

II. Induction Techniques Phase I

A. Physical Relaxation

3. Asanas

Neck Rolls

- Keep the neck and head in alignment with the chest..... inhale fully and
- Exhaling, gently press your right ear towards the right shoulder.
- Be aware of any resistance, or tension, not choosing for or against. Just be aware of its presence.
- Inhaling, return to center; exhaling, press the left ear towards the left shoulder.
- Again just take notice of any sensation in the area.
- Inhaling, return to center....exhaling, slowly press the chin to the chest.
- Noticing any stretch in the back of the neck or top of the shoulders, breathe into it relax the muscles around the area, and let go...
- Inhaling, return to center and exhaling press the head back slowly feeling the stretch in the throat.
- Bring your awareness there and in the observing...let go...
- Inhaling, slowly return to center.
- And reverse. And repeat once again.

Seated Forward Bend

- Come to a sitting position with your legs extended out in front of you.
- Press the heels out and down.
- Feet close together, palms on thighs.
- Extend the palms in front of you, hands facing each other-shoulder width apart.
- Extend the arms overhead.
- Take a step back with both hips.
- Inhale and extend up through the fingers and the crown of the head.
- Exhale; press the chest forward, hinge at the hips, extend the torso forward and down.
- Arms are alongside the ears.
- Move the hands towards the ankles or feet, take hold of the feet.
- Do not pull or force. Breathe fully into sensations that arise in the body.
- Extend from your lower back.
- Let your stretching be deliberate and conscious; moving beyond your habitual limits.
- Pull the abdomen in and extend the chest and torso further forward.
- Move deeper into your body and discover the subtle layers of tension. Experience the release of trapped energy. Be deliberate as you move deeper into the experience.
- As you exhale, relax your head and lower your forehead towards your knees.

- Use breath to help you open your body fully and melt away stress in all its forms.
- Allow yourself to feel fully.
- To release, extend through the spine, arms and fingertips.
- Rise up slowly with arms extended overhead, palms facing each other.
- Extend your arms out in front of you and lower your palms to your thighs.
- Close your eyes and relax into sensation.
- Breathe fully and let go more deeply with each exhalation.
- Let your mind be deeply engaged and absorbed by the dynamic energy flooding through your whole body.
- Relax... and create an open psychic space for the energy field to expand and grow.
- Feel it flood the entire body.
- Energy follows attention...nurture it.

Spinal Rocking

- Sitting, clasp your hands below the knees.
- Inhale as you rock back, and exhale as you rock forward.
- Do this several times until asked to stop. (Pause.)
- Now rest on your back with your feet flat and knees bent.
- Pay attention to every sensation that comes and goes as you stretch in and out.
- Leave your mind and enter more fully into the sensations in the body. Relax.

Spinal Twist

- Bring yourself to a position lying on the floor.
- Extend both arms out to the side, at right angles to the body as much as possible.
- Inhale and bend both knees and bring them in towards the chest.
- Exhale and press both knees to the right.
- Turn your head to the left.
- Keep the shoulders pressed to the ground.
- Do not force.
- Use breath and breathe into any resistance felt in the body.
- Relax, and let go...
- Breathe deeply and let go even more....
- To release, bring the knees up, wrap the arms below the knees.
- Rock back and forth once or twice.

Repeat on the other side.

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 - To release, bring the knees up, wrap the arms below the knees.
 - Rock once or twice.
 - Extend your legs out in front of you and relax.
 - Let your whole body melt into stillness....
 - Release any holding anywhere in the body.
 - Become aware of the energy that has been released in the body.
 - Merge into this ocean of energy.
 - Let it flow into any holdings in the body, physical, mental and emotional, bringing you into the deepest state of balance and relaxation. (Pause.)
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B. Prana/Energy Awareness

1. Palming the Face

- Maintaining this inner awareness, gently begin rubbing the palms together.
 - Now place your fingertips on your eyelids. The entire surface of the palms touching your face.
 - Start now by massaging the face.
 - The fingers working from the eyebrows up to the hairline, moving out to the temples-- circling the fingers at the temples.
 - Moving down to the joint of the jaw, along the jawline to the chin.
 - Massage around the parentheses of the mouth, up to the bridge of the nose, around the orbits of the eyes.
 - Moving to the ears, pulling down in front of and behind the ears, and maybe even a gentle pull on the earlobes. Feeling tensions and holding melt away.
 - Squeeze the back of the neck, and maybe even the shoulders.
 - Now, place the entire surface of the palms on the face, fingertips on the eyelids.
 - Drop all expression from the face.
 - Take a deep breath in and let go.
 - Take another deep breath in and let go even more.
 - Release your arms to your sides.
 - Feel the impact flooding the whole body and the entire being. Bathe in the sensations.
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