POST SURGERY DHASE EXERCISES TO IMPROVE KNEE RANGE OF MOTION AND STRENGTH



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Exercise Considerations

Consult with a physician before beginning the exercises in this book. A physician can determine which exercises are appropriate for you or your clients, and if any should be avoided or modified.

Disclaimer

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Preface

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Keys to Recovering from Knee Surgery

Sadly sometimes a knee injury and pain lead to knee surgery. It is important to take action after surgery so you get your knees strong and back to doing things you enjoy in a pain-free manner. You do this by addressing three key points.

Inflammation

There is no exercise that targets inflammation but there is a lot you can do to address inflammation. Before I get to that, let me explain why addressing inflammation is so important for your knee injury recovery.

The knee joint is a large joint but there is very little space within the knee joint. When there is inflammation within the knee joint it decreases the range of motion of the joint which is how much movement the knee has.

Plus with inflammation it leads to more pain and pain inhibits the muscles around the knee. This affects how much strength the muscles around the knee has.

Range of Motion

We don't understand how much our knee moves until it has been injured. The range of motion in our knee allows us to walk without a limp, walk up hills, run and squat down to pick something up.

After surgery, the range of motion of the knee is decreased. It is important to do what you can to increase the range of motion in your knee so you can get if functioning like it did in the past and so you can get back to doing the things you enjoy.

You will see in the exercises below we focus on range of motion of the knee but also in the ankle. A decrease in the range of motion in your ankles will have an affect in the recovery of your knee. It is important to have good ankle range of motion in order to decrease the stress on the knee and for the ankle to help the knee out as it is recovering.

Strength

The knee is a very common site of injury and pain. It is important to keep our knees strong in order to prevent injury, fend off knee pain and to continue to do the activities we love.

You need your knee muscles strong in order to decrease the stress on your knee joint and to have the strength to do the things you need to do.

After knee surgery you need to target three things in order get you back to where you were. They are inflammation, range of motion and strength. I know the guide below will help you get there.

In the guide below there are only 6 exercises that you need to do. There are not a lot of exercises but they are effective exercises. Keep reading and see what the exercises are.

Key Exercise Questions: Post Surgery Phase

What should I do before performing these exercises?

Consult with your physician or surgeon to see if there is any reason why you should not perform these exercises. Prior to doing the exercises, perform a 3 to 5 minute warm up. This will help loosen your knee and prepare you body for exercise. This can be done with a walk on the ground or on the treadmill or for other suggestions, refer to my <u>9 Exercises a Day Keeps Knee Pain Away</u> program.

How often should I perform the exercises in this book?

Each exercise can be performed one to three times every day to help improve the range of motion of your knee and the strength your knee.

When should I feel and see results?

You may feel results within a week of performing the exercises consistently every day. You will see results within three weeks of performing the exercises consistently everyday.

What about stretching?

Right after surgery, the focus is addressing inflammation, improving range of motion and increasing strength. When the knee reaches full range of motion, we can progress to adding stretching to your exercise program.

How does the Post Surgery Phase work?

In this book are exercises which address range of motion and strength. The exercises are designed to help improve the movement in your knee and build the strength in your knee. Perform the exercises every day.

When do I stop doing the exercises?

When you reach ³/₄ of full range of motion, it is time to move to the Walking Phase exercises.

What ³⁄₄ full range of motion means is you are not able to fully straighten your leg; you have about 5 degrees of knee extension still to get. When you reach this point, begin doing the Walking Phase exercises but continue performing exercise 3 and 6 until you get full range of motion in extension (straightening your knee out).

When it comes to bringing your heel to your seat, you have 100 degrees of range of motion but still need to get another 30 degrees. When you reach this point,

begin doing the Walking Phase exercises but continue performing exercise 4 and 5 until you get full range of motion in flexion (heel to seat).

What should I do after performing the exercises?

I would recommend icing your knee after you have done the exercises and icing the knee again before you go to bed.

You can place a bag of frozen vegetables on your knee. It is best if you could tie it to your knee with a tensor bandage. I would have the frozen vegetables on your knee for 10 to 20 minutes while your leg is in a straight position.

How should I feel after the exercises?

You knee should feel like it has done something but there should not be sharp pain. If there is sharp pain, you may have done more than you should have at this time for your injury or you had done the exercises incorrectly.

Exercise Legend

Below are definitions of what each exercise category is and what it means.

