Pilates Equipment Exercises for Hip and Knee Syndromes and Arthroplasties

his web resource provides content for a Pilates instructor who is fully qualified in using equipment when working with a client with a knee or hip syndrome or joint replacement. This resource provides tables for using the reformer, trapeze, barrel, and chair exercises in the beginner and intermediate classical Pilates system. The tables recommend when to include the exercise in the routine or leave it out of the program based on the postoperative timeline. Knee and hip syndromes are also included in the tables. The suggestions for including or not including an exercise in the routine are based on the baseline recommendations for range of motion and the modifications for knee and hip syndromes or arthroplasties shown in chapter 3 on pages 32 to 36.

A qualified Pilates instructor utilizing the full Pilates apparatus has completed the minimum course requirement from a Pilates training program. The training program might include lecture, observation, personal Pilates practice, apprenticeship, and supervised student teaching and should cover the mat, reformer, trapeze, barrel, and chair. Resources on finding a qualified training program and instructor are included in the resource section.

All exercises should be performed under the guidance of a qualified Pilates instructor and with referral from the operative physician. The client's needs, restrictions, and ROM recommendations should be specified by the physician and followed accordingly. These guidelines may vary from the protocols that follow, and the protocols should be modified based on the individual's needs and the surgeon's preferences.

Reformer



Legacy Reformer®.

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- The Reformer exercises listed in this table come from the Pilates Method Alliance. *The PMA Pilates Certification Exam Study Guide*. Miami, FL: Pilates Method Alliance; 2005:73-88.

| Name of exercise | 6 weeks to 3 months postop | 3 to 6 months postop | 6 months and beyond postop | Knee and hip syndromes |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Footwork, all versions Pilates V Arches Heels Tendon stretch Beginner | OK Parallel legs hipdistance apart, no turnout, all versions Extend carriage out by one gear as needed Options Soft pad between inner thighs Small, soft ball between knees Adjust springs as needed | OK Hip Parallel legs, 3-finger Pilates turnout for Pilates V and tendon stretch Extend carriage out by one gear if needed Knee Parallel leg, all versions Continue hip distance as needed | OK 3-finger Pilates turnout for Pilates V and tendon stretch | OK Parallel legs hipdistance apart and turnout as tolerated, all versions Extend carriage out by one gear as needed Options Soft pad between inner thighs Small, soft ball between knees Adjust springs as needed |
| Hundred Beginner | OK Feet parallel on the foot bar, use a small, soft ball between knees Work legs into tabletop as tolerated by 3 months Adjust springs as needed Option No straps | OK Tabletop legs with or without small, soft ball between knees Parallel legs Option Extend legs to 90° as tolerated by 6 months | OK Extend legs out to 90° or 45° Parallel legs | OK, legs extended to tabletop, 90° or 45° as tolerated |
| Coordination Intermediate | Avoid | OK Extend parallel legs out to 75° with slightly flexed knees Options Keep legs in tabletop Perform upper-body rounding up with arms in straps | OK Slightly flexed knees Extend parallel legs out as tolerated to 45° | OK Slightly flexed knees Extend parallel legs out as tolerated to 45° |

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|--|---|--|---|--|
| Pulling straps, T-straps Intermediate | Avoid Options: sit tall on long box with feet on the headrest • Sit tall, press arms with straps straight back • Sit tall, cross straps, and press arms out to sides | OK Place towel under hips as needed | OK | OK |
| Backstroke Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Extend legs out to 75°-45° with slightly flexed knees as tolerated Options Start as a mat exercise Place long box on the mat to perform movement | OK Extend legs out as tolerated with slightly flexed knees |
| Long-stretch series | Avoid all movements | OK; introduce at 5 months Start with elephant, slightly flexed knees in all versions, extend carriage as needed Knee Avoid down stretch | OK Slightly flexed knees, extend carriage if needed Use pads under knees Knee Avoid down stretch if needed | OK as tolerated For knee, use pads under knees Knee Avoid down stretch if needed |
| Stomach massage • Round beginner • Flat • Reach Intermediate | Avoid Avoid Avoid Avoid | Knee OK; introduce at 5 months Low bar, sit back Hands under thighs if needed Parallel legs hipdistance apart Adjust spring tension Hip Avoid | Knee OK Low bar, sit back Adjust spring tension Hip OK; add in at 9 months with precautions maintained 115° of flexion and lighter springs Low bar, sit back Parallel legs hipdistance apart | OK Low bar, sit back Adjust spring tension Perform exercise as tolerated or leave it out |
| Short spine massage Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Knee Bend knees as tolerated Hip Introduce at 9 months Maintain precautions | OK as tolerated |

