

# Flexibility Over 40 Handbook

Assessment



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### Preface

Thank you for supporting one of my dreams!

I have always dreamed of being a writer. The book you are reading is one of those writing dreams coming true. I hope you take from it as much as I have gotten out of its research and production.

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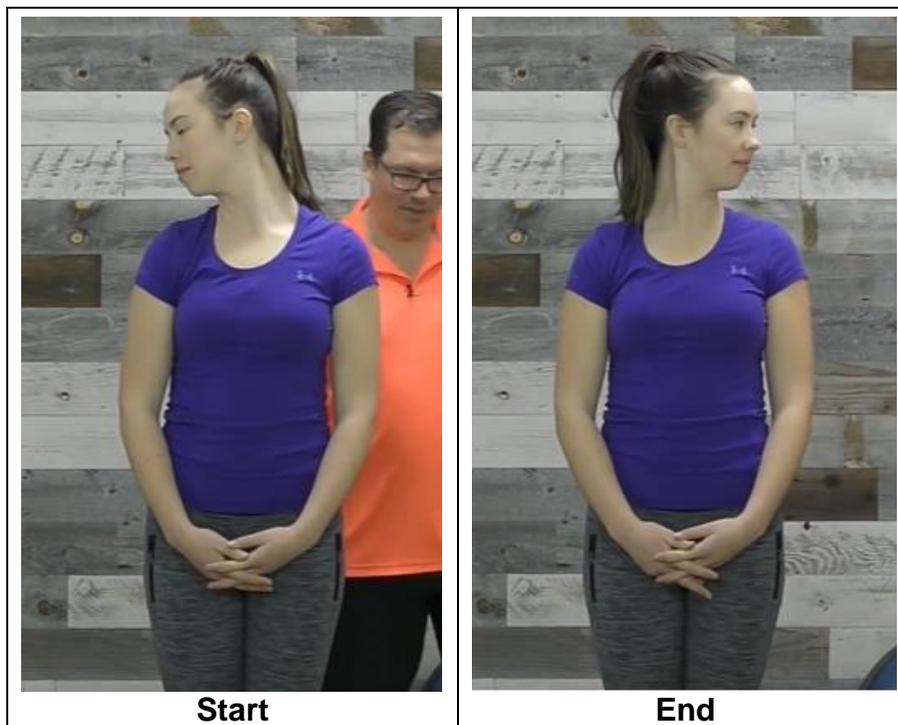
## Flexibility Over 40 Handbook - Assessment

This assessment is designed to provide you with a baseline for moving forward with the Flexibility Over 40 Handbook program. These tests will provide you with a better understanding of your current condition and help you determine where you should focus your efforts in the program. It also serves to measure your progress throughout the program.

### #1 – Neck Test

#### Look Over Your Shoulder

Begin in an upright standing position, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, hips and legs. Rotate your neck to look over your shoulder on one side. Return to the starting position and repeat the movement on the opposite side.



Look Over Your Shoulder

If you feel any limitations, tightness or stiffness around the neck area, determine if your mobility falls under normal, below normal, or significantly below normal and record your results. Ideally, your chin, head and face should be in line with your shoulder. If you are unable to fully align with your shoulder, this is considered 'below normal'. Significantly below normal means you are able to move to a 45-degree angle or less.

### #2 – Mid Back Test

#### 2.A - Standing Twist

Begin in an upright standing position, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, hips and legs. Cross your arms across your chest. Tighten your core and twist your upper body to one side. Return to the starting position and repeat the movement on the opposite side.