Name of the exercise: The common name used for the exercise.

<u>Purpose of the exercise</u>: What the exercise is targeting and what the goal of the exercise is.

<u>Starting position:</u> What position you need to set your body into before starting the exercise.

How to do this exercise: The key steps in performing the exercise safely and for maximum results.

Progression: What the next step is when the exercise is too easy.

Contraindications & Common Mistakes: Who should be cautious about doing the exercises, or should not be dong them. Common errors that occur when performing the exercise, which will decrease effectiveness and increase the risk of injury.

Phase 0: Early Post Surgery Phase

EXERCISE 1: Ankle ROM - Dorsiflexion



Purpose:	To improve the range of motion in the ankle in dorsiflexion (toe owards shin).					
Starting Position:	on the ground on your back, with your non-injured leg bent and other leg relaxed and straight.					
How to Do the Exercise:	 Move the top of your foot towards your shin as far as you can in the leg that is straight. Hold your foot at the top position for one second and then return the foot to the starting position. Perform 10 repetitions of one set. 					
Progressions:	Increase to 20 repetitions.Increase to 2 sets.					
Contraindications & Common Mistakes:	 Can't Straighten Your Leg – You can put a full foam roller, pillow or towel under your knee when performing this exercise in order to support it. Knee Injury Side – You only need to perform this exercise on the knee injury side. 					

EXERCISE 2: Ankle ROM – Plantarflexion



Purpose:	o improve the range of motion in the ankle in plantarflexion (toe owards shin).						
Starting Position:	Lie on the ground on your back, with your non-injured leg bent and the other leg relaxed and straight.						
How to Do the Exercise:	 Move the top of your foot away from your shin as far as you can. Hold your foot at the bottom position for one second and then return the foot to the starting position. Perform 10 repetitions of one set. 						
Progressions:	 Increase to 20 repetitions. Increase to 2 sets. 						
Contraindications & Common Mistakes:	 Can't Straighten Your Leg – You can put a full foam roller, pillow or towel under your knee when performing this exercise in order to support it. Knee Injury Side – You only need to perform this exercise on the knee injury side. 						

EXERCISE 3: Isometric Quadriceps



Purpose:	o activate the quadriceps in order to maintain strength in them.						
Starting Position:	Lie on the ground on your back, with your non-injured leg bent and the other leg relaxed and straight.						
How to Do the Exercise:	 Contract your quadriceps (thigh) muscles at about 10% of maximum. Hold the contraction for 2 seconds and then relax for 2 seconds. Perform 5 repetitions of one set. 						
Progressions:	 Increase to 10 repetitions. Increase to 2 sets. Hold the contraction for 5 and then progress to 10 seconds. Progress to 15% and then 25% of maximal contraction. 						
Contraindications & Common Mistakes:	 Can't Straighten Your Leg – You can put a full foam roller, pillow or towel under your knee when performing this exercise in order to support it. Knee Injury Side – You only need to perform this exercise on the knee injury side. 						

EXERCISE 4: Isometric Hamstring



Purpose:	o activate the hamstrings in order to maintain strength in them.						
Starting Position:	ie on the ground on your stomach with both knees bent to 90 egrees at the knee and legs crossed at the ankle.						
How to Do the Exercise:	 Contract your hamstrings (back of the thigh) muscles at about 10% of maximum and try to move the foot furthest away from you (right leg) towards you while resisting with the other leg (left leg). Hold the contraction for 2 seconds and then relax for 2 seconds. Perform 5 repetitions of one set. 						
Progressions:	 Increase to 10 repetitions. Increase to 2 sets. Hold the contraction for 5 and then progress to 10 seconds. Progress to 15% and then 25% of maximal contraction. 						
Contraindications & Common Mistakes:	 Knee Pain When Lying on Stomach – You can place a folded towel under your knee. Can't Straighten Your Leg – You can put a full foam roller, pillow or towel under your knee when performing this exercise in order to support it. Knee Injury Side – You only need to perform this exercise on the knee injury side. 						