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|--|--|--|--|--|
| Semicircle Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Hip OK; introduce at 10 months as tolerated Extend carriage Legs hip-distance apart and parallel Small ROM, hinge down Knee Avoid | OK as tolerated Small ROM |
| Side stretch or Cleopatra Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Mermaid Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated Try the Z-sit setup |
| Grasshopper Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Swimming Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid Perform on the mat | Avoid Perform on the mat | Avoid Perform on the mat |
| Short box | Longer safety strap on Reformer | Longer strap on Reformer | . 01/ | OK as tolerated |
| RoundFlat | OK with slightly flexed knees OK with slightly | • OK | • OK | |
| • Twist | flexed knees OK with slightly flexed knees | • OK | • OK | |
| Tree Intermediate | Avoid tree—do single-leg circle on mat Option Small, soft ball between knees | Use a strap or ring for half tree only, maintain precautions up to 110° for hip Option Use a small ball between knees | OK, use a strap or ring, maintain precau- tions up to 115° for hip | |
| Long spine massage Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Knee stretch series | Knee and Hip Avoid Knee Introduce scooter at 2 months, knees off | Hip Maintain precautions up to 110°, avoid Knees off, ease in by 6 months Knee Continue scooter with knees off Option Use scooter for hip and knee | Hip OK Knee Knees off: Add extra padding for round and flat positions as tolerated or avoid if uncomfortable Options • Continue the scooter • Place hands on frame of Reformer for knees off | OK as tolerated Option Place hands on the frame of the Reformer for knees off |
| Running Beginner | OK Soft knees Slower rhythm Parallel hip distance Lighter springs as needed | OK Option Legs parallel, hip distance | ОК | OK as tolerated Soft knees Slower rhythm Parallel hip distance Lighter springs as needed |

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| Pelvic lift Beginner | OK Feet on foot bar just outside of hipdistance apart, arch to heel Start with pelvic curl Adjust spring Optional movement: Head piece down Bridging with no carriage movement Legs wider than hip distance on the arch of foot, no turnout Build into a bridge, maintain spinal articulation, and watch for hip shifting Smaller ROM, watch for cramping Hold carriage in and roll up and down into bridge Adjust springs as needed Extend carriage | OK Feet on foot bar just outside of hipdistance apart, arch to heel Adjust springs as needed Optional movement: Head piece down Bridging with carriage movement Legs wider than hipdistance apart on the heel of the foot, no turnout Maintain spinal articulation and watch for hip shifting, press out and in as tolerated Smaller ROM Adjust springs as tolerated Option Hold carriage in and roll up and down into bridge | OK Optional movement: • Head piece down • Bridging with carriage movement • Legs wider than hipdistance apart on the heel of the foot, no turnout • Maintain spinal articulation and watch for hip shifting, press out and in • Adjust springs as tolerated Option Hold carriage in and roll up and down into bridge | OK Optional movement: • Head piece down • Bridging with carriage movement • Legs wider than hipdistance apart on the heel of the foot, no turnout • Maintain spinal articulation and watch for hip shifting, press out and in as tolerated • Smaller ROM • Adjust springs as tolerated Option Hold carriage in and roll up and down into bridge |
| OPTIONAL MOVEMEN | TS IN SUPINE ON REFOR | RMER | | |
| Leg circle and frog with straps | OK Small ROM, slightly flexed knees | OK | ОК | OK as tolerated |
| Arms in supine • Up and down • Circle • V-press • Triceps pressdown | OK, all versions Legs on foot bar spring accordingly Legs in table- top position as tolerated | OK | OK | OK as tolerated |

Trapeze



Trapeze Table.

