Appendix 6

Power point presentation on basic back care
Posture in front of TV
Helena & Paul verkeerd voor TV
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Lifting a child

Carrying and picking up children

The principles for picking up objects also apply when picking up children. Resist the temptation to simply lean over and lift. Instead, with your feet placed slightly apart, bend your knees into a squat that will bring you closer to the level of the child. Wrap one arm around the child's body and use the other arm to support him or her from underneath. Slowly straighten into a standing position, keeping your abdominal stabilizers contracted throughout.

Carrying your child in this manner is acceptable for short periods, for example, if you want to take the child indoors or to bed. However, carrying children for extended periods can put strain on your back. It is recommended to use a baby carrier or baby sling to distribute the weight more evenly and reduce the risk of back strain.

When to go to the doctor or physio?

• Severe pain not resolved after 2 days of self-management
• Numbness, P&N’s and/or weakness in legs or arms
• Difficulty passing/controlling urine
• Unsteadiness on feet/clumsy hands
• Dizziness
• Frequent; recurring attacks
• Traumatic Injury d.t. a fall/accident
To exercise or not to exercise?