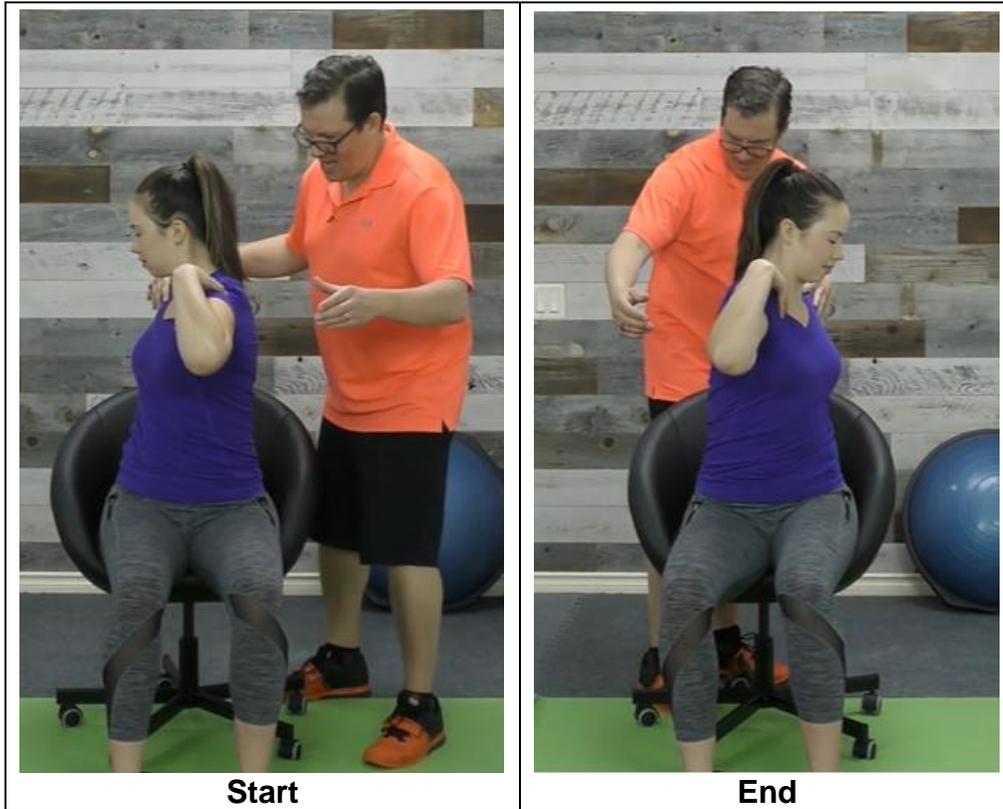


#### 2.A - Standing Twist

If you feel any limitations, tightness or stiffness around the neck, down to the midback area, take note of the results and determine if the movement is normal, below normal, or significantly below normal.

### 2.B - Seated Twist

Begin in an upright sitting position with your feet flat on the floor, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, and hips. Cross your arms across your chest or place your hands on your shoulders. Tighten your core and twist your upper body to one side. Return to the starting position and repeat the movement on the opposite side.



### 2.B - Seated Twist

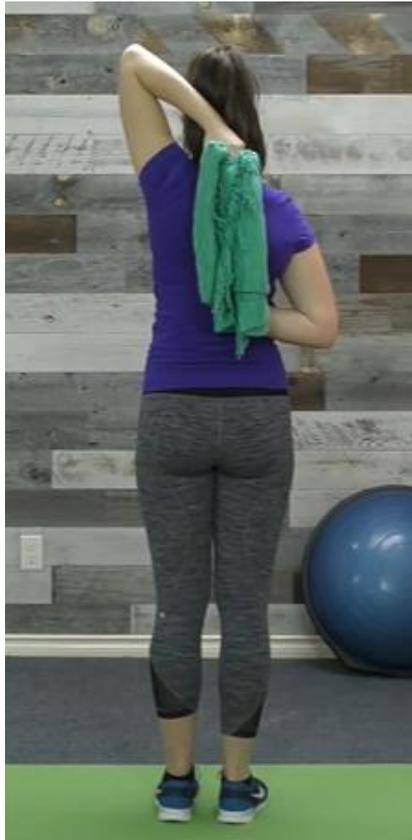
Determine if your mobility level falls under normal, below normal, or significantly below normal and record your results. Ideally, your upper body should be able to move to a 90-degree angle. Below normal means that you are able to move slightly less than 90 degrees. Significantly below normal means you are only able to move to a 45-degree angle or less.

### #3 – Shoulder Test

#### 3.A – Towel Stretch

For this exercise, initially try to bring your fingers together without using a towel. If this isn't possible, utilize the towel to assist in the exercise.

Hold the top end of a towel behind your head with one hand and the lower end behind your back with your other hand. Use your top hand to pull the towel upward until you feel resistance in the bottom arm. Hold this position for a couple of seconds, then repeat the movement.

