

Chair Yoga for Seniors with High **Blood Pressure**

5 Safe & Simple Seated Poses for Relaxation & Stress Relief

1. Seated Mountain Pose (Tadasana)

- Sit up tall with your feet flat on the floor.
- Place your hands gently on your thighs.
- Inhale deeply and lengthen your spine.
- Exhale slowly and relax your shoulders.
- Hold the pose for 5–6 deep breaths.

2. Seated Forward Bend

- Sit tall at the front edge of your chair.
- Inhale, then exhale and slowly bend forward from your hips.
- Let your arms rest on your thighs or hang gently.
- Hold for 4–5 breaths while relaxing your neck and back.

3. Shoulder Rolls

- Inhale and lift both shoulders up toward your ears.
- Exhale and roll them back and down.

- Repeat 6–8 times forward and backward.
- Helps reduce neck tension and promotes circulation.

4. Seated Side Stretch

- Raise your right arm overhead while keeping the left hand on the chair.
- Gently bend to the left and breathe into your side body.
- Hold for 3–5 breaths, then switch sides.
- Improves lung capacity and reduces stiffness.

5. Seated Belly Breathing (Diaphragmatic Breathing)

- Sit comfortably with hands on your belly.
- Inhale through your nose and let your belly rise.
- Exhale slowly through your mouth and feel the belly fall.
- Repeat for 2–3 minutes to calm your mind and body.

Safety Tips

- Avoid holding your breath or straining.
- Move slowly and gently—never force a pose.
- Don't twist or bend too far.
- Consult your doctor before starting any exercise.

Recommended Routine

- Do these poses **3–4 times per week**.
- Ideal duration: 10–15 minutes per session.
- Combine with a calm environment and soothing music.

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