

EXERCISE POST BARIATRIC SURGERY

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ENERGY BALANCE



VARIOUS COMPONENTS

Flexibility – Stretching

Cardiovascular exercise – Walking, Cycling, Swimming (ACSM: >250min per week)

High Reps & Low Resistance

4. **Strength training** – Low Reps & High Resistance

Rest – Scheduled rest periods or days

EXERCISE GUIDELINES:

What to AVOID:

Endurance training

- ≠ Comparing yourself with others
- ≠ Strength training for first 3 months
- ≠ Abdominal or back exercises for first 6 months
- ≠ Balance exercises
- Incorrect form or technique
- Moderated to High Intensity exercise for the first year post op.
- ≠ Boredom

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HOW TO GET STARTED ...

Start FUNCTIONAL and start SLOW!!

- · For the first month only walking is recommended
 - ► Small increments & Very Low Intensity
- · For month 2 you can vary the walking
 - ► Time, distance & surface
 - "Talking Intensity"

WALKING TIPS:

- SAFETY
- Walking buddy / group
- Water bottle
- Alternate routes
- Pedometer

STRENGTH TRAINING

Only after 3 months (as mentioned prior)

Must be preceded by cardiovascular warm up or training

Excellent for getting stronger and building lean body mass

PRACTICAL - UPPER BODY STRETCHES

90° Door Pectoral Stretch

Shoulder Stretch





20-30 second hold
2-3 reps

PRACTICAL - LOWER BODY STRETCHES

Seated hip & glute stretch Seated Hamstring stretch



→ 20-30 second hold
→ 2-3 reps



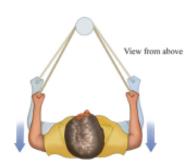
→ 10-30 second hold
→ 2-3 reps

THERA BAND EXERCISE NO. 1

Rhombiod Squeezes

- Wrap elastic around a pole
- Wrap both ends of the elastic around your hands
- Stand with feet hip width apart
- Relax shoulders
- Slowly pull your elbows away from the pole in front of you
- Feel the squeeze between your shoulder blades
- Hold the squeeze for 2 counts and then slowly return to the starting position

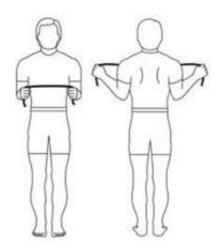




THERA BAND EXERCISE NO. 2

0° External Rotation

- Keep both elbows at your side
- Take the elastic in both hands
- Relax shoulders
- Slowly pull your hands away from each other
- Again, feel a squeeze between the shoulder blades
- Hold the squeeze for 2 counts and the slowly return to the starting position



- → 10 reps x 1 set
- → 10 reps x 2 sets
- → 10 reps x 3 sets

THERA BAND EXERCISE NO. 3

Hip Abduction

- Attach the elastic to a solid item
- Make sure that you have a fixed point to hold on to
- Now place your foot/leg into the loop of the elastic
- Pull against the elastic with your leg till you feel your hip or glute muscles working to get it there
- Now hold in that position for 2 counts before slowly returning to the starting position



- → 5 reps x 3 sets
- → 5 reps x 4 sets
- → 8 reps x 3 sets
- → 8 reps x 4 sets



STABILITY BALL EXERCISE NO. 1

Seated Posture Trainer

- Take a seat on the ball
- Place feet hip width apart
- Tighten centre of body
- Shoulders = Up, Back & Down
- Now hold this position for one minute
- Then rest and repeat



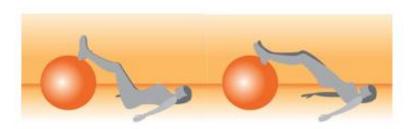
→ Repeat 3 -5 times

STABILITY BALL EXERCISE NO. 2

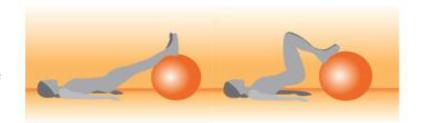
Bridging

(Progressed to Hamstring Curls)

- O Lie on your back
- Both lower legs on ball
- Both knees slightly bent
- Tuck in abdominal muscles
- Then slowly lift the pelvis off the floor, hold for 2 seconds then return to starting position.



Progression . . .



STABILITY BALL EXERCISE NO. 3

Wall Ball Squat

- Place the ball against the wall and position it in the curve of your lower back, now lean against the ball and move your feet slightly forward
- Feet must be just wider than the hips
- Tuck in the abdominal muscles and slowly begin to bend your knees moving your hips towards the floor
- Do not go down too far!! Just descend till you can feel some activation or tension in your upper legs





→ 8-12 reps
→ 2-3 sets

