

Routine For: Senior Knee Exercises Created By: Sachin Desai, PT Mar 04, 2014 Knee: Senior Exercises

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****Be patient and work as per the guidelines. It takes some time to see objective improvement. Feel free to ask questions if you have any concerns.

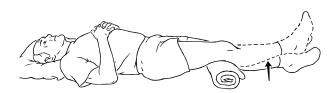
KNEE - 14 Pillow Squeeze (VMO)



Place one pillow under and one between knees. Squeeze knees together while straightening them by pushing down into pillow. Hold <u>2-3</u> seconds.

Repeat 10-15 times. Do 4-5 sessions per day.

KNEE - 1 Terminal Knee Extension



Lying on back with rolled towel (about 6 inches wide) under knee, slowly straighten knee to fully extended position. Hold 1-2 seconds, then relax. Repeat with other knee.

Repeat 10-15 times. Do 4-5 sessions per day.

KNEE - 6 Straight Leg Raise



Bend one leg. Raise other leg <u>4-5</u> inches with knee locked. Exhale and tighten thigh muscles while raising leg. Repeat with other leg.

Repeat 10 times. Do 4-5 sessions per day.

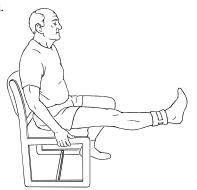
STRENGTH BUILDING - 7 Lower Body: Knee Lift

Sit with back supported. Straighten leg with 1-2 lb weight on it. Slowly bend knee to return. Breathe normally.

Do this 10-15 times.

Repeat with other leg.

Repeat <u>3-4</u> times. Do <u>3-4</u> sessions per day.



KNEE CARE TIPS

DO:

- sleep with pillow between knees when on your side
- bend knee as often as possible to reduce stiffness
- put ice pack on swollen knee for about <u>10</u> minutes
- take pain medication before beginning to exercise

DON'T:

- place pressure on knee if it hurts
 - Avoid kneeling
- continue any activity if it causes pain
 - Stop and rest
 - Continue ONLY if pain subsides
- climb stairs if it causes knee pain