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| Name of exercise | 6 weeks to 3 months postop | 3 to 6 months postop | 6 months and beyond postop | Knee and hip syndromes |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| PUSH-THROUGH BAF | R SPRINGS FROM ABOVE | | | |
| Upper arms Roll-up Beginner | OK Roll up with bent knees Maintain precautions of 90°-100° of hip flexion Option Place ball between knees | OK | OK | OK |
| Swan Intermediate | Avoid | OK Modified Small ROM-thoracic extension | ОК | OK as tolerated |
| Push-through, seated front Intermediate | Avoid | OK Hip • Maintain precaution of 110° of hip flexion • Push-up is OK, short push-through Knee • Bend knees | OK Hip Maintain precaution of 115° of flexion Knee Slightly flexed knees | OK as tolerated |
| Push-through, seated back Intermediate | Avoid | Knee OK Slightly bent knees Parallel with soft ball or rolled-up towel under knees Hip Avoid | OK Hip Maintain precaution of 115° of flexion | Knee OK as tolerated Hip Avoid |

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|--|--|---|--|---|
| Cat Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Hip Maintain precaution of 115° of hip flexion | Knee OK as tolerated Hip Avoid |
| Teaser Intermediate | Avoid | OK Bent-knee teaser Single-leg teaser Hip Maintain precaution of 110° of flexion | Tabletop legs Extend legs as tolerated with slightly flexed knees | OK as tolerated Tabletop legs |
| Mermaid Intermediate | Avoid | Knee OK Feet on box Hip Avoid | Knee OK Hip OK Small ROM Feet on box | OK as tolerated |
| PUSH-THROUGH BAF | R SPRINGS FROM BELOV | N | | |
| Bend and stretch and footwork Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Introduce at 10 months with light, long springs Maintain precaution of 115° of hip flexion when getting into position and performing the movement | OK as tolerated Light, long springs |
| Sit-up Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Slightly flexed knees | OK as tolerated |
| Monkey Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Tower Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| ROLL-DOWN BAR | ' | ' | ' | ' |
| Roll-down Beginner | OK Flexed knees Option Use a towel under knees | OK Slightly flexed knees | ОК | ОК |
| Breathing Beginner | OK Introduce at 2 months Slightly flexed knees Small ROM | OK | ОК | OK as tolerated |
| Hundred Intermediate | Avoid | OKFacing end of trapSlightly flexed kneesAdjust spring tension | OK as tolerated | OK Facing end of trap Flexed knees As tolerated |

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|--|---|--|--|--|
| LEG SPRINGS, SUPIN | E, AND SIDE LYING | | | |
| Leg springs, supine Frog Circle Walking Scissors Bicycle Beginner | OK Introduce at 3 months Light to medium springs Small ROM Slightly flexed knees No bicycle | OK Light to medium springs Slightly flexed knees No bicycle | ОК | OK • Light springs • Slightly flexed knees • No bicycle |
| Leg springs, side lying | Avoid Do SKS on the mat only | OK Small circle and up and down only Light to medium springs Slightly flexed knee Small ROM No bicycle | OK Small circle and up and down only Light to medium springs Slightly flexed knee Small ROM No bicycle | OK Small circle and up and down only Light to medium springs Slightly flexed knee Small ROM No bicycle |
| ARM SPRINGS, SUPIN | IE, PRONE, SITTING, KNE | ELING | | |
| Supine arm springs Circle Optional movements • Triceps • Angel arms Intermediate | OK | ОК | OK | ОК |
| SUPINE, PRONE POSI | TION | | | 1 |
| Circle | Avoid | OK Towel or padding under hip and knee as needed | ОК | ОК |
| SITTING ARM SPRING | S | | | |
| Rowing back Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Hip Maintain precautions 115° | ОК |
| Flat back, sitting Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Hip Maintain precautions 115° | ОК |
| Rowing front, sitting tall Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Option Sit on a moon box | ОК |
| Bending down, sitting Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Option Sit on a moon box | ОК |
| Salute, sitting Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid OK sitting on a moon box | OK Option Sit on a moon box | ОК |
| Salute, kneeling Intermediate | Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid |