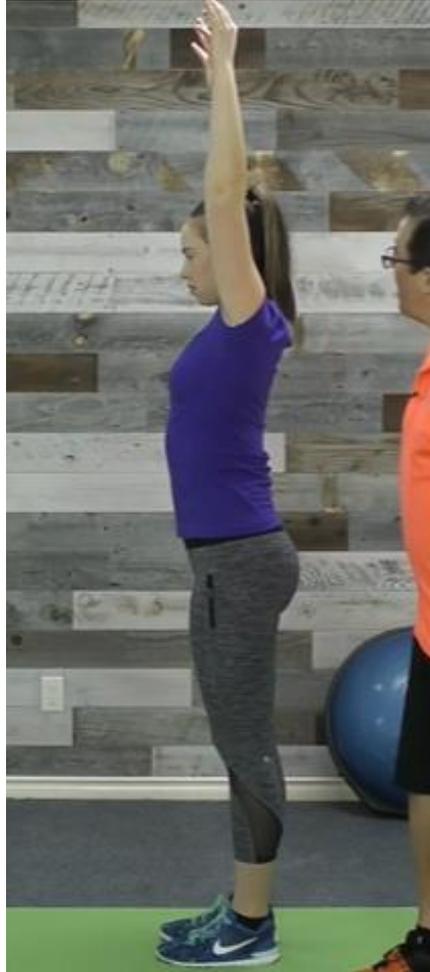


#### 3.A – Towel Stretch

If you feel any limitations, tightness or stiffness when you go through the stretching movement, determine if your flexibility limitation is normal, below normal, or significantly below normal. Ideally, you are able to bring your fingers together. Below normal means your fingers are close to reaching. Significantly below normal means your fingers are significantly apart. Document your results.

### 3.B – Arms Overhead

Begin in an upright standing position, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, hips and legs. Engage your core and extend your arms overhead. Hold this position for a couple of seconds. Lower your arms and repeat the movement.



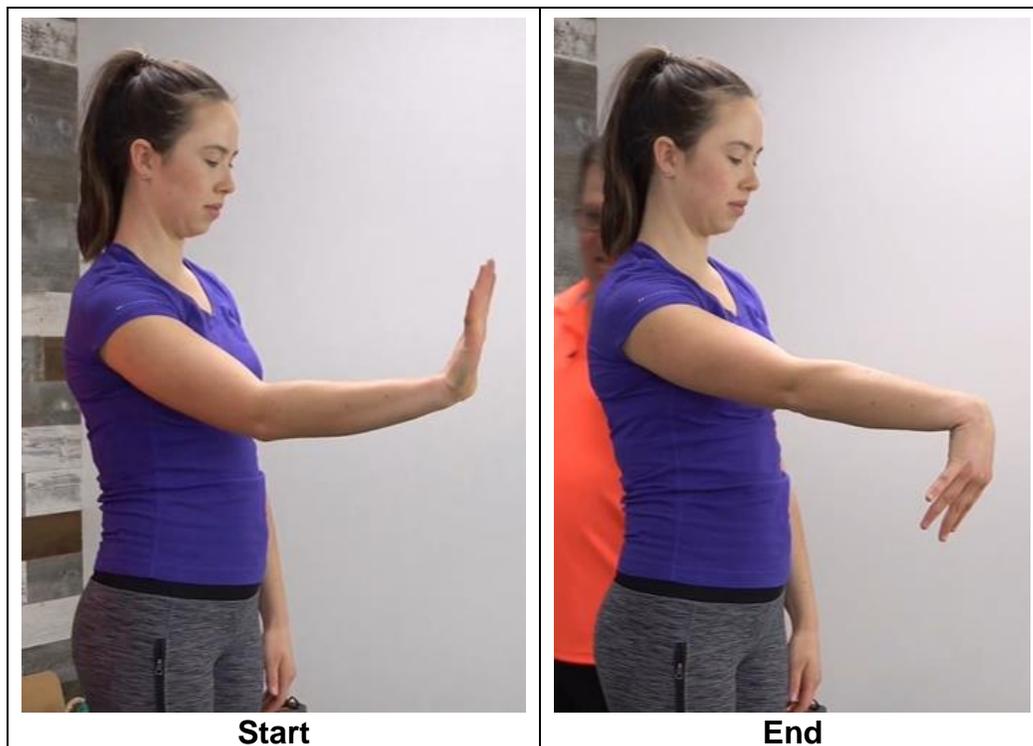
### 3.B – Arms Overhead

Is your movement normal, below normal, or significantly below normal? Do you have any limitations, tightness or stiffness in the shoulder area? Ideally, you should be able to extend your arms overhead without any compensation in your low back or pelvis. Below normal means you are unable to fully complete this movement. Significantly below normal means you're only able to reach shoulder height or below. Record your results.

### #4 – Wrist Test

#### Flexion and Extension

Begin in an upright standing position, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, hips and legs. Extend one arm in front of your body at chest-height. Flex your wrist to raise your fingers upward with your palm facing away from your body. Lower your hand down so that your palm faces your body and your fingers point downward. Repeat the movement.



