



# The Applying Of Pilates In The Exercise For The Gluteus Maximus

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# History Of Joseph Pilates

◆ During World War I, Pilates developed his fitness system while confined to a hospital ward. He combined elements of yoga, gymnastics, and bodybuilding to create a method of fitness with mental acuity and control.

◆ In 1924, Pilates moved to New York City and opened the first Pilates studio. He introduced his method to the American public, and it quickly gained popularity among dancers and athletes.

◆ It was not until the 1960s that Pilates became widely known in the United States.

◆ Pilates' emphasis on core strength and mental focus made it a popular choice for dancers and athletes. His method of fitness with mental acuity and control was a significant contribution to the fitness industry.

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Pilates.



# **Joseph's original principles**

## **Breathing**

**Pilates with the correct breathing, can stimulate your abdominal muscles**

## **Concentration**

**Only concentration can connect the spirit and body, feel the tiny differences of each action.**

## **Precision**

**These tiny differences of actions, will make you get very different feelings**

## **Flow**

**The speed should be uniform, the movement emphasizes the smooth.**

## **Control**

**When body reaches a certain position, we need to control ourselves to maintain it.**

## **Centring**

**Pilates emphasizes the training of core muscles.**



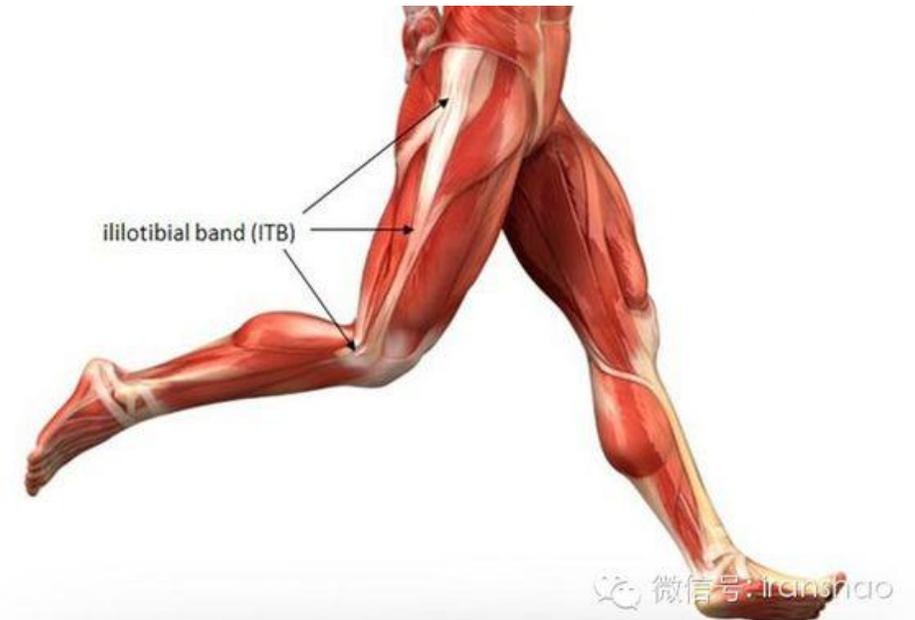
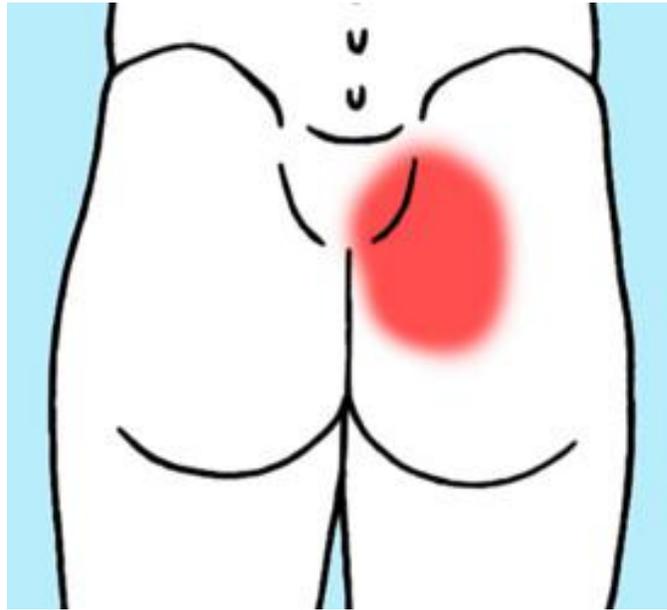
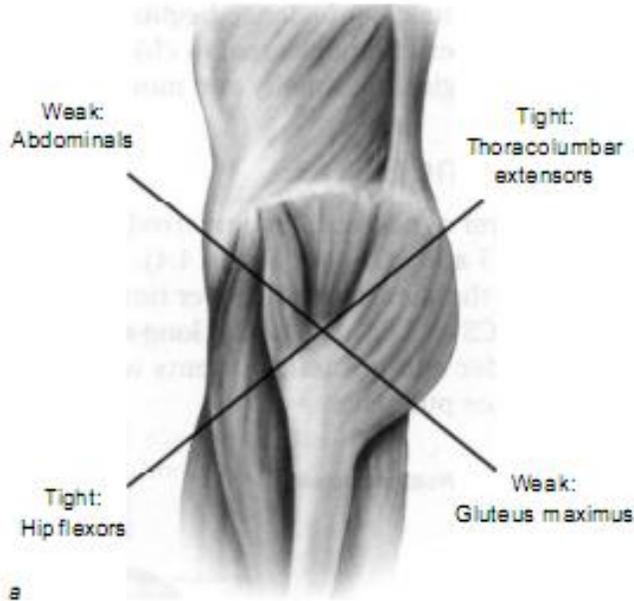
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**of Gluteus maximus**



