HOW TO USE

- During times of high stress, injury or illness our vital energy may not be reaching certain places in the body it is
 usually these areas where illness will settle. Practicing the Whole Body Yoga Series helps to re-establish the flow
 of vital energy throughout the body. Performing these exercises daily will help to keep the muscles stretched
 and strengthened, the joints lubricated, the internal organs working optimally, and reduce stress.
- KEEP BREATHING! It is easy to forget so please continue to breathe consciously during the entire set of exercises:
 - a. Coordinate movement with breathing. When the inhalation begins start the movement. Wait for inhalation to finish before beginning to exhale.
 - b. Inhale when moving away from the heart. Exhale when moving towards the heart.
 - c. Inhale with stretching/effort, exhale with relaxation.
- 3. Repeat each exercise 5 times on both sides of body to both directions unless otherwise specified.
- Do not push yourself beyond your limits. If an exercise cases pain decrease the amount of stretch, angle of bending or angle of rotation until you feel a comfortable tension in the muscles.
- 5. Always move smoothly and avoid jerky motions.
- When moving one part of body, relax all others in order to isolate the part of the body you are focusing on at the time.
- Relax in between exercises. Bring the focus from the world of the senses to the focus of the internal awareness. Close the eyes, relax and feel the changes experienced after each exercise.
- Close your eyes if you feel balanced and grounded while performing the exercises to increase your inner awareness.

UPPER BODY: Head, Face & Neck

These exercises will move vital energy around the sense organs, brain and head. It can help with mental clarity and concentration, eye disorders, hearing disorders, vertigo, motor cortex function, sinus pressure, drainage and headaches. The neck movements open and release tension where the spinal column originates - at the base of the skull - opening the flow of energy all the way down the spinal column which will affect every system of the body.

Head Tapping	 Raise both arms over head Drop open right palm softly onto top of head, then begin alternating hands 5 times each hand Benefit: Increases energy to the brain
inhale inhale is in the state Eyes: Up & Down	 Inhale: Keep the head still and look up Exhale: Look down 5 times each direction then close eyes Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes
Eyes: Right & Left	 Inhale: Keep the head still and look right Exhale: Look left 5 times each direction then close eyes Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes

Eyes: Diagonal (Upper Left)	 Inhale: Keep the head still and look upper left Exhale: Look lower right 5 times each direction then close eyes Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes
Eyes: Diagonal (Upper Right)	 Inhale: Keep the head still and look upper right Exhale: Look lower left 5 times each direction then close eyes Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes
inhale exhale Eyes: Rainbow	 Inhale: Keep the head still and look right then up and over to the left Exhale: Look left then up and over to the right 3 times each direction then close eyes Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes
Eyes: Pendulum	 Keep the head still Inhale: Look right then down and to the left Exhale: Look left then down and to the right Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes
inhale Eyes: Circles	 Keep the head still Inhale: While looking to the side and up toward the ceiling Exhale: While looking to the other side and down 3 times in each direction Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes
Eyes: Blinking	 Begin blinking the eyes rapidly Rub the hands to create heat, place palm over eyes and continue blinking in darkness Remove hands & relax Repeat 3 times Benefit: Relaxes & lubricates eyes
Eyes: Gentle Pressure	 Inhale and push on eyes with three middle finger tips Exhale and release Repeat 5 times Benefit: Relaxes eyes and may help with glaucoma

