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Total Knee Joint Replacement – Preoperative Exercise Program

The following exercises are designed to address strength and range of movement of your knee. The exercises below will help you best prepare for your upcoming surgery.

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1. Knee Flexion

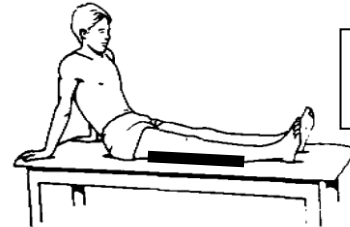
With towel around heel, gently pull knee upwards with towel until stretch is felt.



2 x10
Twice per day

2. Quadriceps Sets

Place a rolled towel lengthways under knee. Then tighten muscle on top of thigh by pushing knees down into towel. Hold 3 secs



2 x10
Twice per day

3. Quadriceps Over Fulcrum

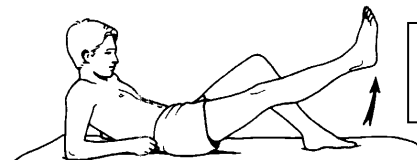
Place towel rolled under knee. Lift foot off bed, keeping the back of the knee in contact with roll, then lower.



2 x10
Twice per day

4. Straight Leg Raise

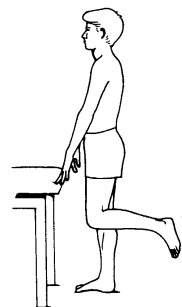
Lie back and rest on forearms, tighten muscle on front of thigh, then lift leg 8-10 inches from surface, keeping knee locked.



2 x10
Twice per day

5. Standing Hamstring Curl

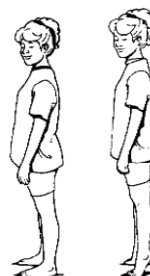
Standing, bend your knee up behind you as far as possible



2 x10
Twice per day

6. Standing Bilateral Calf Raises

Hold on to back of chair. Raise up on to balls of feet, then lower.

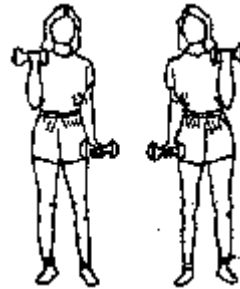


2 x10
Twice per day

We also recommend that you do some strengthening of your upper body as you will have to use it quite a bit, especially in the early stages of your recovery.

7. Bicep curls

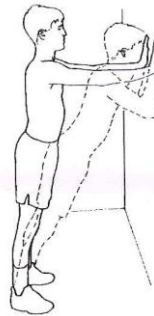
Holding a small weight bend your elbow up and allow to slowly drop back down.



2 x10
Twice per day

8. Wall push up

With your feet a small distance away from the wall, place your hands against the wall and perform a gentle controlled push up on the wall.



2 x10
Twice per day

9. Chair Push Ups

Using both hands on the arm rests of a seat, or on a flat seat, push your bottom up off the chair. Then lower back down.

2 x10
Twice per day



If you have not done regular exercise recently it is advised that you start with 1 set of 10 of each exercise and build up towards 2 sets of 10.

You can also do these exercises and more at **Hawthorn Physiotherapy Clinic**. Our Pre-habilitation Program is a great way to prepare yourself for surgery and it can all be claimed on your private health insurance extras. Call us on 9819 2827 to start your **PREHABILITATION TODAY!**