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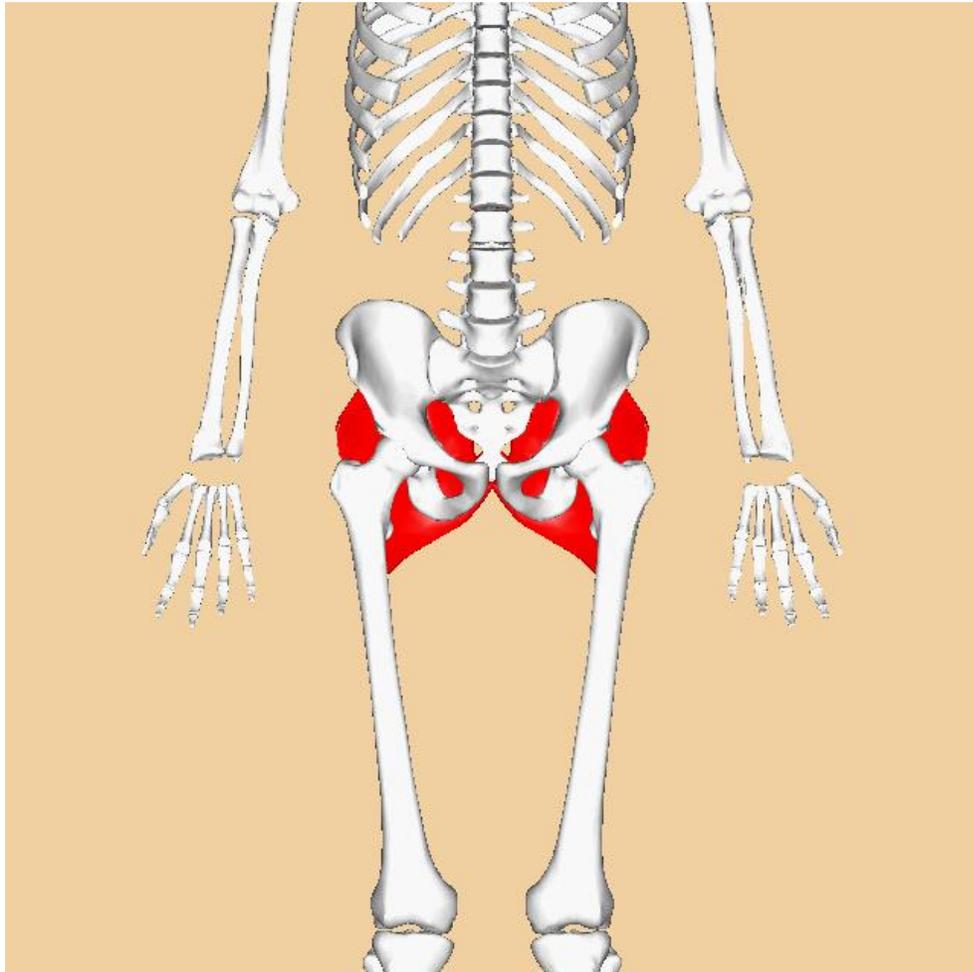