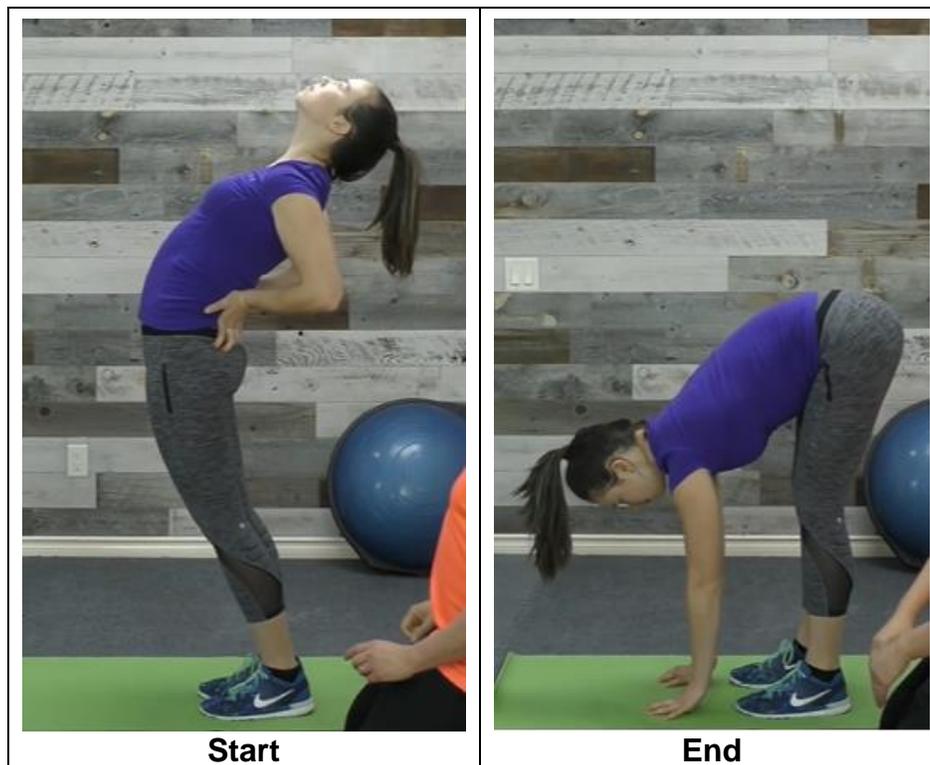
#### Flexion and Extension

Do you have any limitations, tightness or stiffness around the wrist area? Is your movement normal, below normal, or significantly below normal? Ideally, you should be able to flex and lower your hand to 90-degree angles. Below normal means your movement is slightly less than 90 degrees. Significantly below normal means you're able to move to 45 degrees or less. Document your results.

### #5 – Back Test

#### Modified Full Body Opener

Begin in an upright standing position with your feet shoulder-width apart, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, hips and legs. Place your hands on your lower back or upper pelvis area. Contract your core and arch your back, focusing on the stretch happening in your low back area. Raise back up and bend through your hips to lower your hands to the floor. Return to the starting position and repeat the movement.



#### Modified Full Body Opener

If you feel any limitations, tightness or stiffness throughout any of these movements, stop and record your results. Assess and categorize yourself as normal, below normal, or significantly below normal. Normal means you can arch and bend your hips freely. Below normal means that you experience some limitations going through these movements. Significantly below normal means you have very limited movement.

### #6 – Hip Test

#### 6.A - Supine Knee to Chest

Lie on your back on the floor with your knees bent and feet flat on the floor. Tighten your core and bring one knee towards your chest. Use your hands to pull your knee closer to your body. Relax and repeat the movement on the opposite side.



#### Supine Knee to Chest

Are there any limitations, tightness or stiffness when you go through this movement? Are you able to lift your knee towards your chest? Do you feel tightness in your SI joints, hips, glutes or pelvis area?

Categorize and document your results. Ideally, you are able to fully bend your knee towards your chest. Below normal means you have reduced mobility, and may feel a pinching pain in the hip flexor area. Significantly below normal means are only able to move to a 45-degree angle or less.

### 6.B - Prone Hip Extension

Lie on your stomach on the floor with your feet shoulder-width apart, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, hips and legs. Rest your forehead on your hands. Engage your core and tighten your glutes, then slowly lift one leg up towards the ceiling. Lower your leg to return to the starting position and repeat the movement on the opposite side.



