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Core Strength and Stability Test

You will need a flat surface and a watch with a second hand. You may want to have a partner with you to time you and monitor your posture. Cheating on your body position may hurt you and give you false results. Try to complete all seven positions without rest and see how far you can get. Please refer to The 100 Year Lifestyle Workout Book for pictures on pages 128 – 131 if you have any questions.



Body Position

Step one: Assume the basic plank position with your elbows on the ground, toes curled under, and back straight.

Step two: While in this position lift your right arm off the ground straight out in front of you.

Step three: Return your right arm to the ground and repeat with your left arm.

Step four: Return your left arm to the ground and lift your right leg off the ground; keep it straight and extend it straight up behind you as high as you can.

Step five: Return your right leg to the ground and repeat this motion, lifting your left leg off the ground.

Step six: Return your left leg to the ground, and lift your right leg and left arm off the ground at the same time.

Step seven: Return your right leg and left arm to the ground and lift your left leg and right arm off the ground.

Hold Time

30 seconds

15 seconds

15 seconds

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How did you do? Were you able to maintain a straight back throughout the entire test? Did you collapse to the ground or complete the entire test? Circle the step indicating how far you got. Retest yourself in thirty days of doing this test four times per week. If you feel pain or discomfort during any portion of this test or within 72 hours afterwards, consult your 100 Year Lifestyle Affiliate Chiropractor immediately.



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