

Active Health Solutions

Lower Extremity Functional Progression

Make sure you...

- Maintain abdominal bracing/kegel.
- BREATHE.
- Drop down to an easier step if you cannot maintain proper form.
- Do the exercise slowly.
- STOP if pain is aggravated, but muscle burn is OK.

	Repetitions
	Sets
	Second Hold
	Times per day/week



Bridge

- Knees hip width apart.
- Heel underneath knees.
- Squeeze the buttocks and lift the hips toward the ceiling.
- Tilt the pelvis and pull the belly button toward the spine, tucking the butt under.



Bridge with Dead Bug Reach

- While in the bridge position, lift one knee and extend the opposite arm.
- Repeat on opposite side.



Dead Bug with Hip Dips

- While in a bridge position, lift one knee and extend the opposite arm.
- Drop and lift the hips.



Wall Squats

- Legs shoulder width apart, back on the wall.
- Keep your core tight as you drop the hips toward the ground.
- Descend, as if sitting on a chair, bringing knees to 90°.
- Press into your heels and slowly straighten the legs to return to standing.
- Do not allow your heels to come up off the ground.



Single Leg Split Squat

- Support your front knee by keeping it over the ankle.
- Bend the back knee toward the floor.
- Return to starting position.
- Repeat on opposite side.



Single Leg Deadlift with Arm Reach

- Do not lock the knee of the standing leg.
- Hinge from the hips.
- Keep the back straight and do not round the shoulders.
- Reach the finger tips toward the toes.
- Use hamstrings to return to standing.



Single Leg Pistol Squat from a step

- Extend one leg and keep the foot from touching the floor.
- Hips descend down and back.
- Keep the chest up.
- Knee of the working leg stays in line with the toes.
- Heel stays on the bench.



- Repeat progression on an unstable surface such as a BOSU ball.