### 6.B - Prone Hip Extension

Do you feel any limitations, tightness or stiffness when you go through the movement? If so, determine if your current flexibility level is normal, below normal, or significantly below normal. Ideally, you are able to lift your thigh off the floor. Below normal means you can lift your thigh only slightly. Significantly below normal means you cannot lift your leg. Document your results.

### #7 – Knee Test

#### Prone Knee Extension

Lie on your stomach on the floor, maintaining good alignment with your head, shoulders, hips and legs. Rest your forehead on one arm. Engage your core and tighten your glutes, then bend one knee to bring your heel towards your seat. Use your hand to pull your heel closer to your seat. Relax and repeat the movement on the opposite side.



#### Prone Knee Extension

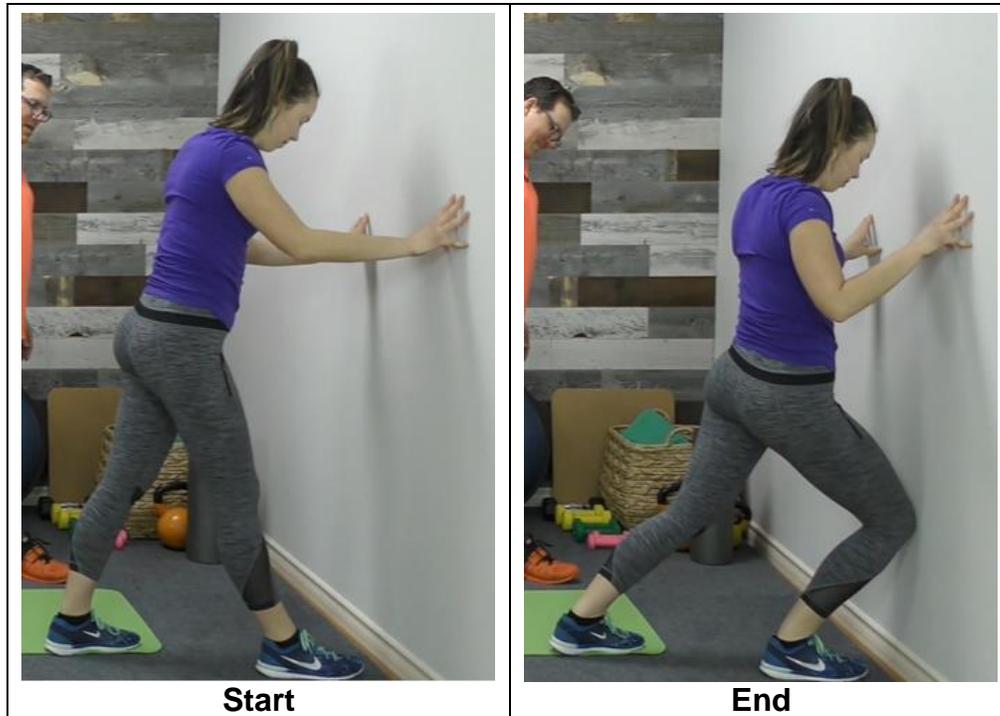
Are there any limitations, tightness or stiffness when you go through this movement?

Determine if your movement is normal, below normal or significantly below normal. Ideally, you are able to bring your heel to your seat. Below normal means you can reach for your ankle, but may feel too much stretching in your knee. Significantly below normal means you are unable to bend you knee past 45 degrees. Document your results.

### #8 – Ankle Test

#### Knee to Wall

Begin in an upright standing position with your hands against the wall. Move one foot so that your toes are a few inches away from the wall. Bend your front knee to bring your knee to the wall, keeping your heel flat on the floor. Straighten your leg to return to the starting position and repeat the movement.



#### Knee to Wall

Are there any limitations, tightness or stiffness when you go through this movement? Determine if your movement is normal, below normal, or significantly below normal. Ideally, you can bring your knee to the wall easily, while keeping your heel down. Below normal means that you are barely able to bring your knee to the wall. Significantly below normal means that you can only bring your knee to the wall by lifting your heel. Record your results.

### About Exercises For Injuries

#### **Exercises For Injuries – Your Trusted Resource for Pain-Free Living**

*Recognized as a global leader in injury prevention and recovery since 2008!*

At Exercises For Injuries (EFI) we recognize that traditional exercise and treatment programs often do NOT produce the results that people are looking for. We believe that understanding the cause of injuries and painful conditions can help heal and prevent them. Therefore, our programs are based on years of research, study, creativity, and hands-on testing. Our methods successfully determine what really works to heal injuries and eliminate pain, without expensive appointments, addictive prescriptions, or risk-laden surgery.

