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### EXERCISES FOR THE BACK

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POSTERIOR PELVIC ROTATION
PELVIC TILT (EXERCISE 1 OF 8)





- 1. Lie on back with knees bent.
- Tighten abdominal muscles, squeeze buttock muscles and flatten back as shown.
- 3. Hold for 15 seconds.
- 4. 5 repetitions, 2 times per day.

BACK FLEXION
(EXERCISE 2 OF 8)



- 1. Assume hands and knees position.
- 2. Bend knees to move buttocks toward heels as shown.
- 3. Hold 30 seconds.
- 4. 5 repetitions, 2 times per day.

BACK ROTATION
(EXERCISE 3 OF 8)



- 1. Lie on back with knees bent and feet together, arms out to the side.
- Rotate knees to the left/right as you turn head in the opposite direction, until you feel a stretch.
- 3. Hold 15 seconds.
- 4. 5 repetitions, 2 times per day.

BACK FLEXION
(EXERCISE 4 OF 8)



- 1. Lie on back with your head down.
- 2. Pull both knees to chest at one time.
- 3. Hold 15 seconds.
- 4. 5 repetitions, 2 times per day.

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BACK STABILIZATION
(EXERCISE 5 OF 8)



- Lie on back with knees bent and your arms straight, and hold your spine stable in neutral throughout the rest of the exercise.
- 2. Pull your toes up toward the ceiling.
- 3. Leave your heels flat on the floor.
- 4. Tighten your buttocks.
- Leaving your head and arms on the floor, slowly lift your buttocks in the air until your hips are fully extended.
- 6. Return to starting position and slowly relax in reverse order.
- 7. 10 repetitions, 2 times per day.





- 1. Lie on back with left/right knee straight, opposite knee bent.
- 2. Perform pelvic tilt to flatten back.
- 3. Raise leg to level of opposite knee as shown.
- 4. Hold 15 seconds.
- 5. 5 repetitions, 2 times per day.





- 1. Lie on back with knees bent.
- 2. Reach towards knees and curl trunk upward as shown.
- 3. Hold 10 seconds.
- 4. 5 repetitions, 2 times per day.





- Begin on hands and knees and hold your spine stable in neutral throughout the rest of the exercise.
- 2. Push your feet and knees into the floor.
- 3. Keep elbows bent while tightening your arms and pushing against the floor.
- Keeping your back and head level, raise your arm and opposite leg as shown.
- 5. Return to starting position and, without relaxing, alternate sides.
- 6. Hold 15 seconds, slowly relax in reverse order.
- 7. 5 repetitions, 2 times per day.

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