

Therapy Department

Physiotherapy Advice Sheet for Prone Positioning

Introduction

Evidence suggests that lying on your front (prone) could help you with your breathing and getting oxygen to your lungs and into your blood stream. If you have sputum on your chest this position could also help you clear your chest more easily.

What to do...

Your Physiotherapist has assessed you and feels lying on your front may be a technique that could benefit you.

Please try the following...

- 30 minutes to 2 hours lying fully prone (on your front with the bed flat)
- 30 minutes to 2 hours lying on right side (bed flat)
- 30 minutes to 2 hours sitting up (30-60 degrees) by adjusting head of the bed
- 30 minutes to 2 hours lying on left side (bed flat)
- 30 minutes to 2 hours lying prone again
- Continue to repeat the cycle...



Patient Information

When you should abandon this technique...

If you suffer any of the following please return to a position you find more comfortable;

- Increased difficulty breathing
- Unable to tolerate the position
- If you find you are unable to independently get yourself into the position

If you have any concerns or queries regarding your exercise then please ask a member of staff for advice. **You can contact the Therapy Department on 024 7696 6013.**

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this Information in another language or format please contact the Therapy Department on 024 7696 6013 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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