Neck and shoulder exercises used in the NEXpro stepped wedge randomised controlled trial.

Region	Aim	
	Strengthening	Stretching and relaxation
Neck region		
	For Flexion, Extension and Rotation direction, either isometric contractions, or contractions within a small range of motions were used. Alternative to a soft ball, tera-bands could be used, or even pushing in one's own hand. Repetitions: approximately 5 x for 5 seconds	Self-massage and stretching the upper trapezius and upper cervical extensors were instructed. Repetitions: approximately 3 times for 20 seconds. Other balls, like a tennis ball could have been used.
Shoulder (girdle) region	Frontal and backwards pushes at their own desk, shoulder-	
	girdle shrugs and arm raises with a tera band and an extra	Upper body rotations, side bendings and shoulder-
	push for shoulder girdle elevation had been instructed.	girdle circling had been instructed, preferably in
	Repetitions : approximately 3 times 10 repetitions.	
	push for shoulder girdle elevation had been instructed.	Upper body rotations, side bendings and shoulde

Individual adaptations could have been applied, if needed and indicated.

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