

# Exercises for the patient with anterior knee pain

## Week 1

### Increasing mobility: Foam Roller



#### Points to remember

- Keep feet lifted
- Turn your tummy to the floor
- Start the roller just above the knee
- Roll slowly over tender areas



#### Points to remember

- Relax your feet
- Hands by your bottom and lift your bottom slightly
- If it is too difficult with your feet on top of one another, place one foot on the floor

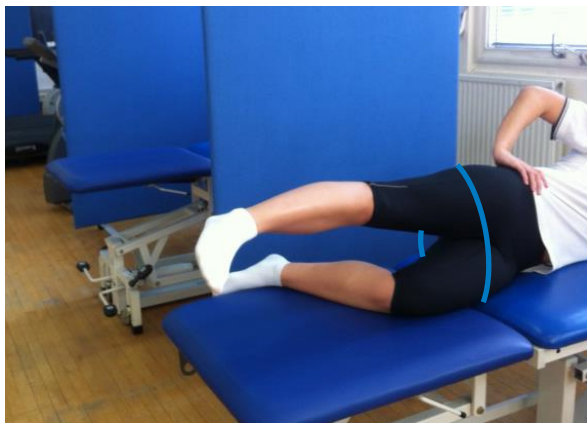


#### Points to remember

- Elbows down , tummy up
- Roll slowly over tender areas

## Increasing Gluteal Strength : “The Burner”

1 minute of each exercise = 3 minutes work each leg.



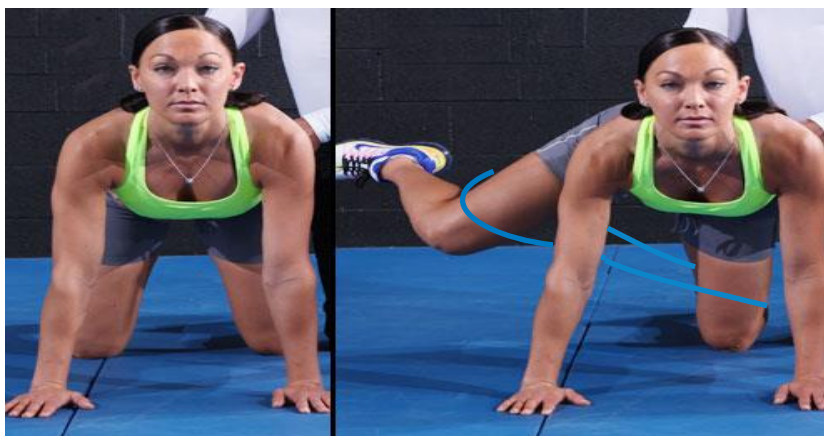
### Side Lying hip abduction: Points to remember:

- Relax foot
- Push top leg long by fixing the pelvis with the hand
- Keep leg in line with bottom
- Only lift to hip height.
- Hold 1 minute



### Clam: Points to remember:

- Relax feet
- Put hand behind buttock to stop you rolling backwards if you need
- Keep feet in line with bottom
- Don't roll backwards
- Don't arch your back
- Hold 1 minute



### Fire Hydrant

- Pull leg out to side
- Push leg backwards
- Keep back flat
- Hold 1 min



### Points to remember: drop knee across body, push leg back straight

- Relax foot
- Keep foot high
- Squeeze the buttocks to push the foot back

## Strength exercises for the gluteals : “Getting back to function”



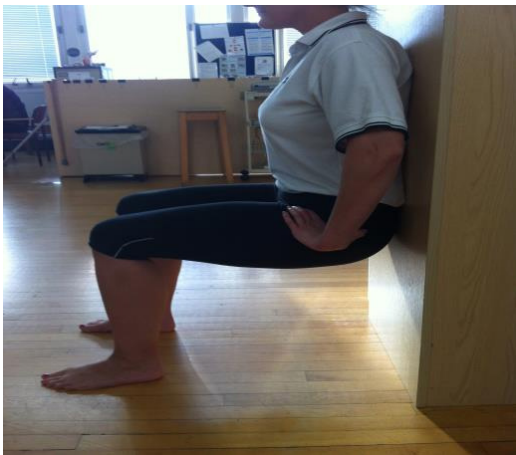
Stand on one leg and balance

Hips level

**Exercise: (NO REST BETWEEN EACH EXERCISE)**

- a) hip drops x10 (hold on to the back of a chair or wall)
- b) knee up to chest, down, leg out to side repeat x10  
NO HOLDING ON
- c) leg raises out to the side pulse x10 NO HOLDING ON

## Strength exercises for the quadriceps



OR



**Complete the exercise that is most comfortable on the knees**

Knees and feet in line with hips **OR** Knees slightly wider, toes at 10 to 2

Slide down the wall, hold 5 seconds Repeat x 10

Put band around knees if required



## Free Squat



### Points to remember

- Feet hip width apart
- Toes facing forwards
- Take weight through heels
- Push bottom out behind
- Use a chair if required
- Put band around knees if required

3 sets of 10 repetitions



## Step Ups



### Points to remember

- Keep back leg straight
- Don't jump off back leg
- Come up to one leg balance
- Slowly down

2 sets of 10 repetitions each leg

## Stretches to finish

### Gluteal Stretch



- Lie back on the bed and draw your knee across your chest
- Draw your knee across the midline slightly
- Pull your ankle across the midline
- Hold for 20-30 seconds. 3-5 repetitions

### Quadriceps Stretch



- Lay on your tummy
- Pull heel to bottom
- Keep knees in line
- Hold 20- 30 seconds 3-5 repetitions

### Hip Flexor Stretch



- Kneel if able on a soft surface or put a towel under the knee.
- Tuck tail bone underneath
- Push hips forward
- If able stretch arm up to the ceiling and over to the opposite side
- Hold 20 seconds 3-5 repetitions each side

## Calf Length “Strengthen to lengthen”



- Stand on the edge of a step
- Push upon to toes, hold 5 seconds
- Lower the heel to the floor slowly over the count of 8
- Hold at the bottom for 10 seconds
- Repeat- push up, hold, lower, hold
- Repeat to fatigue of the calf

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<http://www.cht.nhs.uk/services/clinical-services/physiotherapyoutpatients/patients-suffering-from-anterior-knee-pain/>

or Google - Physiotherapy out patients CHFT

In the patient / care information tab, click on the knee on the body map, and then go to patients suffering from anterior knee pain.

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