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|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Hug a tree, sitting Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | • OK Option Sit on a moon box | • OK |
| Hug a tree, kneeling Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid |
| FULL TRAPEZE TABLE | Ē | · | | , |
| Hanging down Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Hanging up Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Spread eagle Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Hip 30° external rotation Knee Slightly flexed knees | As tolerated Slightly flexed knees |
| Standing on floor Arm springs These movements are considered advanced, but most can be included at 6 months postoperative or for syndromes as toler- ated | | | | |
| Upper-arm control, facing in | Avoid | Avoid | ОК | ОК |
| Facing out | Avoid | Avoid | OK | OK |
| Arm circle, facing in | Avoid | Avoid | OK | OK |
| Punching | Avoid | Avoid | OK | OK |
| Salute | Avoid | Avoid | OK | OK |
| Hug a tree | Avoid | Avoid | OK | OK |
| Twist | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Butterfly | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Chest expansion | Avoid | Avoid | ОК | ОК |
| Reverse chest expansion | Avoid | Avoid | ОК | ОК |
| Lunge | Avoid | Avoid | OK Back leg with slightly flexed knee | OK as tolerated Back leg with slightly flexed knee |

Wunda Chair



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|---|---|---|--|---|
| Double-leg pump • V-position • Parallel hip-width position • Heels Option • Arches | OK Sit on a moon box or hard pad to elevate the pelvis Avoid V-position Small ROM Observe flexion precautions Adjust spring tension | OK All versions Small turnout for V-position Adjust springs Observe flexion precautions | OK All versions Adjust springs Observe flexion precautions | OK All versions Adjust tension |
| Single-leg pump • Heels • Toes Beginner | Avoid | OK Slightly flexed knees | ОК | ОК |
| Washer woman and hamstring I Beginner | Knee OK Slightly flexed knees Hip Avoid | Knee OK Slightly flexed knees Hip Avoid | Knee OK Slightly flexed knees Hip Avoid | ОК |
| Washer woman over the chair and hamstring II Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | ОК | ОК |
| Washer woman over the chair, one arm Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | ОК | ОК |
| Pull-up and hamstring III Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Legs parallel with slightly flexed knees Adjust springs up | OK as tolerated Slightly flexed knees |

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|--|--|--|--|---|
| Swan front and chest press Intermediate | OK Use the Cadillac and add Wunda Chair to the front of the Cadillac Lie on the table and chair in prone position Perform upper thoracic extension | OK Use the Cadillac and add the Wunda Chair to the front of the Cadillac Lie on the table and chair in prone position Perform upper thoracic extension | OK as tolerated Option • Use the Cadillac and add the Wunda Chair to the front of the Cadillac • Lie on the table and chair in prone position | OK as tolerated Use the Cadillac; add the Wunda Chair to the front of the Cadillac |
| Seated mermaid and sidearm sit Intermediate | Avoid | Knee OK; sit sideways Option • Sit with back leg extended out to back side of chair • Keep leg parallel, no turnout Hip Avoid | Knee OK; sit sideways Option • Sit with back leg extended out to back side of chair • Keep leg parallel, no turnout Hip Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Kneeling mermaid and sidearm kneeling Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Hip OK Small ROM toward operative side Knee Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid |
| Chest expansion and triceps-press sit Intermediate | Avoid | OK Sit on a moon box Avoid with bilateral joint replacement | OK Sit on a moon box | OK Sit on a moon box |
| Piano lesson and plie front Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Piano lesson and plie back Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Horseback Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Sidearm twist Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK with the Wunda Chair at the end of a Trapeze Table Sit with legs on the Trapeze Table | OK with the Wunda Chair at the end of a Trapeze Table Sit with legs on the Trapeze Table |
| Pike and teaser on floor Beginner | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Cat (kneeling on top of chair) Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Jackknife from floor and corkscrew Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |