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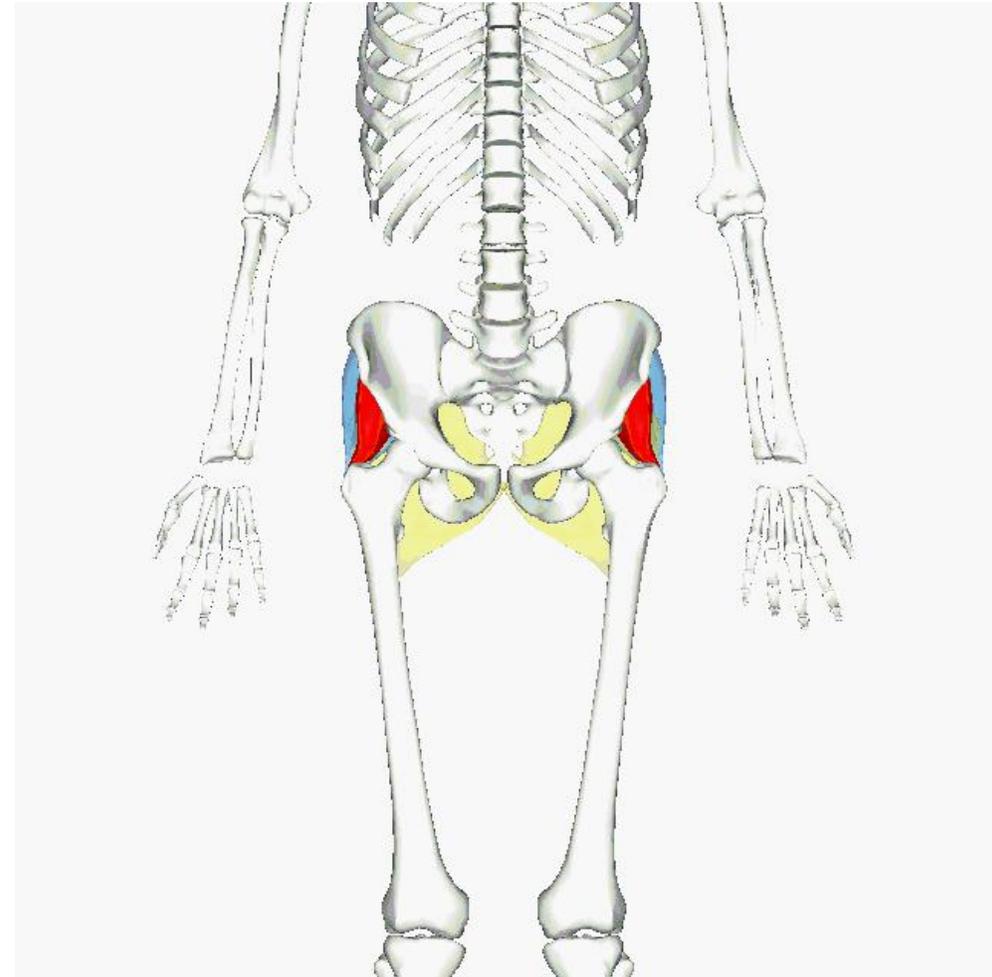
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# Gluteus maximus



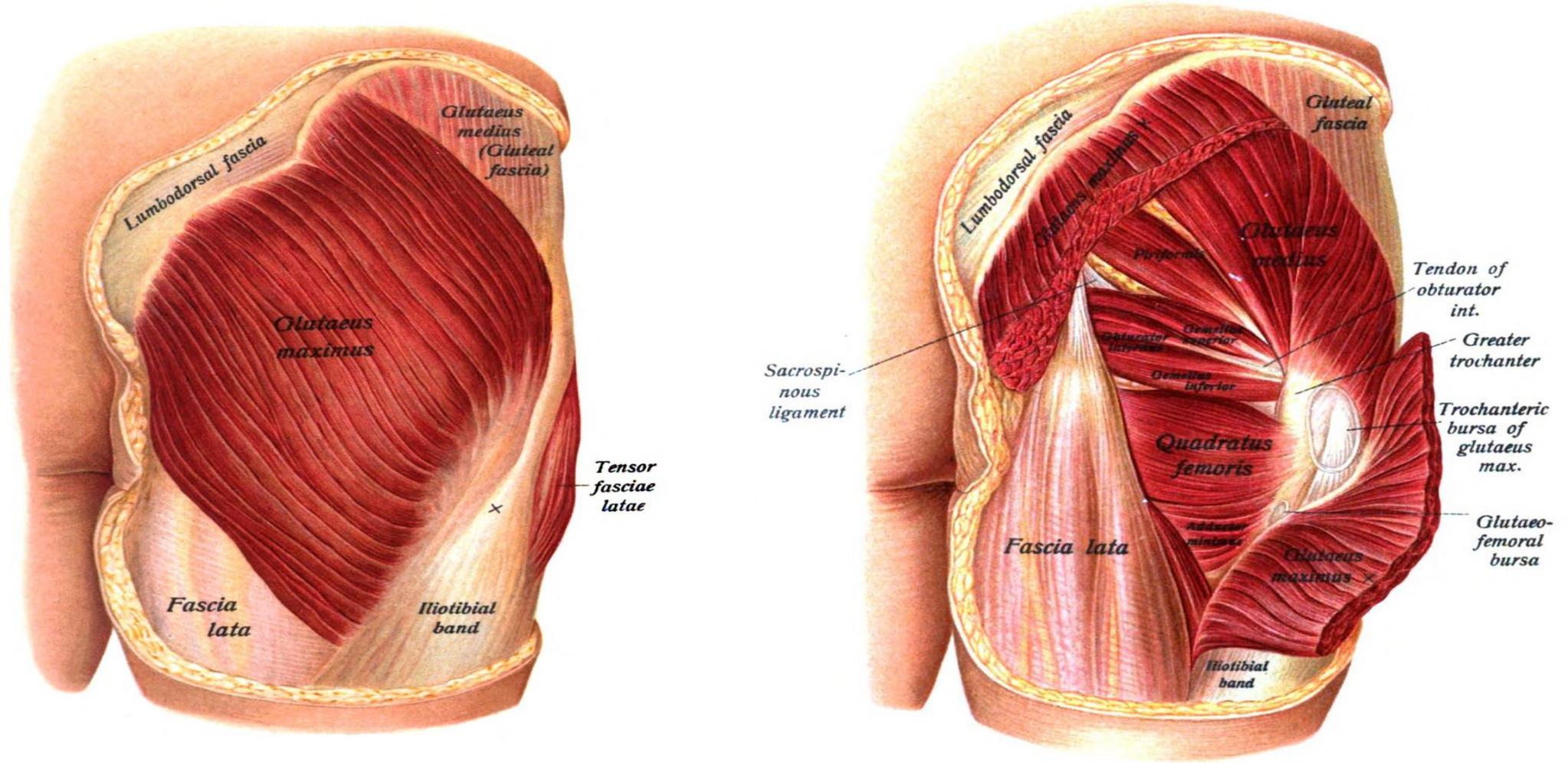
The gluteus maximus as it appear on a skeleton without other muscles