3 3-3 C Pull Ears	 Inhale: Pull upper ear upwards Exhale: Fling hands away from body Repeat pulling middle ear back, then ear lobe down Repeat 3 times each position Benefit: Stimulates the many nerves around ear
Push Ears	 Inhale: Bring palms to ears with fingers pointing behind you Exhale: Press into ears to create suction, then release Repeat 3 times Benefit: Gently massages the ear drum
Push Ears while Humming	 Inhale: Bring palms to ears with fingers pointing behind you Exhale: Press into ears to create suction as you hum while breathing out "Mmmmmm", then release Repeat 3 times Benefit: Creates a gentle vibration inside the ear canals, sinus passages and brain
Sinuses: Forehead	 Take index and middle finger from each hand and place them between the eyebrows on the forehead With gentle pressure, rub outwards towards the side of face (can also tap with fingertips) Repeat 3 times Benefit: Massages frontal sinus
Sinuses: Inner Eye	 Put pressure at the inner upper corner of eyes with thumbs Gently massage this area for a few seconds Then, with gentle pressure, rub along brow bone towards the side of face (can also tap with fingertips) Repeat 3 times Benefit: Massages frontal sinus
Sinuses: Nose	 Begin with fingertips under inner corner of eye Rub the nose from the middle down to the end nearest lips (can also tap with fingertips) Repeat 3 times Benefit: Massages ethmoid sinus
Sinuses: Cheeks	 Place index and middle fingers beside nostrils where you can feel curve of cheek bone Rub outwards towards the ears on top of bone (can also tap with fingertips) Repeat 3 times Benefit: Massages maxillary sinus
Jaw Movement	 Move your jaw forward and back 3 times Move your jaw side to side 3 times Rotate your jaw in a circle 3 times to each direction Benefit: Helpful for releasing TMJ tension

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Jaw Massage	 Place index & middle fingers in front of the ears, above jaw Rub from here down to just below the bottom of the ear Repeat behind top of ear, move down to jaw Repeat 3 times front of ear and back Benefit: Relaxes the jaw joint
Cheeks	 Inhale through mouth Hold breath with cheeks full of breath and lips closed Exhale blow out through mouth Repeat 3 times Benefit: Works the muscles of the cheeks
Neck: Nod Head	 Inhale: Move chin upwards and look up toward ceiling Exhale: Drop chin towards chest and close eyes Can also try pressing gently on chin when it is lifted or pressing gently on back of head when chin is down for additional stretch Repeat 5 times Benefit: Stretches front and back of neck
Neck: Turn Head	 Inhale: Turn head to right Exhale: Turn head to center Inhale: Turn head to left Exhale: Turn head to center Can also try pressing gently on cheeks when head is turned for additional stretch Repeat 5 times each direction Benefit: Releases tension at base of skull
TO O OT	 Inhale: Lift right ear toward ceiling, head will drop to left Exhale: Return to center Inhale: Repeat to other side Repeat 5 times each direction Benefit: Releases tension along sides of neck and upper back
Neck: Circles	 Inhale: Turn head to right and begin to go around in a circle, looking up as you move head back, exhaling and closing eyes as you drop chin down Repeat 3 times in both directions Benefit: Maintains range of motion for cervical vertebrae

MIDDLE BODY: Shoulders, Arms & Hands

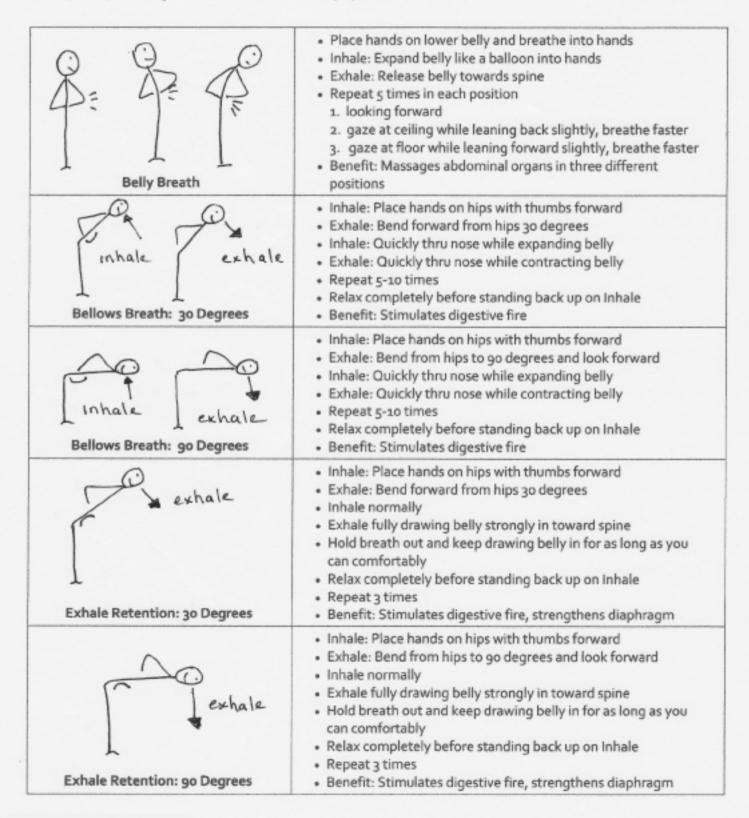
These exercises move vital energy around the shoulders, elbows, wrists, hands, lungs, and abdominal organs. The arm and wrist movements help to open the joints of these areas.

