## **Hip Stretching & Strengthening Home Exercise Program**



You can follow along with the pictures below, or scan the QR code which will take you to video instruction on how to perform the exercise.

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Half Kneeling Hip Flexor Stretch	<ul> <li>Begin in a half kneeling position with one knee bent in front of your body.</li> <li>Tighten your abdominals, tilt your pelvis backward, and gently push your hips forward. You should feel a stretch in the front of your hip.</li> <li>Make sure to keep your hips facing forward and back straight during the exercise.</li> </ul>
Modified Thomas Stretch	<ul> <li>Begin lying on your back at the edge of a table or bed with your knees bent and feet resting flat on the bed.</li> <li>Lower your outside leg off of the table until you feel a stretch in the front of your hip and hold.</li> <li>Try to keep your back flat on the bed during the exercise.</li> </ul>
Hip Flexor Mobilization	<ul> <li>Begin lying face down on your elbows, with a foam roller resting under the front of your hip.</li> <li>Roll your hip and upper thigh back and forth over the foam roller, using your arms for support.</li> <li>Make sure to keep your movements slow and controlled.</li> </ul>
Transvers Abdominis Bracing	<ul> <li>Begin lying on your back with your knees bent, feet resting on the floor, and your fingers resting on your stomach just above your hip bones.</li> <li>Tighten your abdominals, pulling your navel in toward your spine and up. You should feel your muscles contract under your fingers. Hold this position, then relax and repeat.</li> <li>Make sure to keep your back flat against the floor and do not hold your breath as you tighten your muscles.</li> </ul>



Hooklying Isometric Hip Flexion	<ul> <li>Begin lying on your back with your knees bent and feet resting on the floor.</li> <li>Bend one leg up to a 90 degree angle and place your hand on your knee. Try to bend your leg toward your chest, but resist the movement with your hand.</li> <li>Make sure to keep your trunk stiff and do not arch your low back during the exercise.</li> </ul>
Supine Bridge	<ul> <li>Begin lying on your back with your arms resting at your sides, your legs bent at the knees and your feet flat on the ground.</li> <li>Tighten your abdominals and slowly lift your hips off the floor into a bridge position, keeping your back straight.</li> <li>Make sure to keep your trunk stiff throughout the exercise and your arms flat on the floor.</li> </ul>
Clamshell	<ul> <li>Begin lying on your side with your knees bent and your hips and shoulders stacked.</li> <li>Engage your abdominals and raise your top knee up toward the ceiling, then slowly return to the starting position and repeat.</li> <li>Make sure to keep your core engaged and do not roll your hips forward or backward during the exercise.</li> </ul>
Modified Side Plank	<ul> <li>Begin lying on your side with your knees bent, propped up on your forearm. Your elbow should be directly under your shoulder.</li> <li>Engage your abdominal muscles and raise your hips up into a side plank position, keeping your knees on the ground. Hold this position, then return to the starting position and repeat.</li> <li>Make sure to keep your core engaged during the exercise. Do not hold your breath or let your hips roll forward, backward, or drop towards the floor.</li> </ul>