All gluteal muscles, maximus in yellow



# 1. Anatomy



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## 2. Kinematic

◆ **Gluteus maximus** : The main extensor and lateral rotator muscle of the hip.

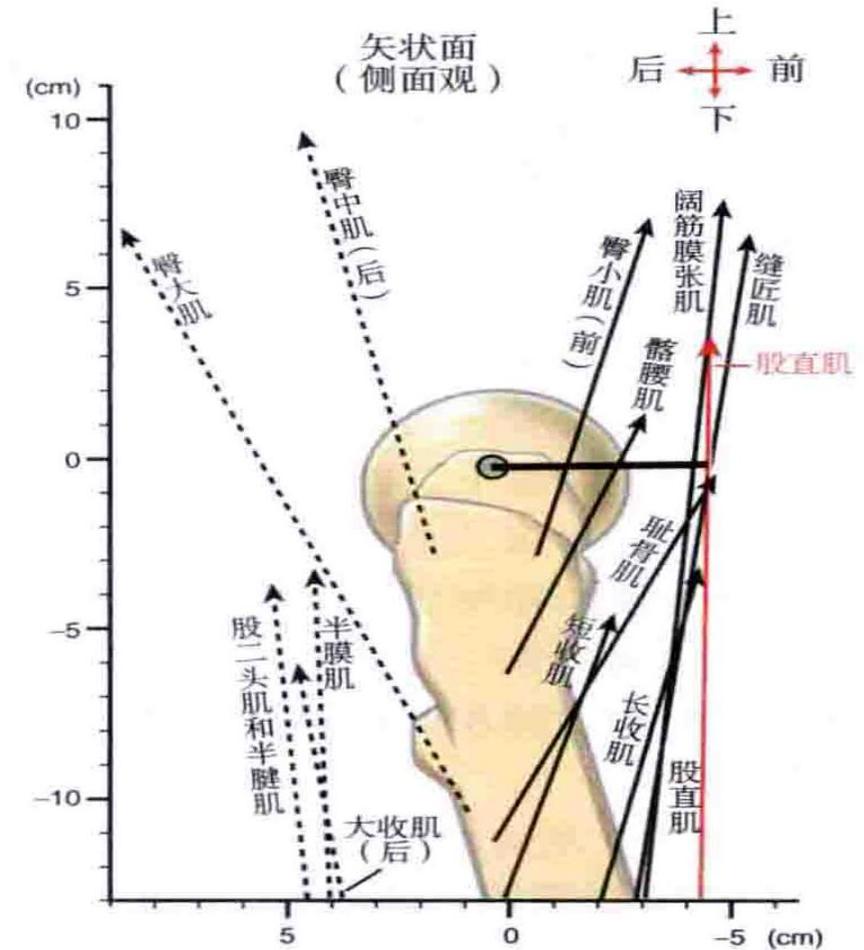


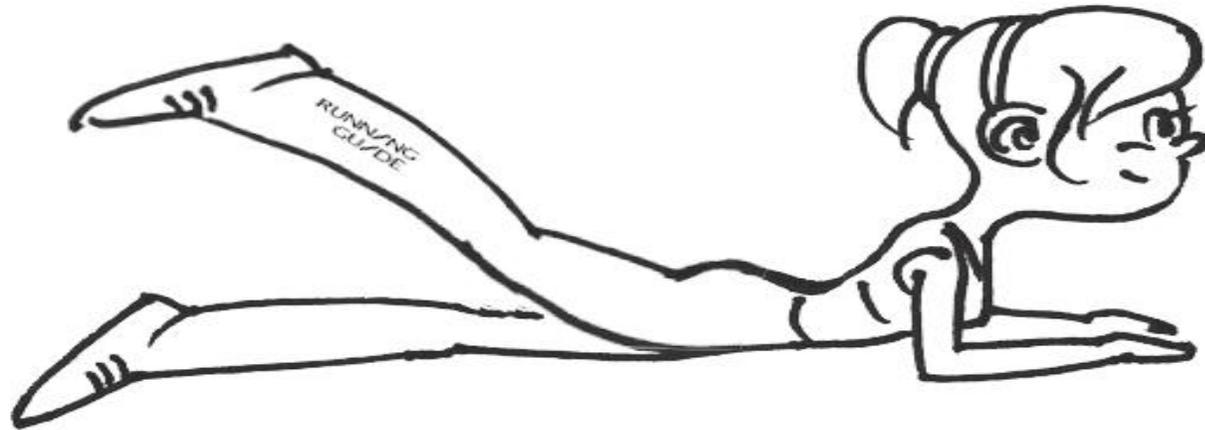
图 12-25 描述横过髋关节的几块肌肉在矢状面内的力量线的侧面观

旋转轴穿过股肌头朝向内外方向。屈肌用实线表示，伸肌用虚线表示。股直肌使用的内力臂用粗黑线代表



## **3.Function**

◆ Extends the acetabulofemoral joint.





## 3.Function

◆ Cause the body to regain the erect position after stooping.





