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## **PHYSIO4ALL E-News**

# Sitting Increases Compression on Your Spinal Discs!



With too much compression and load, the discs in the spine lose fluid and become thinner, making them stiff, less able to absorb shock and thus an easy target for trauma. If we do not routinely bend and stretch throughout the day not enough fluid is reabsorbed back into the disc causing them to become

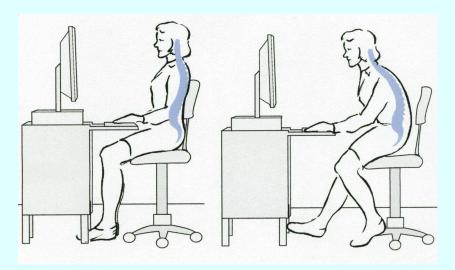
compressed, dry and irritable.

The greatest fluid loss is while sitting (we lose 10% of disc height within the first two hours).

#### How to reduce pressure in your discs

- Get up regularly when sitting every 30/40 mins
- Perform daily decompression exercise (see video below)

- Ensure the **ergonomics** at your work station are correct
- Use tactics to make good **posture** easy (ask us how)







Ideally, the S-shaped curvature of the spine that is characteristic of good standing posture should be maintained in sitting. This is best accomplished by sitting all the way back in your chair and maintaining a lumbar (low back) hollow to reduce compression in the spine.

If you would like any advice regarding your posture or workstation ergonomics or if you have any injuries please call one of our physiotherapists on **9922-2212**.



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