Often recognized as the ‘Trainer to the Trainers’ and the ‘Expert to the Experts’, company founder, Rick Kaselj, has been featured in major publications such as Livestrong.com, Men’s Health Magazine, San Francisco Chronicle, Canada.com, Iron Man Magazine, Men’s Journal Magazine, and has delivered presentations and seminars to *more than 6,000 health and fitness professionals across North America*. As an internationally renowned injury and pain expert, Kinesiologist, author and public speaker, Rick has made it his personal mission to make his ground-breaking programs available to as many people as possible, so they can return to pain-free lives.

Today, the EFI team is comprised of health and wellness experts from around the world. We help hundreds of thousands of people each year live fuller, healthier, pain-free lives by addressing all areas of health, fitness, and personal wellbeing.

**Access our vast FREE library of health-promoting recipes, pain-relief resources and injury recovery information, online at: [ExercisesForInjuries.com](http://ExercisesForInjuries.com)**

### About Rick Kaselj

**Hi, I'm Rick Kaselj.** I create exercise programs that help people heal injuries, eliminate pain, lose weight, increase energy and more... so they can go back to living a full, active, healthy life.

**Here are a few relevant facts about me:**

- I've been a Kinesiologist and pain and injury specialist since 1994.
- I spent 6 years at university studying Kinesiology, Corrective Exercise and Therapeutic Exercise, and got my Master's Degree in Exercise Science.
- I have over 20+ years of hands-on experience, working directly with clients and teaching my techniques and programs to fitness professionals, Kinesiologists, and healthcare providers.
- I have conducted thousands of personal training sessions.
- I have reviewed and carefully scrutinized hundreds of scientific and medical research papers and studies.
- I'm also an author and speaker, and I've given over 260 presentations to more than 6,000 fitness professionals across Canada and the USA.



### **I USE RESEARCH, STUDY, AND HANDS-ON TESTING TO FIND WHAT REALLY WORKS TO HEAL INJURIES AND ELIMINATE PAIN**

**I'm all about finding what works...** and unfortunately, a lot of the advice out there, even from trained professionals and reputable sources... does not work!

**Some of the most effective methods** I've discovered for eliminating pain and healing injuries are *counterintuitive* - they required extensive research, testing, and *creativity* to discover.

**People get the best results** when they follow a program that's been *properly designed*. The best programs include only the exercises that are necessary, instructions on how to perform them properly, the proper order in which to perform them, and instructions on what the right amount of rest is, and when to take it.

### What My Clients and Customers Say

"Your exercises have changed my life. I have been in constant pain for 15 years."

-- **Shelley Watson, Carmel, CA**

"I just wanted to say thank you for providing what I needed to resolve my hip problem! After following your exercises, I went through work all day with no pain and no pain medication. Yeah!! Thanks so much for a simple answer to a problem I have been dealing with for months."

-- **Tracy Walker, North Carolina**

"Before I used the information, I couldn't walk normally for at least the first 15 minutes each morning. After using the program, I only have a little pain, but it eventually all got better with continued attention."

-- **Cher Anderson, Athens, TN**

"Thank you Rick, you saved my career!"

-- **Marco Mura, Professional Forester, Sardegna, Italy**

"I thought I would just have to retire due to foot pain, but now my pain is gone with your program. It has helped me a lot. Thank you, Rick!"

-- **Audal Acosta**

"I noticed a difference by the second morning. I was able to get up out of bed without the immediate pain and stiffness I am used to experiencing in the morning. I am now able to walk 1.5 miles without pain during or after my walk. That is exciting! I was in constant pain before I started the program and now I am able to take walks with my husband, pain-free."

-- **Jennifer Dixon, Payroll Supervisor, CPP, Wenatchee, WA**

"I have suffered with Plantar Fasciitis for over a year, with no relief, no matter what I tried. One week into your program and I'm able to do exercises that I have been unable to perform for some time now."

-- **Dave Elder, CFT, Infinite Fitness, Ft. Wayne, IN**

"The best thing about the program is that it starts to work quickly. I have already started to notice improvement. My heel says, 'Thank You, Rick!'"

-- **Sue, Former Fitness Instructor**

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**I HAVE A FREE GIFT FOR YOU... THAT WILL START DECREASING YOUR PAIN NOW!**

I want to send you some of my very best *pain-hacking techniques* FOR FREE!