## 3.Function

### ◆ Adductor and external rotator of the limb(lower part)

Lateral rotation

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Hip adduction





## 3.Function

### ◆ Supporting pelvis and the trunk

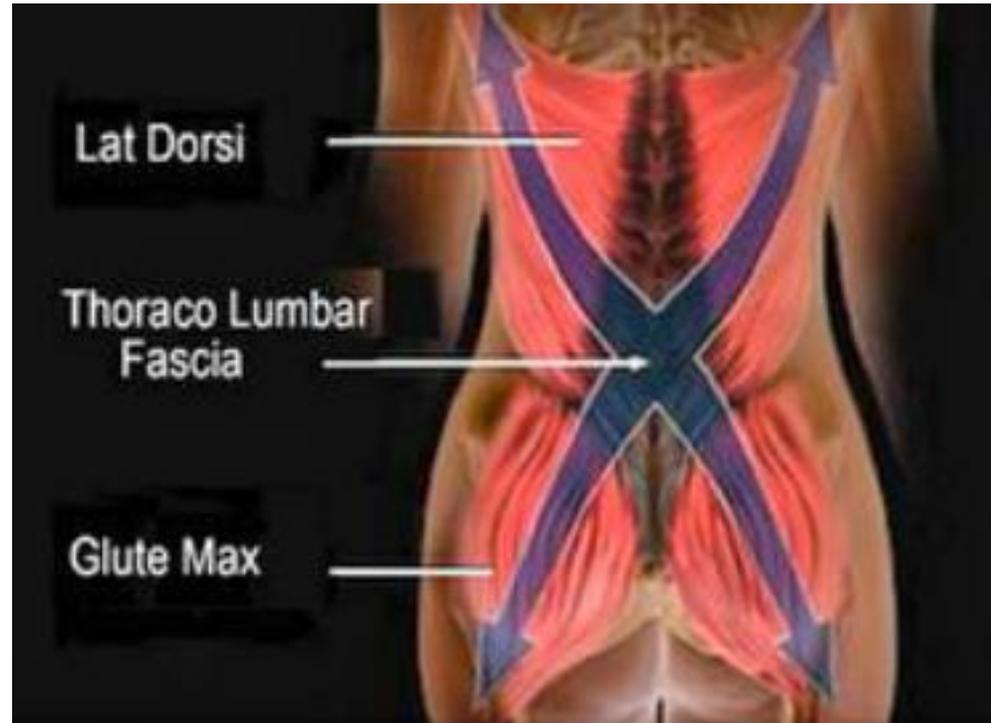


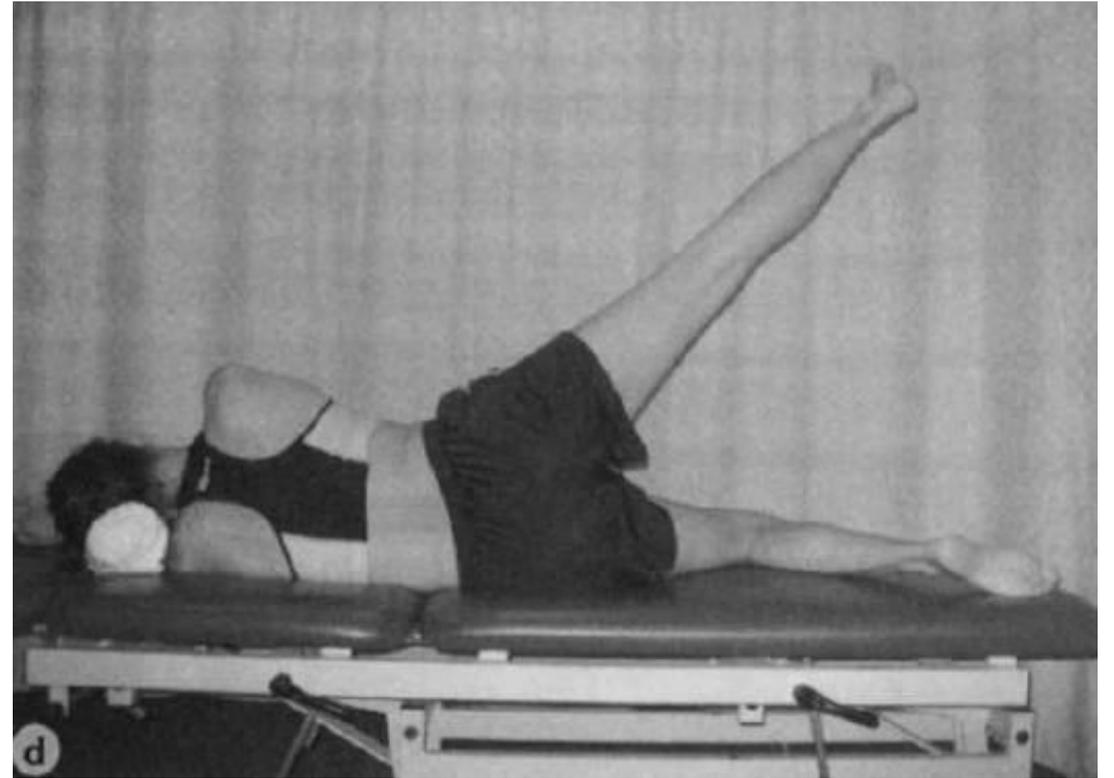
Figure 1

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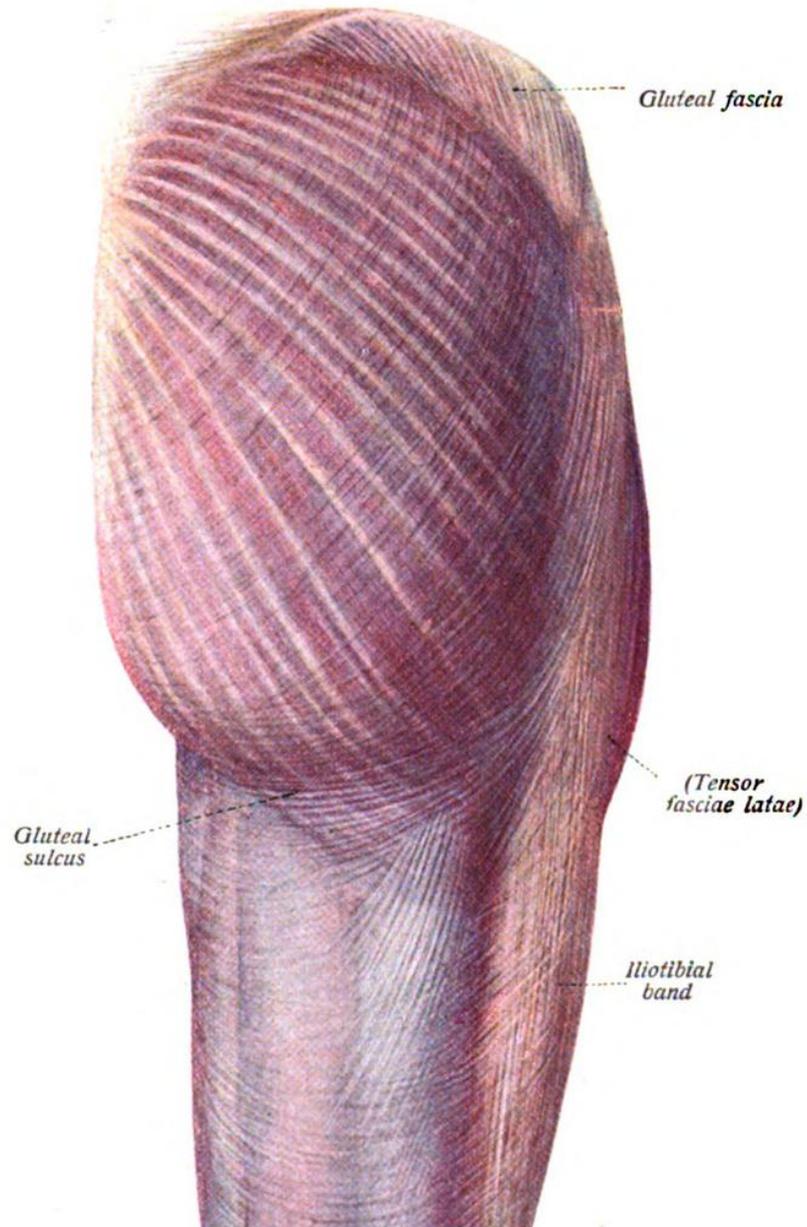
## 3.Function

