



STEEL PROGRAM SERVICES

PHYSIOTHERAPY/STRENGTH & RESISTANCE TRAINING/
FATIGUE MANAGEMENT/EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION

The **STEEL Program** can include one or all of the above services. Your **STEEL Physiotherapist** will work with you to select your own program goals and advise you on which services will be the most effective for you. Your individual program is totally flexible for your needs on the day and could include a combination of treatments including:

- Manual physiotherapy to prevent the formation of scar tissue
- Strength and resistance training to strengthen the muscles weakened by surgery or cancer treatments
- Stretching exercises to improve your flexibility
- Massage to relieve stiffness in the neck, back, chest and shoulders
- Core strengthening exercises to improve posture
- Breathing control techniques to help facilitate relaxation and reduce stress levels
- Personalised home exercises to facilitate overall conditioning and increase physical stamina for faster recovery

The **STEEL Program** is chronologically formatted into 3 phases. Timing of each phase is dependent upon your physical condition, the length of the healing process, the type of surgery involved, and the courses of adjuvant treatments. Many variables may exist that will effect particular service and exercise choices at given times.

Post Op Phase

Designed to assist in the healing process of clients who are recently post surgery or undergoing treatments. To restore strength and flexibility to particular joints and muscle groups that have become weak and inflexible as a result of surgery. It incorporates breathing techniques and gentle exercises modified to maximise recovery from surgery.

Recovery Phase

Designed to help improve energy levels and general well being during cancer treatments. It aims to help clients manage fatigue, restore post op flexibility and strength. In addition to focusing on stretching and strengthening exercises for the upper body, it contains workouts for the lower extremities, abdominal strengthening and spinal stability.

Fitness Phase

Designed to facilitate overall conditioning and to increase physical stamina. Aims to improve cardiovascular fitness, strength and flexibility to increase endurance, elevate the metabolism, improve muscle tone and body composition. It contains workouts for the upper and lower extremities, abdominal strengthening and spinal stability. Designed to motivate and encourage good exercise habits for life.

