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ANKLE PUMPS

1 Set of 10 repetitions per hour while awake

In bed, or while seated

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

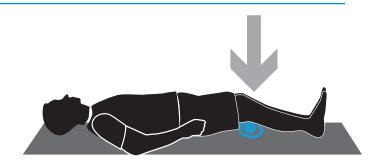


QUADRICEP SET

1 Set of 10 repetitions per hour while awake

Place a small towel roll under your knee

- 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

1 Set of 10 repetitions per hour while awake

In bed, seated or standing

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

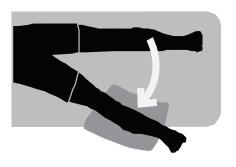


HIP ABDUCTION IN SUPINE

Repetitions:

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

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





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HEEL SLIDES

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PHASE 2 – BEGIN THESE EXERCISES AT WEEK TWO OF POST-OP

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BRIDGES

Repetitions:

- Lie on back on firm surface, legs together and bent
- Tighten your abdominals and squeeze your buttocks and pelvis off the bed
- Hold and then lower to starting position slowly





SUPINE MARCHES

Repetitions:

Very important to perform this exercise in a painfree range of motion to not flare up your symptoms at the front of your hip.

- Lie on back on firm surface, legs together and bent
- Tighten your abdominals and bring one knee towards your chest slowly, lifting your foot a few inches
- Bring it back down the repeat with opposite leg



STANDING HIP ABDUCTION

Repetitions:

Standing with support/trunk upright

- Hold table, counter or chair for balance, weight on non-operative leg
- Keep knee straight, move operative leg outward making sure your toes remain pointed forward. Try not to lean at the trunk to assist.
- Return to start position
- Once you can tolerate standing on your operative leg without pain, do this exercise for both legs





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SIDE-LYING CLAMSHELLS

Repetitions:

- Lie on either side with bent knees and hips with ankles together
- Slowly lift top leg away from bottom leg
- Lift your leg up as high as you can without your upper body and hips rolling backwards
- Return to starting position
- A resistance band around both knees can be added for more of a challenge





SIDE-LYING HIP ABDUCTION

Repetitions:

- Lie on your side and roll slightly forward onto the side of your hip to make sure your hips are stacked on top of each other
- With top leg straight out bend bottom leg back
- Slowly raise top leg up while keeping leg straight and toes pointed forward
- Slowly lower and repeat



STANDING HIP ABDUCTION WITH BAND

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