



# Range of Motion

EXERCISES	REPS AND SETS	SPECIAL NOTES
Supine Extension	Hold each position for 3-5 min (or longer)  RELAX  Repeat 2x every hour	Supine Extension: Begin immediately after surgery, and combine this with elevation. DO NOT stop working on supine extension until the Physician says so. This can be done for 20-30 min every hour during Week #1 post-op.
Seated Extension		
Prone Leg Hangs		Begin Prone Leg Hangs 2-3 days post-op if you can tolerate the position.
	materials rough to be a first	* Continue all exercises until your first post-op appointment
Seated Flexion	Move into and hold the position for 10sec (or longer)	Begin these exercises 2-3 days after surgery.  NOT ALL MOVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY ALL THE TIME. But you must begin the exercises according to physician instructions.
Supine Flexion		
Heel Slides	Repeat 5x	Typically, the soreness you feel with Flexion is a stretch and you are not causing damage to your knee.
	Repeat Flexion exercises 2x every hour	

### REMINDERS

- 1. Ice/Elevation: Ice 4-5x/day for 30min and keep the leg elevated as often as you can.
- 2. Ankle Pumps: 20-30 times per hour.





## ROM EXERCISE DESCRIPTIONS

#### SUPINE EXTENSION and Extension



- Lie on your back with your heel propped on pillows or cushions
- Relax your leg letting gravity take the knee down into a straightened position.
- Remove your heel after 3-5 minutes is necessary and relax a few minutes. But then repeat the process.
- Consider icing the knee at the same time... especially during the first week post-op

#### SEATED EXTENSION



- Sit or lie with your heel propped on a chair or table for 3-5 minutes. Relax and repeat.
- This position is expected to be used for many weeks after the surgery.

#### PRONE LEG HANGS



- Lie on your stomach on a bed or table
- Hang your leg off the table with your knee cap slightly off the edge.
- Relax and allow your leg to go into a straightened position for 3-5 minutes. Rest and repeat.





#### SEATED FLEXION



- Sit on the edge of a table or chair.
- Place the foot of the un-affected in front of the foot of the affected side.
- Gently push your foot backward as far as is tolerable. Hold for 10 seconds and repeat.
- You can also assist this movement by pulling with your hamstrings slightly.

#### SUPINE LEG HANGS



- Begin on your back.
- Grab the back of your thigh and allow your knee to bend.... Relax and allow gravity and the weight of your lower leg to flex the knee for 10+ seconds.
- Lower your foot to the table and rest then repeat.

#### **HEEL SLIDES**



- Lie on your back with no shoes on and with a straight.
- Slowly slide your heel backward (bend your knee) as far as you can. Maintain this position for 10 seconds.
- Reverse slowly extend your knee straight, then repeat.

#### PATELLA MOBILIZATIONS



- Begin with you knee fully extended and your muscles relaxed.
- Push your Patella (knee cap) side to side, up and down, and diagonally.
- Spend 5 minutes, every hour, in order to keep the patella moving freely.