EXERCISE 5: Active Knee ROM



Purpose:	o activate the muscles around the knee and improve range of notion (ROM) in the knee.						
Starting Position:	on the ground on your stomach with one leg straight and the er leg bent.						
How to Do the Exercise:	 Move the bent knee towards your seat as far as you can in a slow and controlled manner. Hold for a second and then return to the starting position. Perform 10 repetitions of one set. 						
Progressions:	 Increase to 10 repetitions. Increase to 2 sets. 						
Contraindications & Common Mistakes:	 Knee Pain When Lying on Stomach – You can place a folded towel under your thigh in order to decrease and eliminate the pressure. Can't Straighten Your Knee Out – Straighten it to a point you can and you can also put a pillow or towel under your ankle in order to support your knee. Knee Injury Side – You only need to perform this exercise on the knee injury side. 						

EXERCISE 6: Supine Terminal Knee Extension



Purpose:	activate the quadriceps in order to maintain strength in them d improve the last little bit of extension (terminal extension) in e knee. The last bit of knee extension is important for walking d running.								
Starting Position:	Lie on the ground on your back, on leg bent and the other leg relaxed and straight.								
How to Do the Exercise:	 Contract your quadriceps (thigh) muscles at about 10% of maximum trying to straighten the leg out. Hold the contraction for 2 seconds and then relax for 2 seconds. Perform 5 repetitions of one set. 								
Progressions:	 Increase to 10 repetitions. Increase to 2 sets. Hold the contraction for 5 and then progress to 10 seconds. Progress to 15% and then 25% of maximal contraction. 								
Contraindications & Common Mistakes:	 Pain versus Discomfort – There maybe discomfort with this exercise. It there is sharp pain, discontinue the exercise. 								

Exercise Summary		
Picture	Number of Times	Description
Ankle ROM - Dorsiflexion	Perform 10 repetitions for 1 set.	,
Ankle ROM - Plantarflexion	Perform 10 repetitions for 1 set.	Point toe towards you.
Isometric Quadriceps	Perform 5 repetitions for 1 set at 10% of your muscle maximum.	Contract your thigh.

Isometric Hamstring Try to pull your Perform 5 repetitions for 1 set heel back and at 10% of your resist with the muscle maximum. other. **Active Knee ROM** Perform 10 Straighten the leg repetitions for 1 set. out. Supine Terminal Knee Extension Perform 5 Straighten your repetitions for 1 set knee out. at 10% of your muscle maximum.

Client Handout							
Exercise	Day						
Ankle ROM – Dorsiflexion	10 reps / 1 set						
Ankle ROM – Plantarflexion	10 reps / 1 set						
Isometric Quadriceps	5 reps / 1 set / 10%						
4b - Isometric Hamstring	5 reps / 1 set / 10%						
Active Knee ROM	10 reps / 1 set						
Supine Terminal Knee Extension	5 reps / 1 set / 10%						

About Rick Kaselj

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Rick Kaselj specializes in active rehabilitation and fitness. He works in one-on-one and group rehabilitation settings, educating and training people who have been injured at work, in car accidents, and during sport activities.

Rick has combined his rehabilitation experience and passion for research to develop a variety of courses and

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- Core stability of the shoulder
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- Injury-free running
- Save your shoulders
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Rick strives to balance his work life with his personal fitness endeavours and travel. He has trained for and competed in the Manitoba Marathon, the 225 km Ironman Canada Triathlon, and the 160 km Sea2Summit Adventure Race in Whistler, BC.

He recently hiked 4,300 km along the *Pacific Crest Trail* from Mexico to Canada and mountain biked the 5,000 km *Great Divide Mountain Bike Route* over the Rocky Mountains from Mexico to Canada. An avid traveler, Rick has toured three continents and visited 17 countries.

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To learn more about Rick Kaselj, please visit www.ExercisesForInjuries.com

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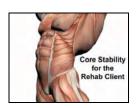
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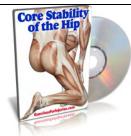
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Exercises for Prevention, Rehabilitation & Overcoming Knee Injuries

The knee is the focus of an exercise program when it is injured but often ignored any other time. More and more research has shown that the goal of the client should determine the knee exercise program compared to the presence or absence of injury. If your client's exercise goal is prevention of knee injuries, their exercise program should differ from that of a client recovering from a knee injury. If the client has had a knee injury and would like prevent a future knee injury, here is an exercise program that focuses on overcoming knee injuries. It is important that the fitness professional know which exercises and exercise programs are best for their client depending on the goal of the client. In this exercise and knee injury webinar, fitness professionals will learn three different knee exercise programs to help their clients who want to prevent a knee injury from occurring, to rehabilitate a knee injury and overcome knee injuries by preventing them in future.

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