Shoulder Shrug	 Inhale: Squeeze shoulders towards ears Exhale: Drop shoulders down quickly Repeat 5 times Benefit: Increases circulation to upper back and neck
Rotate Shoulders	 Inhale: Draw shoulders forward and up Exhale: Press shoulders back and down in a backwards circle Repeat 5 times backwards, then 5 times forwards Benefit: Improves range of motion to shoulders
Single Arm Rotations	 Inhale: Circle left arm forward & up, then exhale back & down Repeat 5 times with each arm individually Inhale: Circle left arm inhale backward and up, then exhale forward and down Repeat 5 times with each arm individually Benefit: Improves range of motion for arm
Arms Same Direction	 Inhale: Circle both arms forward and up, then exhale back and down Inhale: Circle both arms backward and up, then exhale forward and down Repeat 5 times each direction Benefit: Improves range of motion for arm and chest
Arms Opposite Direction	 Circle both arms moving in opposite directions Inhale moving arms up, exhale moving arms down Repeat 5 times in each direction Benefit: Improves communication between left and right hemispheres of the brain
Elbow Circles	 Place fingertips on shoulders, draw elbows together in front of chest Inhale: Draw elbows in large circles up and apart Exhale: Move elbows out and then down and together Repeat 5 times in each direction Benefit: Opens the shoulders and chest
Arm Curl	 Begin with arms to sides hands down Inhale: Draw hands to shoulders by bending elbows Exhale: Straighten arms Repeat 5 times Benefit: Lubricates elbow joint, stretches and strengthens upper arm

Wrist Flexion/Extension	 Raise arms parallel to floor Inhale: Flex wrists drawing back of hand toward forearm Exhale: Extend wrists pressing palm down Repeat 5 times Benefit: Lubricates wrist joint, stretches forearm
Wrist Circles	 Raise arms parallel to floor Make a soft fist and rotate wrists in circles Repeat 5 times both directions Benefit: Lubricates wrist joint in circular motion
Throw Imaginary Balls	 With arms in front of body tighten fingers as if holding golf ball in each hand Inhale: Bring hands to shoulders Exhale briskly thru nose, throw arms forward Repeat 3 times as if clutching soft ball, then soccer ball
Arms Out to Sides	 Raise arms parallel to floor Hold arms there and breathe naturally as you P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
inhale Chest Opener	 Inhale: Raise both arms overhead and expand chest Exhale: Release arms down Repeat 3 times Benefit: Increases lung capacity and opens upper chest
Blossoming Flower	 Bring back of hands together at chest, elbows point up Exhale: Open arms like a flower up and out Repeat 5 times Benefit: Increases lung capacity and opens upper chest & shoulders
A Lateral Stretch	 Inhale: Right arm overhead and left arm towards floor Turn head to look up at top hand Exhale to release Repeat 3 times each arm Benefit: Increases lung function

