

## Lateral Epicondylitis (Tennis Elbow) Rehabilitation Exercises

You may do the stretching exercises right away. You may do the strengthening exercises when stretching is nearly painless.

### Stretching exercises

- **Wrist active range of motion: Flexion and extension:** Bend your wrist forward and backward as far as you can. Do 3 sets of 10.
- **Wrist stretch:** With one hand, press the back of your other hand to help bend your wrist. Hold for 15 to 30 seconds. Next, stretch the hand back by pressing the fingers in a backward direction. Hold for 15 to 30 seconds. Keep your arm straight during this exercise. Do 3 sets on each hand.
- **Forearm pronation and supination:** With your elbow bent 90°, turn your palm upward and hold for 5 seconds. Slowly turn your palm downward and hold for 5 seconds. Make sure you keep your elbow at your side and bent 90° throughout this exercise. Do 3 sets of 10.
- **Active elbow flexion and extension:** Gently bring your palm up toward your shoulder, bending your elbow as much as you can. Then straighten your elbow as far as you can 10 times. Do 3 sets of 10.

### Strengthening exercises

- **Wrist flexion:** Hold a can or hammer handle in your hand with your palm facing up. Bend your wrist upward. Slowly lower the weight and return to the starting position. Do 3 sets of 10. Gradually increase the weight of the can or weight you are holding.
- **Wrist extension:** Hold a soup can or hammer handle in your hand with your palm facing down. Slowly bend your wrist upward. Slowly lower the weight down into the starting position. Do 3 sets of 10. Gradually increase the weight of the object you are holding.
- **Wrist radial deviation strengthening:** Put your wrist in the sideways position with your thumb up. Hold a can of soup or a hammer handle and gently bend your wrist up, with the thumb reaching toward the ceiling. Slowly lower to the starting position. Do not move your forearm throughout this exercise. Do 3 sets of 10.
- **Forearm pronation and supination strengthening:** Hold a soup can or hammer handle in your hand and bend your elbow 90°. Slowly rotate your hand with your palm upward and then palm down. Do 3 sets of 10.
- **Wrist extension (with broom handle):** Stand up and hold a broom handle in both hands. With your arms at shoulder level, elbows straight and palms down, roll the broom handle backward in your hand. Do 3 sets of 10.

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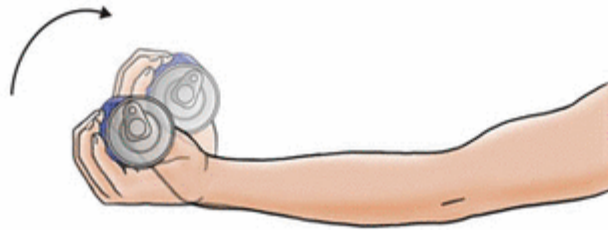
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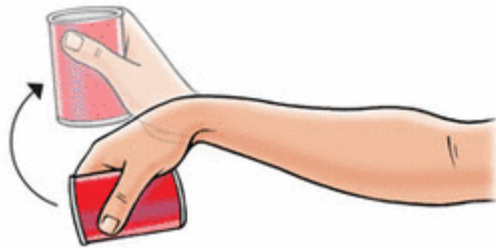
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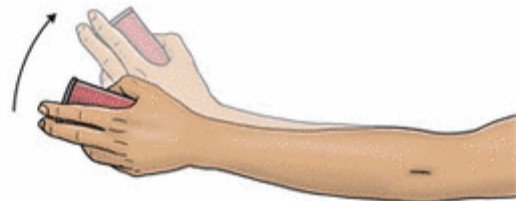
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Wrist extension



Wrist radial deviation strengthening



Forearm pronation and supination strengthening



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