### ◆ Abductors of the hip joints(upper fibres)





## 4. Reference syndrome



- ◆ The unbalance movement of the hip.
- ◆ May lead to iliotibial band syndrome
- ◆ Knee pain.
- ◆ LCS
- ◆ Low back pain
- ◆ The tightness of the iliopsoas.
- ◆ Function in the gait (especially in the patient after stroke)



# The importance of the hip totally extending

- ◆ The hip flexors have more possibility to contracture.
- ◆ Standing straightly can usually maintain less muscle acting which
- ◆ Protect the cartilage as possible.

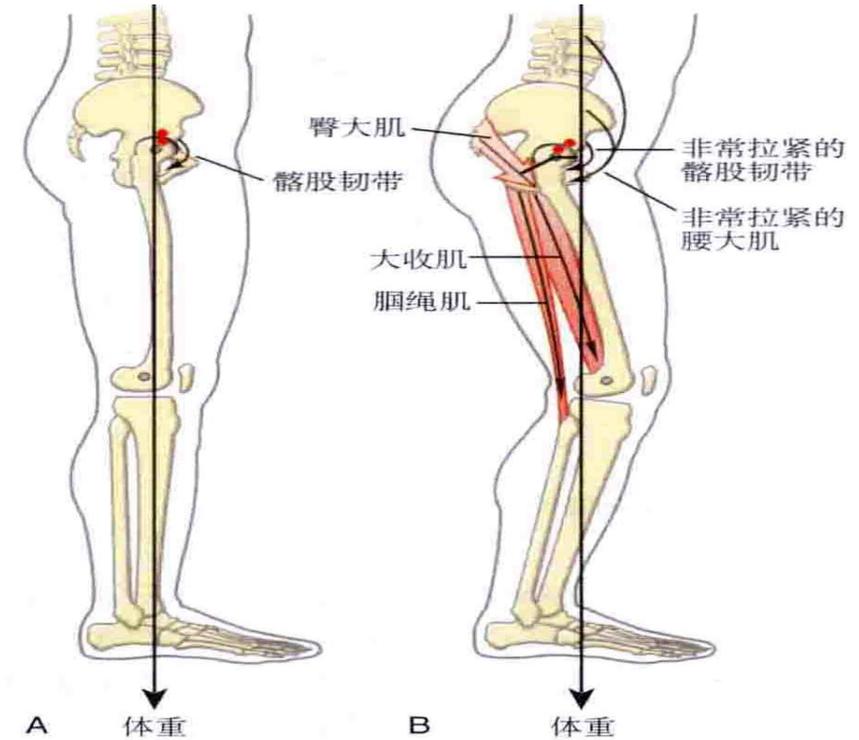


图 12-30 髋关节弯曲挛缩对站立的生物力学的影响

A. 理想的站立姿势；B. 尝试在直立时弯曲挛缩髋关节。图中显示了髋伸肌（红色），这些肌肉主动改变大小以预防髋关节进一步弯曲。这些肌肉和体重利用的矩臂用黑色短线表示，该短线源自髋关节旋转轴。在 A 和 B 中，股骨头中心的绿色虚线表示旋转轴。一对红色圆圈表示相对较厚的关节软骨区域的重叠（详细描述见正文）



