Interoceptive Exposure

If you have any health concerns, or physical health problems, then you should speak to your doctor about the suitability of these exercises for you before you attempt them. They are designed to be uncomfortable, but should not be painful.

Activity		Symptoms & Thoughts What did you notice in your body? What went through your mind?	Anxiety (0-100)
Breathing Overbreathe <i>Breathe forcefully, fast and deep</i>	O 1 min		
Breathe through a straw Hold your nose and breathe through a drinking straw	O 2 min		
Hold your breath	30 sec		
Physical exercise Run quickly on the spot Lift your knees high	O 2 min		
Step up and down on a stair Hold on to the handrail for balance	O min		
Tense all body muscles	1 min		
Spinning & shaking Spin while sitting in an office chair As fast as you can	On 1 min		
Spin around while standing up Make sure to leave yourself enough space & have a place to sit after	On 1 min		
Shake your head from side to side Then look straight ahead. Keep your eyes open.	30 sec		
Head-rush Put your head between your legs then <i>sit up quickly</i>	On 1 min		
Lie down & relax for at least one minute then sit up quickly	1 min		
Unreality Stare at yourself in a mirror Concentrate hard without blinking	O 2 min		
Stare at a blank wall Concentrate hard without blinking	O 2 min		
Stare at a fluorescent light and then try to read something	1 min		