Conditioning Exercises: Lying

All of these exercises are done while you are lying on your back in bed.
Do only the exercises checked by your therapist.
Repeat each exercises _____ times, _____ times a day.

Exercises

☐ Ankle Pumps
  • Keep your legs straight and move your ankles up and down in a pumping motion.

☐ Shoulder Flexion
  • Start with your arms at your sides.
  • Lift your right arm straight up and over your head as far as possible as you breathe in.
  • Return your arm to your side as you breathe out.
  • Repeat with your left arm.

☐ Hip / Knee Flexion
  • Start with your legs straight.
  • Gently bend your right knee and hip toward your buttocks as you breathe out.
  • Slowly lower your leg back down to the bed as you breathe in.
  • Repeat with your left leg.
Hip Abduction
- Start with your legs straight.
- Move your left leg out to the side as far as you can while you breathe out.
- Pull your leg back to the middle as you breathe in.
- Repeat with your right leg.

Shoulder Abduction
- Start with your arms at your sides.
- Move your right arm out to your side and towards your head as you breathe in.
- Return your arm to your side as you breathe out.
- Repeat with your left arm.

Straight Leg Raises
- Start with your right leg straight and the opposite leg bent.
- Slowly raise the right leg off of the bed as you breathe out. Keep your knee straight.
- Lower the leg to the bed and breathe in.
- Repeat with the left leg.

Short Arc Knee Extension
- Place a rolled pillow under the right knee. Keep knee against the pillow and straighten your leg as you breathe out.
- Lower the leg to the bed as you breathe in.
- Repeat with the left leg.

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