It's a DVD called "The Pain Hacker" and **I want you to have it for free.**

On the DVD, you'll find an extensive collection of 90-second pain fixes, which are exactly what they sound like - techniques you can do in just 90 seconds that can start reducing your pain almost immediately! In the video, I go through each technique slowly and carefully to show you exactly how to do them. Here's what you can look forward to...

- "The Pain Hacker" DVD contains 90-second fixes for shoulder pain, back pain, knee pain, elbow pain, foot pain, neck pain, wrist pain, hip pain, hand pain, and more.
- The pain techniques in this DVD will work for you regardless of your current health condition, gender or age.
- **TWO SURPRISE BONUS!** With your free DVD, I'm also going to throw in two bonus programs that will teach you simple exercises that could radically change the way you feel, day-to-day.



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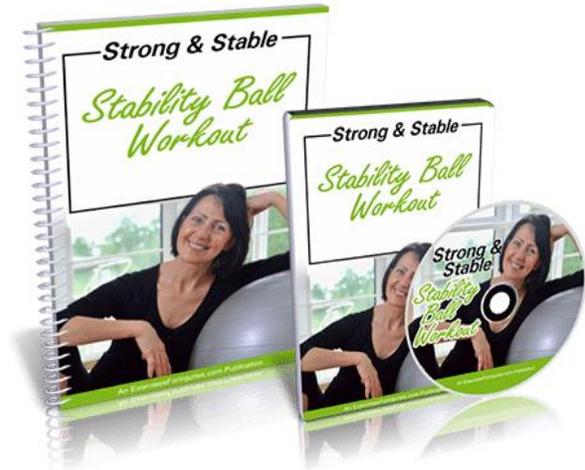
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### Our TOP 5 Best Selling Exercise Programs

#### #1: Strong & Stable Stability Ball Workout

Have some stubborn pounds that are IMPOSSIBLE to lose?

Using a stability ball is SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN to increase the effectiveness of your exercise routine. One study showed that just adding a stability ball to your workouts can increase your exercise results by 247%! All WITHOUT adding any extra time, and WITHOUT increasing the intensity or difficulty of your workouts. Another study proved that adding this item to your exercise is safe and easy... even for seniors over the age of 78.



- This program only takes 12 minutes a day!
- Specifically designed for women and men between the ages of 45 and 85
- This entire program is easy, safe, gentle, and it's ACTUALLY FUN too!

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Type or paste in the Search box one or more keywords of the product name: **Strong & Stable Stability Ball Workout.**

### #2: Low Impact - High Results Workout

If you're in your 40s, 50s, or 60s and you'd like to trim some fat. This program can help you lose 12 pounds in 21 days! These new, gentle, yoga-based movements can help you lose weight fast, without heavy weights, grueling workouts, or endless cardio. These low-impact movements also help reduce muscle soreness and joint pain!



- This easy sequence only takes 15 minutes or less each day
- You can do it on your own, in the comfort of your own home—no equipment needed

This could be the easiest, most gentle way to unlock a SLIMMER, SEXIER YOU.

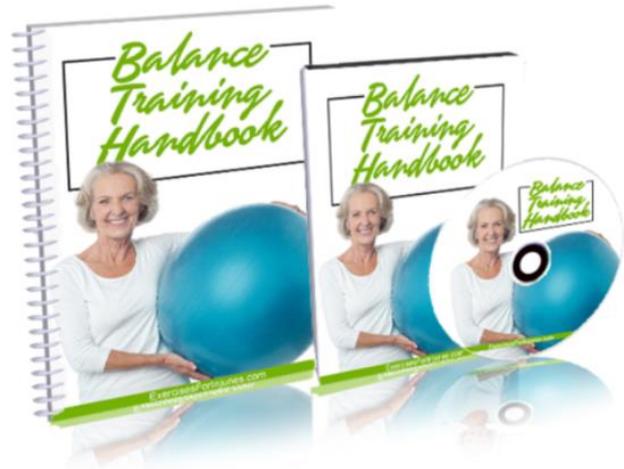
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### #3: Balance Training Handbook

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This simple, easy, gentle 8-minute exercise routine will help you improve your balance, prevent falls and protect you from the “bad balance negative downward health spiral.” Replace your fears of falling and physical activity with confidence! Strengthen your legs, stabilize and strengthen your core and get back to doing the things you love in life. Get back to doing the day-to-day things you NEED to do, and doing them YOURSELF, so you don’t have to depend on or burden other people!



