

Femoroacetabular Impingement Intermediate Programme

Aim to perform this programme a minimum of once per day unless prescribed otherwise. As with any new exercise, start slowly (repetitions as able) and build up as you are able within the guidelines below. Pain should not exceed 3/10 whilst completing this exercise programme.



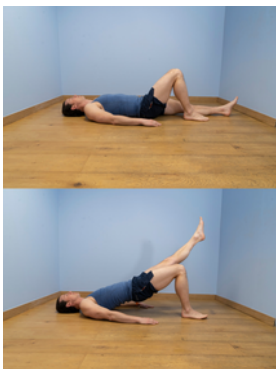
1. Piriformis stretch in sitting

- Start in sitting on a kitchen chair (not too soft).
- Bring the left foot onto the top of the right knee.
- Now gently apply some downward pressure to the left knee.
- Once you have done this slowly lean forwards until you feel a stretch in the bum muscle on the left side.
- Repeat on the other leg.
- **Hold the position for up to 30 seconds, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine twice.**



2. Sit to stand with pillow between the knees

- Sit in a stable chair that is at a convenient height for you to rise from.
- Shuffle forward in the chair so that your feet are directly under your knees and place a pillow between your knees.
- In a controlled manner, initiate a standing motion by shifting your weight forward and pushing down through your feet – hold a gentle pressure on the pillow throughout by pressing the knees inwards.
- As you rise, transition to standing upright by pushing your hips forward.
- Then, slowly lower yourself back down towards the chair by pushing your hips backwards and controlling the movement using your thigh muscles.
- Gently touch your buttocks on the chair's surface and repeat.
- **Perform this exercise up to 15 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2-3 times.**



3. Single leg hip bridge

- Lie on your back on the floor or bed with your knees bent at 90 degrees and your feet on the floor and your arms down by your side.
- Whilst keeping the knees in line with the foot and hip, kick the resting leg out straight so that it is off the floor.
- Push your heels down into the floor to gently lift your hips upwards. Lift as high as you feel comfortable but no higher than a straight line between hips, knees and shoulders – aim to keep the pelvis level throughout.
- Once your hips form a straight line with the shoulders and knees, hold for 5 seconds before slowly lowering your hips back down.
- **Perform this exercise up to 15 times, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2-3 times.**

We recommend consulting a musculoskeletal physiotherapist to ensure exercises are best suited to your recovery. If you are carrying out an exercise regime without consulting a healthcare professional, you do so at your own risk. If you have any concerns whilst completing these exercises, please contact a healthcare professional.