

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

# Hand Therapy: Finger exercises

These are specific exercises to help improve your finger movement.

When you do these exercises, rest your elbow on a table if you can. If this is difficult, rest your hand on its side. Keep your wrist straight.

### Exercises may involve:

#### Active movement

Using your own muscle power to do the movements.

#### Passive movement

Using your other hand to assist the movement of your affected one.

#### How hard do I push?

With each exercise, take the movement only as far as you feel an uncomfortable stretch. Then hold this stretch for a few seconds. Avoid sharp pain.

### Exercises

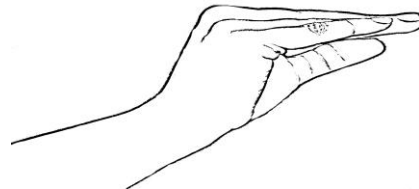
#### 1) Straight

Stretch your fingers up straight.



#### 2) Roof top

Bend from your knuckles. Keep the rest of your finger joints straight.



#### 3) Half fist

Bend from your knuckles and then bend the next joint up. Keep the last joint straight.



#### 4) Full fist

Bend all of your finger joints.



### 5) Hook fist

Keep your knuckles up straight, bend your other finger joints.



### 6) Joint blocking

a) Block your first joint. Bend the second joint.

b) Block the second joint. Bend the third joint



### 7) Open/close

Spread your fingers apart and back together.



### Contact details

If you have any questions or concerns about your exercises or your condition, please contact your occupational therapist:

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on (01623) 622515, extension 4271.

**For appointment queries please contact Therapy Services reception at King's Mill Hospital on (01623) 622515, extension 3221, or Newark Hospital on 01636 685885.**

### Further sources of information

NHS Choices: [www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

Our website: [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk)

### Patient Experience Team (PET)

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