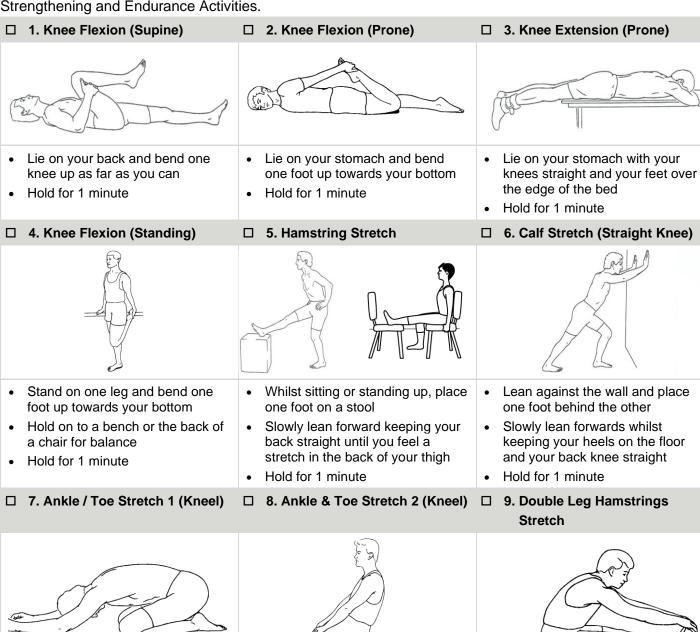
## **Exercises after Burn Injury to your Knee**

## A) Stretching Activities

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Stretches should be completed 4 to 5 times per day. Hold each stretch for 1 minute at the maximum range of motion for the best effect. Follow your stretches with some exercises from Section B) Strengthening and Endurance Activities.



- Kneel down and gently rock your bottom back onto your heels
- Keep your hands resting on the ground in front
- Hold for 1 minute



- Stay upright while kneeling and gently rock your bottom back onto your heels
- Lean backwards to apply further downward pressure to your heels
- Hold for 1 minute



- Sit on the floor and place both feet in front of you
- Slowly lean forward keeping your back and knees straight until you feel a stretch behind your legs
- · Hold for one minute





## **B) Strengthening & Endurance Activities**

Strengthening exercises should be done after completing your stretching exercises from Section A. Unless told otherwise by your physiotherapist, start your strengthening exercises at **3 sets of 10 repetitions initially with 1 minute rests between each set.** To make the exercises harder, increase the number of repetitions first up to 12 and then 15. Once you are able to do 3 sets of 15 comfortably, you can then increase the weights required for each exercises.

☐ Sit to Stands	□ Mini	Squats		Wall Squats
<ul> <li>Keeping weight evening distributed on both feet, star up from a chair</li> <li>Now slowly lower back down</li> <li>Complete 3 sets of 10</li> </ul>	d distril down paral • Hold	ing weight evenly buted on both feet, squat until your thighs are lel to the floor for 5 seconds blete 3 sets of 10	•	Leaning with your back against the wall or a therapy ball, squat down until your thighs are parallel to the floor Hold for 5 seconds Complete 3 sets of 10
☐ Full Squats	☐ Lunç	jing on a Step		Full Lunges
Keeping your knees pointing	• Place	e one foot on a step and	•	Step forward with one leg and
over your second toe, squat down as far as you can	slowl your	y lunge forward keeping knee over your second toe		slowly lower down into a lunge position
<ul><li>Hold for 5 seconds</li><li>Complete 3 sets of 10</li></ul>		for 5 seconds plete 3 sets of 10	•	Hold for 5 seconds Complete 3 sets of 10
☐ Stepping Down from a Ste	p 🗆 Knee	Extension with Weight		Knee Extension with Theraband
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<ul> <li>Stand on a step, slowly lower one foot to the ground, keep your back heel down as long possible</li> <li>Complete 3 sets of 10</li> </ul>	straig straig	a chair, weight at ankle, hten your knee for 5 seconds blete 3 sets of 10	•	Sit in a chair, theraband around your ankle, straighten your knee Hold for 5 seconds Complete 3 sets of 10



If you have any questions about your exercise program, please discuss with your physiotherapist at your next appointment or call the **RBWH Physiotherapy department on 3646 4319** to speak with your physiotherapist for more information.

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