

Lower Body Exercises While Standing

7 exercises with step-by-step instructions

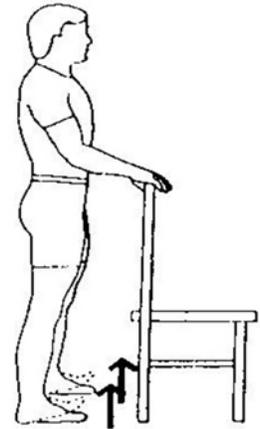
Do these exercises while you are standing to help strengthen your lower body.

For each exercise: Start with 1 set of 10 repetitions (reps), 3 times a day. As you get stronger, work up to 2 sets of 15 reps 3 times a day.

Special note: If you have had recent surgery, check with your doctor or physical therapist before starting these exercises.

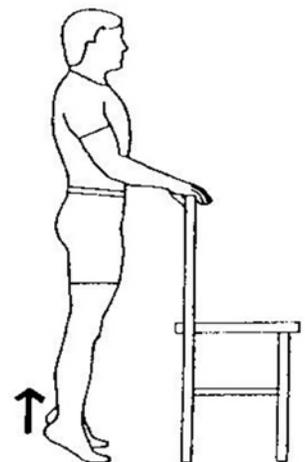
Toe Raise

1. Stand with both feet flat on the floor, shoulder width apart.
2. Hold onto a chair to help you balance.
3. Keep your heels on the floor and lift your toes toward the ceiling.
4. Lower your toes to the floor.



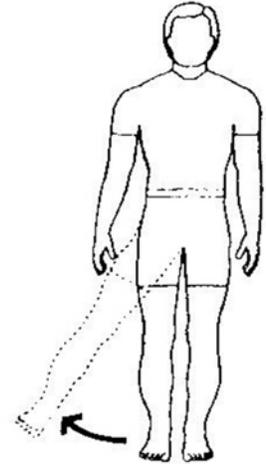
Heel Raise

1. Stand with both feet flat on the floor, shoulder width apart.
2. Hold onto a chair to help you balance.
3. Raise up on your toes, as far as you can go.
4. Lower your feet to the floor.



Hip Abduction

1. Stand. Hold onto a sturdy table or chair, or a wall to help you balance.
2. Bring 1 leg out to the side. Keep your knee straight and your toes pointing forward.
3. When you are done with your reps, repeat with the other leg.



Hip Flexion

1. Stand. Hold onto a sturdy table or chair, or a wall to help you balance.
2. Lift 1 leg up, bending your knee.
3. Lower your leg.
4. When you are done with your reps, repeat with the other leg.



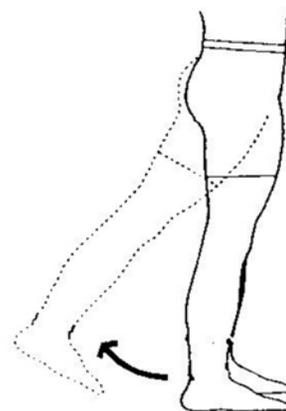
Sit to Stand

1. Sit on a chair. Move your hips forward toward the front of the seat.
2. Lean forward and stand up, using your hands as little as possible. Balance yourself by putting equal weight over each foot.
3. Sit down slowly and gently.



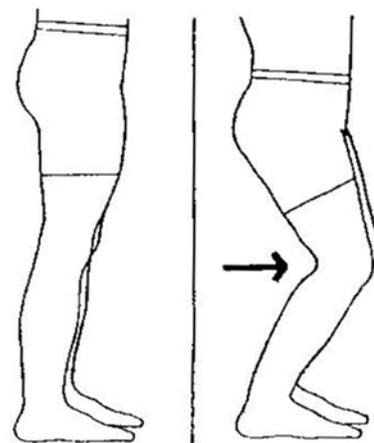
Hip Extension

1. Stand. Hold onto a sturdy table or chair, or a wall to help you balance.
2. Extend 1 leg back, keeping your knee straight.
3. Return to the starting position.
4. When you are done with your reps, repeat with the other leg.



Partial Squats

1. Stand on both legs.
2. Use a wall or a sturdy table or chair to help you balance.
3. Bend your knees to a 45-degree angle.
4. Return to the starting position.



Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns.

Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call Physical Therapy at 206-598-4830.

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