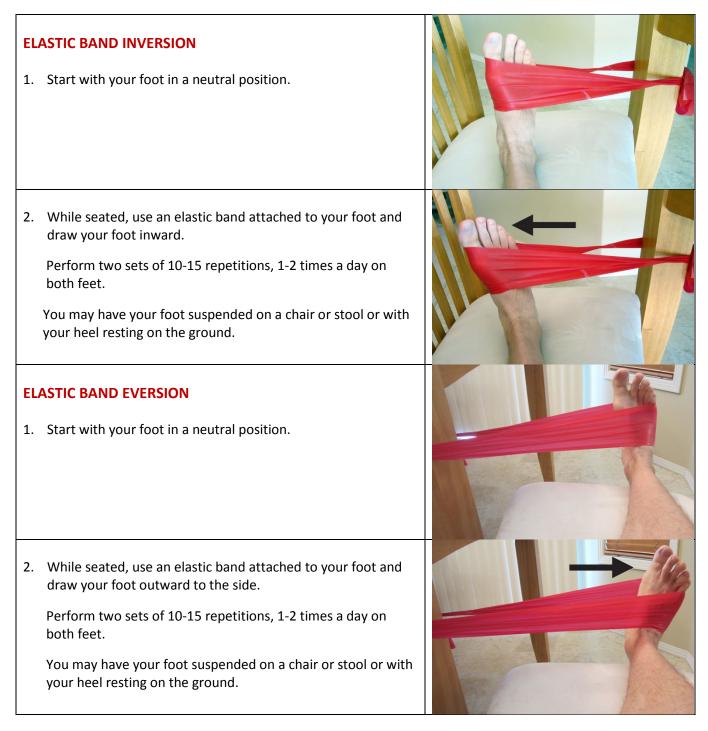
## Ankle Resistance Exercises – Using the Elastic Exercise Band

ELASTIC BAND PLANTARFLEXION		
1.	Start with your foot in a neutral position. You may also use the elastic band as a way to stretch your foot up toward you (similar to a standing calf stretch).	
2. EL 1.	<ul> <li>While seated, use an elastic band attached to your foot and press your foot downward and forward. Return to the starting position slowly and under control.</li> <li>Perform two sets of 10-15 repetitions, 1-2 times a day on both feet.</li> <li>You may have your foot suspended on a chair or stool or with your heel resting on the ground.</li> <li>ASTIC BAND DORSIFLEXION</li> <li>Start with your foot in a neutral position.</li> </ul>	
2.	While seated, use an elastic band attached to your foot and draw your foot upward. Perform two sets of 10-15 repetitions, 1-2 times a day on both feet. You may have your foot suspended on a chair or stool or with your heel resting on the ground.	



- You may have a friend or family member hold the elastic band for you (and not tie it to a table as shown). Please remember if you tie the elastic band, then it must be tied to an object that will not move.
- With these exercises, remember to move slow and under control. There should never be more than a mild to moderate increase in discomfort at this stage of recovery while performing these exercises.