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ANKLE PUMPS

10 Per Hour While Awake

In bed, or while seated

- Move feet up and down at ankle
- Promotes blood circulation and prevents blood clots



QUADRICEP SET

10 Per Hour While Awake

In bed

- Lie on back with legs straight
- Push back of knee down into the bed
- Tighten front thigh muscle
- Hold for 5 seconds, then relax muscle

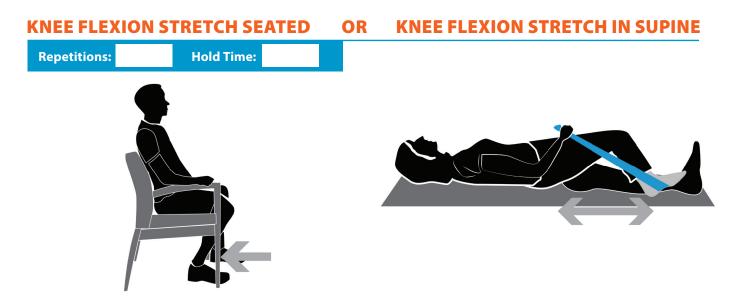
GLUTEAL SET

10 Per Hour While Awake

In bed, seated or standing

- Tighten/squeeze buttock muscles together
- Hold for 5 seconds, then relax





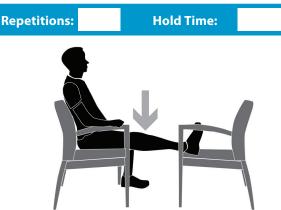
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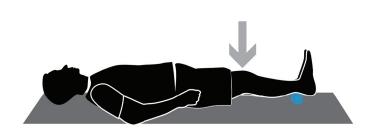


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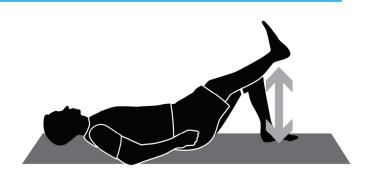


STRAIGHT LEG RAISE

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Repetitions:

In bed

- Lie on back on firm surface, with operative leg extended straight out and other leg bent
- Raise and lower operative leg

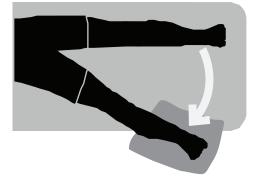


HIP ABDUCTION IN SUPINE

Repetitions:

In bed with pillow case or plastic bag under foot to reduce friction

- Lie on back on firm surface, legs together
- Move leg out to side, keeping knees straight
- Return to start position



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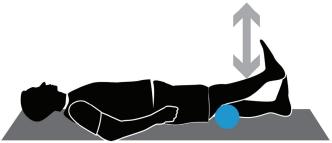
TERMINAL KNEE EXTENSION

Repetitions:

In bed using a rolled towel under both legs

- Lie on back on firm surface, with operative leg both legs extended out over towel
- Raise and lower operative leg





KNEE EXTENSION

Repetitions:

Seated in chair

- Start with both feet flat on the floor in front of you
- Raise operative leg up and down

