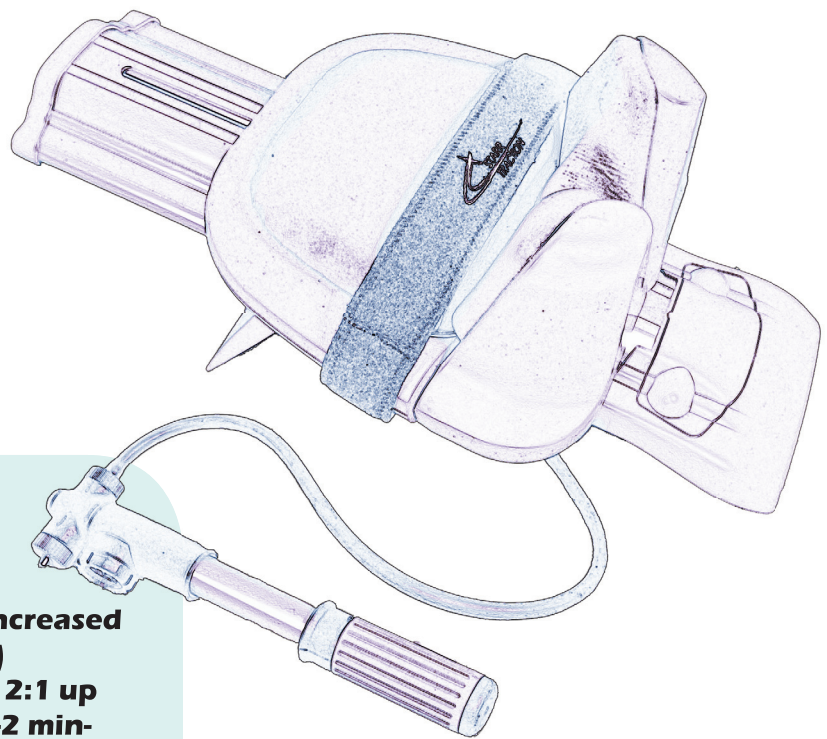




### **Facet Joint Dysfunction**

**Cervical traction may be effective to increase the mobility of the cervical facet joints as long as the cervical spine has been cleared for any of the contraindications mentioned within the General Guidelines section. Traction may also be more beneficial when used with other modalities such as cold, heat, ultrasound, etc.**



### **Suggested Settings**

#### **General**

**Tension: 10 – 30 pounds (may be increased up to 7-10% of patient body weight)**

**Tension type: Intermittent tension; 2:1 up to 4:1 ratio of tension to rest (e.g. 1-2 minutes on, 30 second rest)**

**Treatment Time: 10-15 minutes**

#### **Variations**

**Upper cervical region = 10 degrees flexion (slide stand in upper most position)**

**Middle cervical region = 15 degrees flexion (slide stand in middle position)**

**Lower cervical region = 20 degrees flexion (slide stand in lower most position)**

**Sustained tension setting: Apply sustained tension to cervical spine with periodic rests during the 10-15 minute treatment time**

**Sessions per day: 1-3**