

### **Sulis Hospital Physiotherapy**

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Exercise plan :
Early Post-op Knee
Replacement Exercises

Patient: Sulis Exercises Date: **28th Nov 2025** 

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### **Ankle Circles Lying**

Lying on your back, move your ankles around in circles both anticlockwise and clockwise. This is a great mobility exercise to the ankle, and very useful for ankle stiffness following a sprain.

### Repeat 20 times

Video: <a href="http://youtu.be/Za8PFXDFp\_M">http://youtu.be/Za8PFXDFp\_M</a>

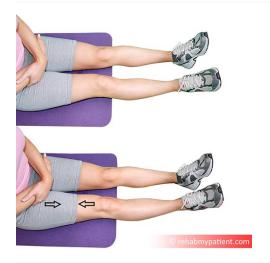


### **Static Quadriceps Contraction Sitting**

Sit on the floor, and tighten your right thigh (Quadriceps) muscle by actively tensing/squeezing the muscle, noticing that as you do so your leg will naturally straighten slightly. To finish, just relax the Quadriceps muscle.



Video: http://youtu.be/ltZhmKM9KT4



# Knee Flexion Supine

Slide your heel towards your bottom. Go as far as feels comfortable, and then return to the start position (with the leg straight). This is a good way to improve mobility to a stiff knee joint.

### **Repeat 5 times**

Video: <a href="http://youtu.be/skOauZ54MLU">http://youtu.be/skOauZ54MLU</a>





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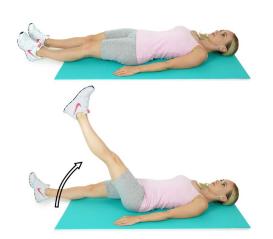


### **Inner Range Quadriceps Sitting**

Sit on the floor, and place a rolled up towel under your knee. Tighten your thigh (Quadriceps) muscle and lift your heel. You should be pressing your knee against the towel. As your leg straightens, it does not fully lift off the floor (only your foot lifts off the floor). Slowly return to the start position.

#### **Repeat 5 times**

Video: <a href="http://youtu.be/ZPt0HPDgNDw">http://youtu.be/ZPt0HPDgNDw</a>



# **Straight Leg Raise Quad Strength**

Lie flat on your back, and contract the muscles on the front of your thigh, or quadricep muscles, as you lift your straight leg into the air. Hold this position, and slowly lower your leg to the ground. Repeat the exercise as guided by your therapist. This is a hip flexor and quadricep strengthening exercise.

#### **Repeat 5 times**

Video: https://youtu.be/O6bVydlEigY



### **Knee Extensions Sitting**

Sit upright with good posture. Slowly straighten your left leg out in front of you as far as feels comfortable. Slowly lower back to the floor, then repeat with the right leg. If you suffer any cramp in your upper thigh, do not straighten your leg fully and keep a small bend. This exercise will help mobilise your knee and improve strength in your leg.

### Repeat 5-10 times

Video: <a href="https://youtu.be/uklsfS5YTXA">https://youtu.be/uklsfS5YTXA</a>



### **Passive Knee Extension**

Sit on a chair, and place your opposite leg on another chair. Gently push down to straighten your knee. This exercise assists regaining full extension to your knee, and can also be useful after knee surgery in cases of stiffness.

#### **Repeat 5 times**

Video: <a href="https://youtu.be/ECkPB1ro7mE">https://youtu.be/ECkPB1ro7mE</a>

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# **Knee Flexion Passive Sitting**

Sit on a chair with upright posture. Use your good leg to bend your affected leg backwards, creating flexion to your knee. This is a passive mobilisation exercise for the knee.

## **Repeat 5 times**

Video: https://youtu.be/C0z9db2gdG8

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