

## SELF-MANAGEMENT 26-3 Serratus Anterior Progression

**Purpose:** To progressively strengthen your serratus

anterior

Level I: Backlying isometric with arm overhead

Starting position:

Lie on your back with one to two pillows positioned above (not under) your head.

Movement technique:

- technique: Raise your arm overhead, close to your ear, until it reaches the pillow.
  - Gently but consistently push your arm backward into the pillow and hold for 10 seconds.



Level I **Dosage** 

Sets/repetitions \_\_\_\_\_\_

Level II: Sidelying with dynamic arm slide

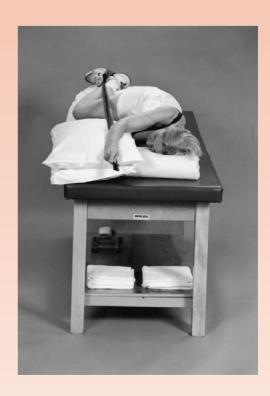
Starting position:
Lie on your side with two
to three pillows in front
of your head and
shoulders. Bend your
hips and knees. Rest
your arm on the pillows
with your elbow bent.
Grasp the prescribed
color of elastic band in
your hand and attach the
other end to your
top foot.



Level II, start position

Movement technique

- Slide your arm upward toward your head, keeping it in contact with the nillows
- Slowly lower the arm back down to the starting position. Do not pull the arm back down, but slowly lower it against the resistance of the elastic



Level II, end position **Dosage** 

Color of elastic
Sets/repetitions
Frequency

Level III: Standing back to the wall and arm lift

Starting position:

Stand with your feet about 2 to 3 inches from the wall. Your head should be against the wall. If you cannot bring your head against the wall, place one or two small, rolled hand towels behind your head. Pull in your stomach to rotate your pelvis backward and reduce the arch in your back. You should be able to place one hand between your lower back and the wall. If there is more space between your back and the wall, bend your hips and knees slightly to reduce the pull from your hip

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