## **Abdominal Bracing** NIVERSI □ Starting position for each exercise: Lie on your back with both knees bent and feet flat on the floor. ٠ Keep your back in a pain-free position. • □ Squeeze your buttock muscles together. Hold for seconds. • Repeat times. □ Slowly raise both arms up over your head, keeping your elbows straight. Hold for \_\_\_\_\_ seconds, then • return your arms to your sides. **Option:** Add lb. cuff • weights to both wrists. times. Repeat

□ Slowly bring your left knee to your chest.

- Hold for <u>seconds</u>.
- Repeat with the right knee to chest.
- **Option:** Add \_\_\_\_\_ lb. cuff weights to both ankles.



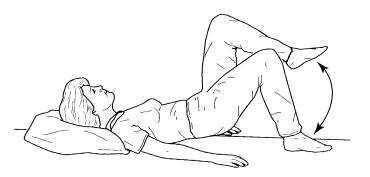


- Slowly raise your buttocks off the mat.
  - **Do not** arch your back.
  - Hold for <u>seconds</u>.

Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ times.



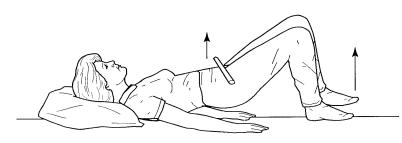
- Slowly raise your buttocks off the mat and hold.
  - Slowly march your feet in place.
  - Hold for <u>seconds</u>.
  - **Option:** Add \_\_\_\_\_ lb. weights on ankles.



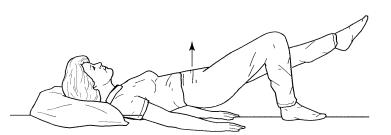
Repeat times.

- □ Lie on your back with both knees bent and feet flat on the floor.
  - Place a cane or ruler across your hips.
  - Slowly raise your left foot and hips 3-6 inches off the mat while keeping the cane level across your hips.
  - **Do not** let your back arch.
  - Hold for <u>seconds</u>.
  - Repeat with the right leg.









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- Lie on your back with one knee bent and the foot flat on the mat. The other leg is straight.
- Raise the straight leg up and hold it 3 inches off the mat.
- Slowly raise your buttocks off mat.
- Hold for <u>seconds</u>.
- Switch legs.