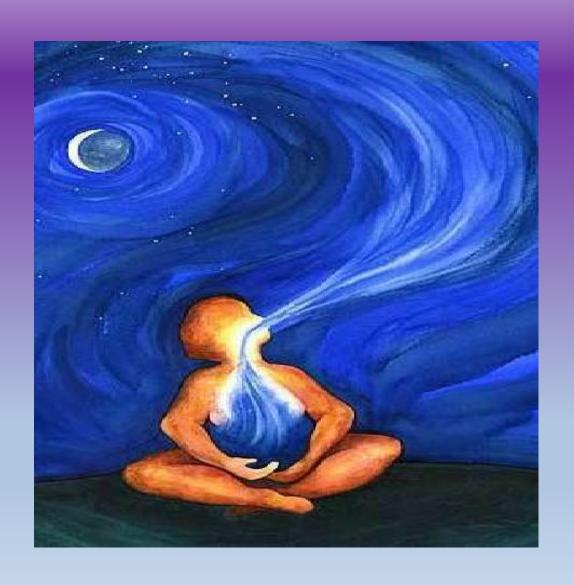
1. Foot Extension



2. Foot Flexion

3. Foot Rotations

#### **Guided Meditation**



### Thank you!





#### Resources

Hirsh Office Yoga PowerPoint <a href="http://austincc.edu/hirsh">http://austincc.edu/hirsh</a>

Yoga Journal Office Yoga <a href="http://yogajournal.com/officeyoga">http://yogajournal.com/officeyoga</a>

Cardiac Yoga <a href="http://cardiacyoga.com">http://cardiacyoga.com</a>

Living Words Chair Yoga <a href="http://livingwordsofwisdom.com/chair-yoga.htm">http://livingwordsofwisdom.com/chair-yoga.htm</a>