# Home Exercise Program

**Physical and Occupational Therapy** 





# instructions

- 1. DO NOT hold your breath.
- 2. Count out loud.
- 3. Limit exercising in excessive heat or humidity.
- 4. Allow adequate resting periods.
- 5. Listen to your body.
- 6. Make exercise part of your daily routine.

Do the highlighted o	r marked exercises	times a day
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# ankle pumps



Pump your foot up and down slowly.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_times.

# gluteal sets



Squeeze your buttocks together and hold for a count of six, then relax. Do not hold your breath.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.

# quad sets



Tighten muscles on top of thigh by pushing your knee down into the bed. Hold for a count of six, then relax.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.

# terminal knee extension

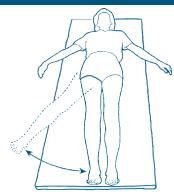


This exercise may be done with a large roll and then a small roll.

Place a roll under your knee, straighten your knee by tightening the muscles on top of your thigh and pull toes up toward head. Hold, then slowly lower.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.

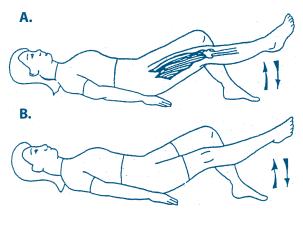
# hip abduction, back lying



- 1. Lie on your back.
- 2. Keep your toes pointed toward the ceiling throughout the exercise.
- 3. Slowly swing your involved leg out to the side as far as possible.
- 4. Slowly return to the starting position and relax.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.

# straight leg raise



- A. Bend \_\_\_\_\_\_ leg up so foot is flat on the bed.

  Keep \_\_\_\_\_ leg straight and lift, then lower down to bed. Do not hold your breath.
- B. Bend \_\_\_\_\_\_ leg up so foot is flat on the bed.

  Keep \_\_\_\_\_ leg straight with foot turned outward and lift, then lower down to bed. Do not hold your breath.

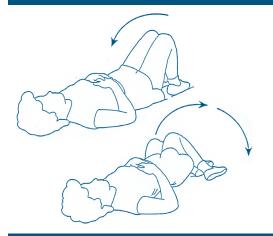
### heel slides



- 1. Lie on your back.
- 2. Slide your heel up toward your body.
- 3. Slowly lower your leg back down.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.

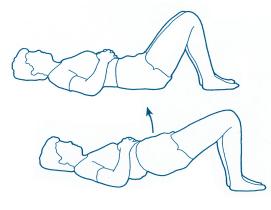
### lower trunk rotation



- Lie on your back with your knees bent and feet flat on the floor or bed.
- Keeping your shoulders down flat, slowly roll your knees toward the left as far as possible.
- Slowly roll your knees back toward the right as far as possible, keeping shoulders flat.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.

# bridging



- 1. Lie on your back.
- 2. Bend your hips and knees, and plant your feet flat on the floor.
- 3. Raise your hips by pushing down evenly on both legs.
- 4. Hold for five seconds, then slowly lower your hips.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_times.

# sitting knee extension



Sit erect on a firm chair or on the side of the bed. Feet are flat on the floor. Straighten your knee and point your toes toward your nose. Stretch and hold. Return foot to the floor.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.

# hip flexion



- 1. Sit in a chair with knees bent as shown.
- 2. Bend \_\_\_\_\_ hip to lift foot off floor.
- 3. Slowly relax.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times, \_\_\_\_\_ times a day.

# hip abduction



- 1. Sit on a chair or table as shown.
- 2. Spread knees apart as far as possible.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times, \_\_\_\_ times a day.

# hip abduction



- 1. Sit with a ball between your knees as shown.
- 2. Squeeze thighs together tightly.
- 3. Hold \_\_\_\_\_ seconds, then slowly relax.

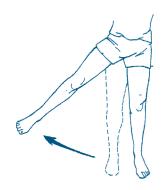
# hip flexion



- 1. Stand with legs straight.
- 2. Bend \_\_\_\_\_ knee and hip upward as shown.
- 3. Slowly relax.

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# hip abduction



- 1. Stand holding onto a solid object for balance.
- 2. Raise \_\_\_\_\_ hip out to side, without letting it come forward.
- 3. Slowly relax.

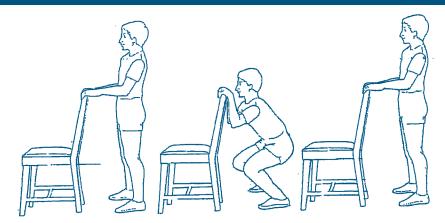
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# plantar flexion - toe raises



- 1. Stand with feet 12 inches apart.
- 2. Raise up slowly onto your toes as high as you can.
- 3. Slowly lower.

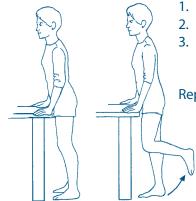
# quadriceps - squats



- 1. Hold onto a solid object as shown.
- 2. Keep feet flat on the floor.
- 3. Squat as far as you can, then stand up using as little help from your arms as possible.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times, \_\_\_\_\_ times a day.

# hamstring flexion



- 1. Stand holding onto a solid object as shown.
- 2. Slow bend \_\_\_\_\_ knee.
- 3. Slowly lower.

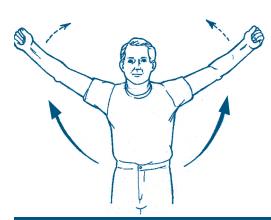
# shoulder flexion



- 1. Sit with arms relaxed.
- 2. Raise arms up overhead as far as you can.

Repeat	times,	times a day.

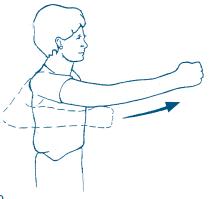
# shoulder abduction



- 1. Sit with arms relaxed at your sides.
- 2. Raise arms up to the side and overhead as far as you can.

Repeat	times	
	times	a day.

# chest press outs



- 1. Sit in a chair.
- 2. Begin with elbow bent at chest.
- 3. Extend arms straight out.

# elbow flexion



- 1. Bend elbow up and down.
- 2. Repeat with opposite arm.

Repeat times, times a day.
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# finger flexion



- 1. Hold a small ball or putty in your hand as shown.
- 2. Squeeze by trying to close your fingers as hard as you can.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times, \_\_\_\_\_ times a day.

### wrist extension



1. Bend wrist as shown.

### scapular retraction



- 1. Stand with elbows bent to 90 degrees.
- 2. Pinch shoulder blades together as you rotate arms outward.
- 3. Hold \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.

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Repeat	times,	times a day

### sit to stand



1. Sit in a straight chair with your feet shoulder-width apart. Count to 4 as you SLOWLY rise up to a standing position.

If this is too difficult, start by using your hands for support. If you can't sit all the way down, or if you feel pain or discomfort, place a cushion on the chair or squat down only 4 or 5 inches.

- 2. Pause. SLOWLY lower yourself toward the chair as you bend your knees to the count of 4.
- 3. Repeat 10 times. Rest for one minute. Complete a set of 10. Do this exercise 3 to 5 times a week.

If this is too difficult, start at a lower number and build up to 10.

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