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Wunda Chair (continued)

| Name of exercise | 6 weeks to 3 months postop | 3 to 6 months postop | 6 months and beyond postop | Knee and hip syndromes |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Swan from floor Intermediate | Avoid | OK with a long box placed in front of chair to lie prone on Avoid with bilateral joint replacement | OK Continue to place a long box in front of the chair to lie prone on as needed | OK as tolerated |
| Frog, lying flat Beginner | Avoid | OK Parallel legs only on arches or heels Sit farther back as needed Avoid with bilateral joint replacement | Maintain precautions for hip with 30° of external rotation | ОК |
| Single-leg pump, lying flat Beginner | Avoid | OK Introduce at 4 months Parallel legs only on arches or heels Sit farther back as needed Avoid with bilateral joint replacement | ОК | ОК |
| Scissor leg, side lying Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Introduce at 9 months | OK as tolerated |
| Standing leg and foot press Intermediate | Avoid | OK Introduce at 5 months Slightly flexed knees Adjust springs | OK Adjust springs | OK as tolerated Adjust springs |
| Side body twist Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Knee As tolerated Hip Avoid |
| Spine stretch forward and sitting arm push- down Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Sit farther back | OK |
| OPTIONAL MOVEMEN | ITS | | | |
| Reverse swan and teaser Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK with Wunda Chair in front of Trapeze Table to rest legs on Option Tabletop legs | OK Option Place Wunda Chair in front of the Trapeze Table to rest legs on |
| Going up front Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Introduce at 9 months Use a box to step up on the chair, start from top | OK as tolerated Knees Avoid |

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|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Going up side Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Introduce at 11 months Use a box to step up on the chair, start from top Maximum of 30° of external rotation | OK as tolerated Knee Avoid |
| Mountain climber prep Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Introduce at 11 months For hip, chest lifted and slightly rounded over, hands on top of knee, maintain precautions to 115° | OK as tolerated Knee Avoid |

Wunda Chair With High Back



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| Name of exercise | 6 weeks to 3 months postop | 3 to 6 months postop | 6 months and beyond postop | Knee and hip syndromes |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Standing leg pump Front Beginner | OK Place arch of foot on pedal Adjust spring tension | OK | ОК | ОК |
| Side Beginner | Avoid | OK No external rotation Adjust spring | OK Maximum of 30° of external rotation | Hip OK Knee Avoid, no external rota- tion |
| Crossover Beginner | Avoid | Avoid | OK Stand farther back to side of chair No crossing the midline of body Adjust springs Full foot on the foot bar, parallel | Hip OK as tolerated Knee Keep parallel |
| Achilles stretch Beginner | Avoid | Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid | Hip OK Knee Avoid |

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|---|---|---|--|--|
| OPTIONAL MOVEMEN | NTS FOR STANDING | | | |
| Going up front Beginner | Avoid | Knee OK Introduce at 5 months Use a box to help step up onto the chair Start from the top and lower a few inches (centimeters) and back up Use two top springs, adjust as needed Hip Avoid | OK Use a box to help step up onto the chair Use wedge under foot bar Start from the top Watch for unilateral hip drop Adjust springs | OK Use a box to help step up onto the chair Use wedge under foot bar Start from the top Watch for unilateral hip drop Adjust springs |
| Going up side Intermediate | Avoid | Avoid | OK Use a box to help step up onto the chair Start from the top Maximum of 30° external rotation | OK as tolerated |
| OPTIONAL MOVEMEN | NTS FOR SITTING | | | |
| Double-leg pump • V-position • Parallel hip-width position • Arches • Heels | OK Sit on a moon box or hard pad to elevate the pelvis Avoid V position Small ROM Observe flexion precautions Adjust spring tension | OK Small turnout for V-position Adjust springs Observe flexion precautions | OK Adjust springs Observe flexion precautions | OK Parallel legs Adjust tension |
| Single-leg pump • Heels • Toes Beginner | OK Introduce at 3 months Slightly flexed knee | OK Slightly flexed knee | ОК | ОК |

Ladder Barrel



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| Name of exercise | 6 weeks to 3 months postop | 3 to 6 months postop | 6 months and beyond postop | Knee and hip syndromes |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| Swan | Avoid | OK Feet on frame, with heels on vertical frame and balls of feet on base frame, legs parallel, hips on barrel Slightly flexed knees | OK Feet on frame, with heels on vertical frame and balls of feet on base frame, legs parallel, hips on barrel Slightly flexed knees | OK as tolerated Feet on frame, with heels on vertical frame and balls of feet on base frame, legs parallel, hips on barrel Slightly flexed knees |
| Swimming | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Grasshopper | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Side sit-up | Avoid | OK Feet staggered on the base frame Hands behind head as tolerated Hands as a pillow on forehead Pad the barrel as needed | OK Feet staggered on base frame Hands behind head Hands as a pillow on forehead Optional movement Introduce at 10 months Feet staggered on first rung with straight legs and slightly flexed knees | OK as tolerated Feet staggered on base frame or feet staggered on first rung with straight legs and slightly bent knees |
| Short-box series on the ladder barrel Round back | Avoid | OK Feet on lowest rung | OK Feet on lowest rung | OK Feet on lowest rung |
| Flat back | Avoid | OK | OK | OK as tolerated |
| Twist | Avoid | OK | ОК | OK as tolerated |
| Climb a tree | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |