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### #4: 14-Day Joint Recovery Quick Start Program

Is chronic joint pain and stiffness your constant companion?

Whether your joint pain is mild or excruciating, it can severely limit your daily activities and drastically lower your overall quality of life.



We've combined the most powerful and science-based exercise, diet and lifestyle techniques that increase joint function, flexibility and strength, and also relieve chronic pain.

By following this groundbreaking system, you'll ensure your joints stay strong and healthy well into your "golden years," and beyond.

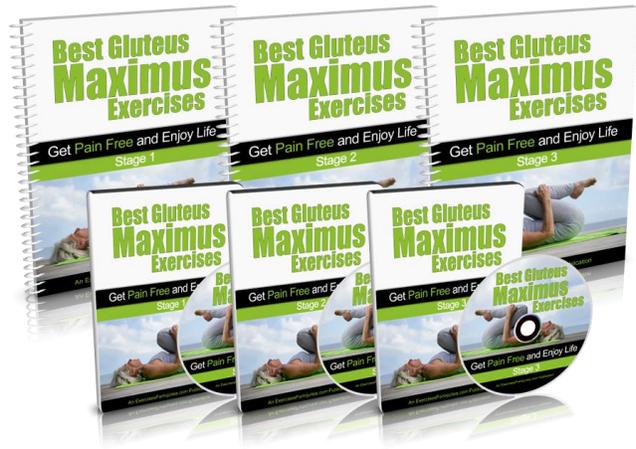
And since these strategies heal the root cause of your joint problems, you'll finally obtain permanent relief... even if you've been living with miserable joint pain and stiffness for years, even decades.

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### #5: Best Gluteus Maximus Exercises

Most doctors have NO IDEA what really causes low back, hip and knee pain. Your “butt” muscle - the Gluteus Maximus, is the key. If you stretch it and strengthen it the right way, you can rapidly reduce and eliminate lower back, hip and knee pain, and finally return to your normal, pain-free life!



- This amazing pain-relieving program only takes 15 minutes a day
- You're finally going to be addressing the real cause of your pain
- This program isn't just *made up* - it's based on scientific research and medical studies
- You don't need a gym membership or any expensive equipment to do this program

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### GOT PAIN? We Have a Program for You

If you have a specific pain or injury you need help with... *you're in the right place*. For more than 25+ years, Rick Kaselj has been developing easy-to-learn, easy-to-do, highly-effective, research-based, low-impact exercise programs that are designed to reduce, heal and eliminate specific pains and injuries. **Below are just some of Rick's programs, categorized by pain and injury:**

#### BACK PAIN

- Best Gluteus Medius Exercises (back and hip pain)
- Best Gluteus Maximus Exercises (low back, hip and knee pain)
- Sacroiliac Pain Solution (low back pain)
- Lumbar Fusion Exercises (recover faster from lumbar fusion surgery)
- Effective Exercises For Scoliosis (back pain)
- Low Back Pain Solved (low back pain)

#### KNEE PAIN

- Patellofemoral Syndrome Solution (knee pain)
- Best Gluteus Maximus Exercises (low back, hip and knee pain)
- Knee Replacement Handbook (recover faster from knee replacement surgery)
- Iliotibial Band Syndrome (knee pain)
- Meniscus Tear Solution (knee pain)
- Jumper's Knee Solution (knee pain)

#### FOOT, HEEL, ANKLE PAIN

- Plantar Fasciitis Relief In 7 Days (foot and heel pain)
- Ankle Sprain Solved (ankle pain)

#### SHOULDER PAIN

- Thoracic Outlet Syndrome Solved (shoulder, neck and arm pain)
- Frozen Shoulder Solution (shoulder pain)
- Effective Rotator Cuff Exercises (shoulder pain)
- Scapular Stabilization Exercises (shoulder pain)
- Shoulder Pain Solved (shoulder pain)

#### NECK PAIN

- Neck Pain Solved (neck pain)
- Thoracic Outlet Syndrome Solved (shoulder, neck and arm pain)

#### LEG PAIN

- Hamstring Injury Solution (hamstring pain)
- Shin Splints Solved (shin pain)
- Achilles Tendonitis Exercise Solution (calf pain)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- Piriformis Syndrome Solved (buttock pain)
- Recovery Workouts (speed up recovery between workouts)
- Tennis Elbow Pain Solution (elbow pain)

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