BREATHING EXERCISES: Awakening the Digestive Fire

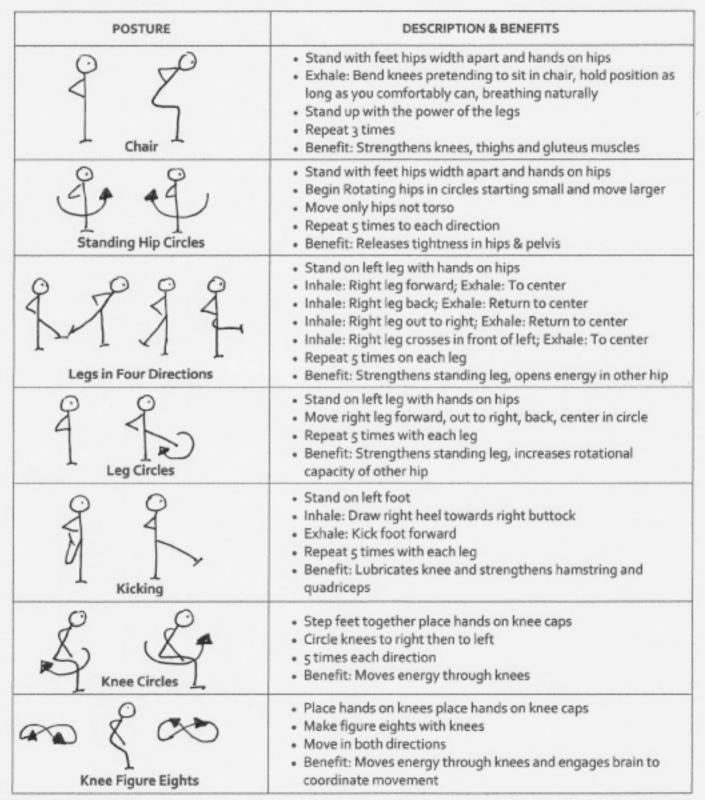
The breathing exercises strengthen the breathing diaphragm and stoke the digestive fire to help with issues such as constipation, weak digestion and other eliminatory dysfunction.



HOLD EXHALE	 Inhale: Place hands on hips with thumbs forward Exhale: Bend forward from hips 30 degrees Inhale normally Exhale fully drawing belly strongly in toward spine Hold breath out and pump abdomen in and out for as long as you can comfortably
Abdominal Pumping: 30 Degrees	 Relax completely before standing back up on Inhale Repeat 3 times Benefit: Stimulates digestive fire, massages viscera strengthens diaphragm
HOLD EXNALE	 Inhale: Place hands on hips with thumbs forward Exhale: Bend from hips to 90 degrees and look forward Inhale normally Exhale fully drawing belly strongly in toward spine Hold breath out and pump abdomen in and out for as long as you can comfortably
Abdominal Pumping: 90 Degrees	 Relax completely before standing back up on Inhale Repeat 3 times Benefit: Stimulates digestive fire, massages viscera strengthens diaphragm

LOWER BODY: Pelvis, Legs & Feet

These exercises move vital energy through the pelvis, legs, knees, calves, ankles, feet and toes. Helps with balance when walking, arthritis pain in the lower extremities, foot problems, and maintaining balanced action of the pelvis and legs.



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POSTURE	DESCRIPTION & BENEFITS
A A A A Square Kicks	 Stand on left foot Inhale: Bring right foot forward and up Exhale: Bend knee to move right foot in front of left knee Inhale: Kick right leg out diagonally Exhale: Return to center Repeat 3 times with each leg Benefit: Coordinates hip, knee & leg movement
Ankle Flexion/Extension	 Stand on left leg and lift right leg forward Inhale: Flex ankle Exhale: Point toe Repeat 5 times each ankle Benefit: Lubricates ankle joint & maintains range of motion
Ankle Circles	 Stand on left leg and lift right leg forward Inhale: Circle ankle to right Exhale: Circle ankle to left Repeat 5 times each direction on each ankle Benefit: Lubricates ankle & keeps it mobile
Toe Flexion	 Stand on left leg and press tops of toes into floor Inhale: Roll to big toe Exhale: Roll to little toe Repeat 5 times with each foot Benefit: Stretches tops of foot & ankle
Toe Extension	 Stand on left leg and turn toes of right foot under Inhale: Roll to big toe Exhale: Roll to little toe Repeat 5 times with each foot Benefit: Stretches bottom of foot & toes
Heel Lifts	 Stand with feet hips width apart Inhale: Raise arms forward and overhead as you raise heels Exhale: Release Repeat 5 times
Toe & Heel Walking	 Stand on toes and keep body straight Walk forwards taking 10 baby steps, then backward Repeat walking on heels forward, then backward Benefit: Increases mental focus and physical balance, strengthens calves & arches of feet
J Sobriety Test	 Walk placing one foot in front of the other – heel to toe, heel to toe to toe Repeat 10 steps forwards then backwards

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