

## II. Induction Techniques Phase I

### A. Physical Relaxation

#### 1. Stretching and Relaxation/Seated or Standing

- Facial exercise: tightening and relaxing the facial muscles, opening the mouth wide, extending the head upwards, stretching the neck muscles.
- Head and neck rolls, described in script #1.
- Shoulder rolls, forward and back.
- Flexing hands and feet.
- Inhaling, take the flat fingers of one hand and exhaling gently press all the fingers of the opposite hand backwards.
- Opening and closing the hands into fists and curling the toes.
- Lateral stretches: breathing in, straighten the body up through the spine, extend one arm along side the head with the opposite resting in the lap; exhale and gently lean to one side, return to center and repeat on the opposite side.
- Leg raises: inhaling, flex and lift the leg. Exhale, gently pull it up and in toward the torso.
- Inhale and clasp the hands behind the back, exhale and gently straighten the arms pressing the chest up and forward.

See Phrasing for the 2nd half of the Posture (or use your own)

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#### 2. Deliberate Tension and Relaxation

We will move our awareness into the body to release trapped energy and move deeper into total relaxation.

Those with cardiac disease, hypertension, glaucoma should use caution. If you cannot have undue pressure in the head for any reason, it is important that you breathe normally as you tense the body.

Upper Body:

- As you inhale, make fists and deliberately induce stiffness and tension throughout your shoulders, arms and fists.
- Tighten...tighten...even more.
- Now let go completely. Relax.
- On your next exhalation, relax even more. Let go.
- Observe and feel the flood of energy in your arms.....

(pause.....)

Lower Body:

- This time as you inhale, deliberately induce stiffness and tension in hips, legs and feet.
- Tighten...tighten...hold..hold.
- Let go. Let go completely. Relax.
- Observe the flood of energy in your legs.....

(pause.....)

Whole Body:

- This time tighten and tense the entire body as you inhale: arms, hands, shoulders, feet, legs, face, buttocks.
- Tighten...tighten...hold hold.
- Now let go completely. Relax.
- On your next exhalation let go even more.
- Observe and the flood of energy extending to all the muscles, nerves and cells of your entire body.
- Let your whole body melt into the flood of energy you feel in your body.

- Let your body go limp.....like a rag doll...relax even more.
  - Release any holding..... anywhere.
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