| Name of exercise | 6 weeks to 3 months postop | 3 to 6 months postop | 6 months and beyond postop | Knee and hip syndromes |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Horseback | Avoid | Avoid | Knee OK Hip Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Back to forward bend | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated Use a long box to stand on in front of the barrel | OK as tolerated Use a long box on in front of the barrel |
| OPTIONAL MOVEMEN | İT | · | · | <u>'</u> |
| Ballet stretch | Avoid | Avoid | Knee • Front only • As tolerated Hip Avoid | OK as tolerated |

Spine Corrector



Contour Step Barrel™.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Reach and roll-down | Avoid | OK Slightly flexed knees | ОК | OK Slightly flexed knees |
| Overhead reach and rollover | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Leg series | Avoid | Knee OK Introduce at 5 months Hip Avoid all movements | Knee OK Hip OK Minimal hip extension over barrel Reduce ROM | OK as tolerated Slightly flexed knees |
| Helicopter | Avoid | Avoid | OK Maintain precautions | OK as tolerated |
| Rolling in and out | Avoid | Avoid | Hip OK Maintain precautions Knee OK Small ROM | OK as tolerated |
| Corkscrew | Avoid | Avoid | Hip OK Maintain precautions Knee OK | OK as tolerated |
| Low bridge | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| Back arch and bridge | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Balance | Avoid | Avoid | OK Slightly flexed knees | OK Slightly flexed knees |

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Swan | Avoid | OK Use a pad under the hips Add a towel under the knees | OK Use a pad under the hips | OK as tolerated Use a pad under the hips |
| Grasshopper | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated Use a pad under the hips |
| Swimming | Avoid | Avoid | OK Introduce at 9 months | OK as tolerated |
| Rocking | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Teaser | Avoid | Avoid | OK Slightly flexed knees as needed Tabletop legs | OK as tolerated Slightly flexed knees as needed |
| Hip circle | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | OK as tolerated |
| High bridge | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid | Avoid |
| Forward stretch and rest position | Avoid | ОК | ОК | OK |
| OPTIONAL MOVEMEN | ITS | | | |
| Leg series, single leg | Avoid | Knee OK Introduce at 5 months Hip Avoid | OK Hip Minimal hip extension over barrel | OK Smaller ROM as tolerated |
| Optional movement arm series | OK Perform on a raised table | ОК | ОК | OK |

Small Barrel



EAST COAST BABY ARC.

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- The east coast baby arc is a small barrel version of the spine corrector. The exercises below are adapted from the spine corrector series that were listed in this table from the Pilates Method Alliance. *The PMA Pilates Certification Exam Study Guide*. Miami, FL: Pilates Method Alliance; 2005:115-119.

| Name of exercise | 6 weeks to 3 months postop | 3 to 6 months postop | 6 months and beyond postop | Knee and hip syndromes |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Leg series, single | Avoid | KneeOKIntroduce at 5 monthsHipAvoid all movements | OK Hip Minimal hip extension over barrel | OK Smaller ROM as tolerated |
| Leg series, double • Lower and lift • Scissors • Walking • Bicycle • Frog • Circle • Helicopter | Avoid | Knee OK Introduce at 5 months Hip Avoid all movements | OK Hip • Minimal hip extension over barrel • Small ROM with helicopter | OK Smaller ROM as tolerated Small ROM with helicopter |
| Swan | Avoid | OK Place a mat or towel under the hips as needed for comfort | OK Place a mat or towel under the hips as needed for comfort | OK as tolerated Place a mat or towel under the hips as needed for comfort |
| Optional movement arm series | OK Perform on a raised table | ОК | ОК | ОК |