

FISIOTERAPIE PHYSIOTHERAPY

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Proprioception and Balance Training

1. Stability

a. One leg balance

- 1. Stand on your healthy leg. Keep your eyes open. Attempt to keep your balance for 1 minute.Repeat 3 times.
- 2. Now stand on your painfull leg. Keep your eyes open. Attempt to keep your balance for 1 minute. Repeat 3 times.
- 3. Repeat steps 1-2 with your eyes closed.

b. Exercise Mat/Half balls

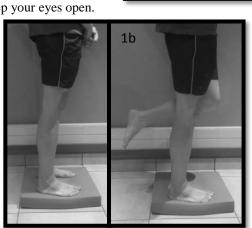
- 1. Stand with both legs evenly spaced on the exercise mat. Keep your eyes open. Attempt to keep your balance for 1 minute. Repeat 3 times.
- 2. Stand with your healthy leg on the exercise mat. Keep your eyes open. Attempt to keep your balance for 1 minute. Repeat 3 times.
- 3. Now stand with your painfull leg on the exercise mat Keep your eyes open. Attempt to keep your balance for 1 minute. Repeat 3 times.
- 4. Repeat steps 1-3 with your eyes closed 3 times.
- 5. Then repeat steps 1-3 while trying to throw/catch a ball.

c. Balance Board

- 1. Repeat/progress the same as with b) exercise mats.
- d. Trampoline
 - 1. Repeat/progress the same as with b) exercise mats and c) balance boards.

e. Rhythmic stabilisation

- 1. While standing on the balance board or mats.
- 2. Loop the theraband around your waist.
- 3. Try to keep your position while your therapist/partner tries to pull you sideways, backwards or forwards by pulling gently on the theraband.



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2. Calf raises

- a. Floor
 - 1. Stand with your knees slightly bent.
 - 2. Push up on your toes.
 - 3. Slowly lower your heels.
 - 4. Once this is comfortable try with one leg.
- b. Step
 - 1. Stand with your knees slightly bent.
 - 2. Push up on your toes.
 - 3. Slowly lower your heels up to 90° .
 - 4. Once this is comfortable try with one leg.

3. Hopping both legs

- a. Forward
 - 1. Stand steady on both legs. Find your balance.
 - 2. Jump slightly forward.
 - 3. Make sure to land with your knees slightly bent.
- b. Backwards
 - 1. Stand steady on both legs. Find your balance.
 - 2. Jump slightly backwards.
 - 3. Make sure to land with your knees slightly bent.
- c. Sideways
 - 1. Stand steady on both legs. Find your balance.
 - 2. Jump slightly sideways.
 - 3. Make sure to land with your knees slightly bent.

4. One leg hop

- a. When you are able to comfortably hop on both legs, repeat steps as above first on your healthy leg and then on the painful leg.
- b. Start this exercise in a pool and then progress onto dry land.
- **c.** Always remember that this exercise should be pain free and not cause any pain.

