

Lower Body Exercises While Sitting

5 exercises with step-by-step instructions

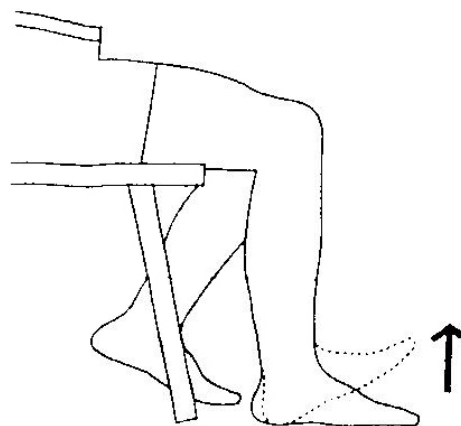
Do these exercises while you are sitting to help strengthen your lower body.

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.

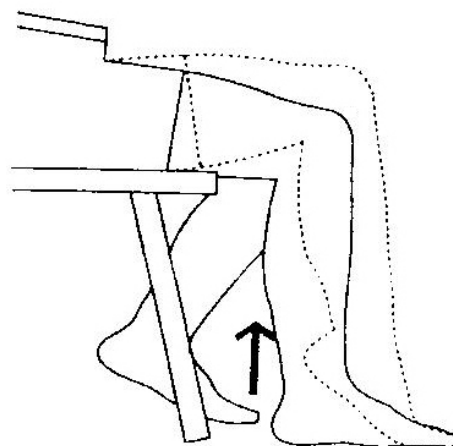
Toe Raise

1. Sit in a chair, with your feet flat on the floor.
2. Point the toes of the foot you are exercising toward the ceiling. Your foot will be up on its heel.
3. Lower your foot to the floor.
4. When you are done with your reps, repeat with the other foot.



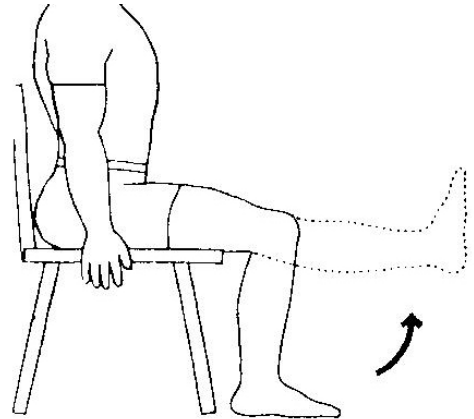
Heel Raise

1. Sit in a chair, with your feet flat on the floor.
2. Raise the heel of the foot you are exercising. The ball of your foot stays on the floor.
3. Lower your foot to the floor.
4. When you are done with your reps, repeat with the other foot.



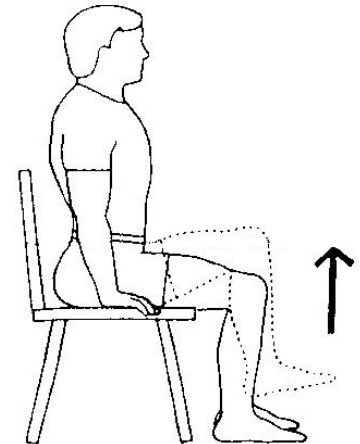
Long Arc Quad

1. Sit on a chair with your feet flat on the floor, as shown.
2. Straighten your knee, so that your toes are pointed to the ceiling.
3. Hold for 3 seconds, and then lower your foot to the floor.
4. When you are done with your reps, repeat with the other leg.



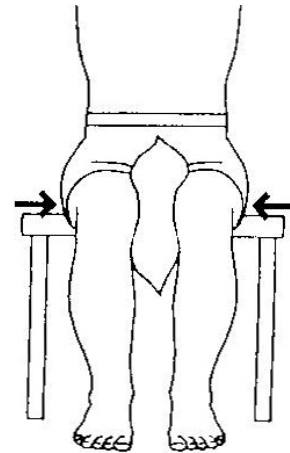
Knee Lift

1. Sit on a chair, with your feet flat on the floor.
2. Lift up the knee of the leg you are exercising.
3. Slowly lower your leg.
4. When you are done with your reps, repeat with the other leg.



Leg Squeeze

1. Sit on a chair or other firm surface.
2. Put a rolled towel or small pillow between your knees.
3. Squeeze your legs together for 3 to 5 seconds.
4. Breathe normally (do not hold your breath).
5. Release.



Questions?

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

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