# Exercise

In pilates



# Exercise



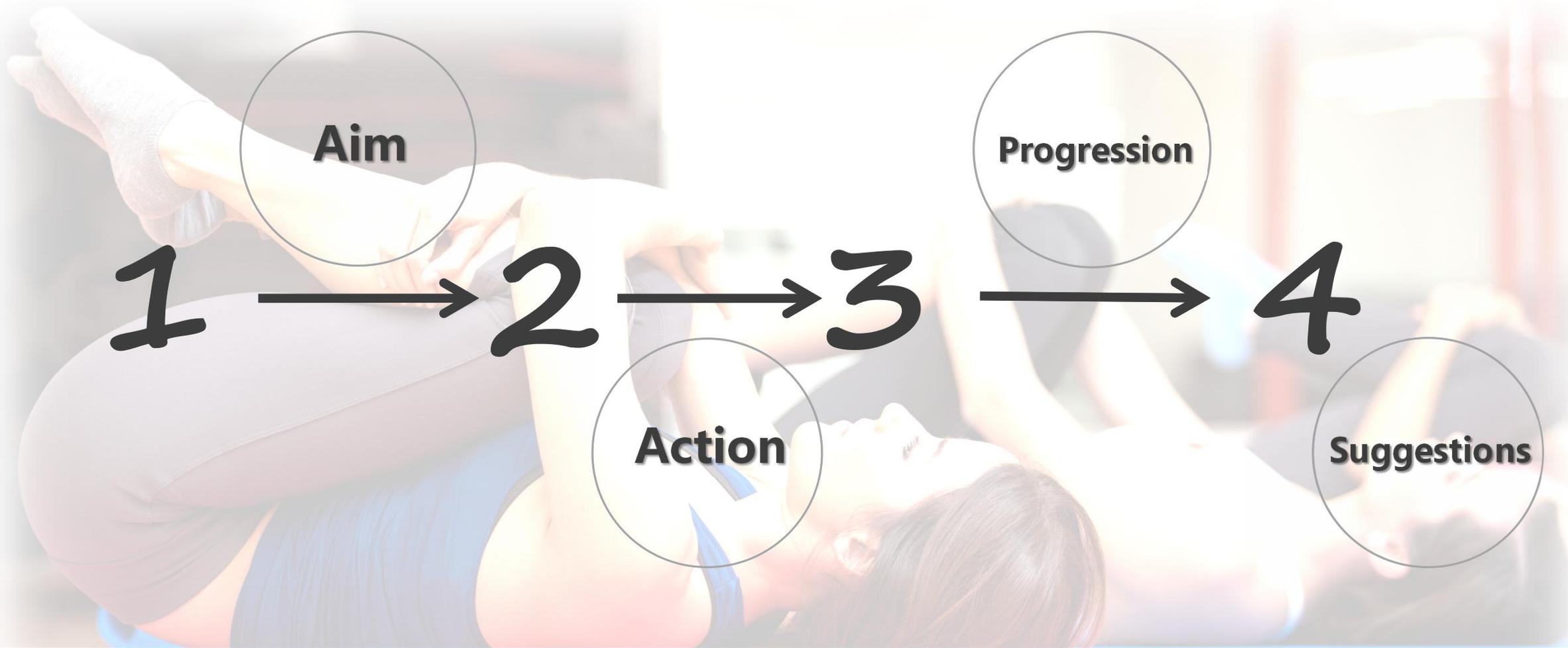
## Gluteal strengthener

with flexed knee



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# Gluteal strengthener

with flexed knee

## Aim

- ▶ To enhance gluteus maximus performance.
- ▶ To improve pelvic stability during hip extension through abdominal muscle control.
- ▶ To stretch the iliopsoas and rectus femoris muscles.





# Gluteal strengthener

with flexed knee

## Action

### ► Body position

Prone with working knee flexed to maximum.

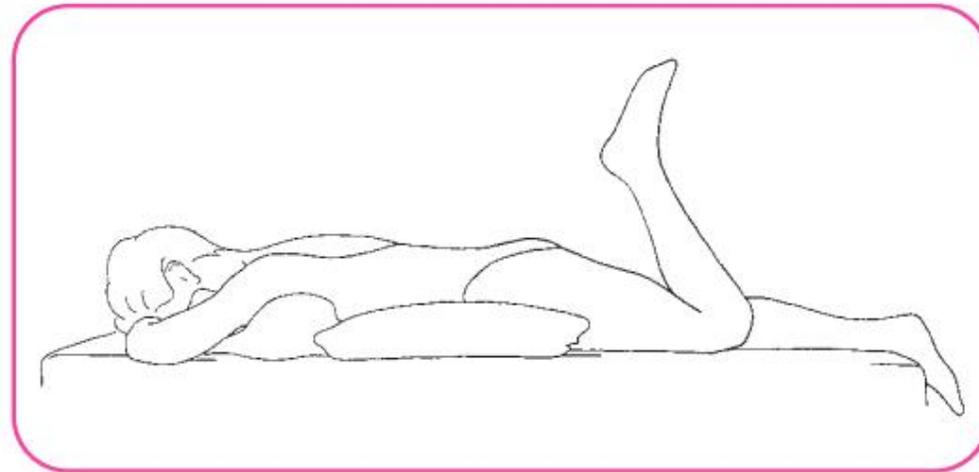


Figure 4.33A Gluteal strengthener – body position.



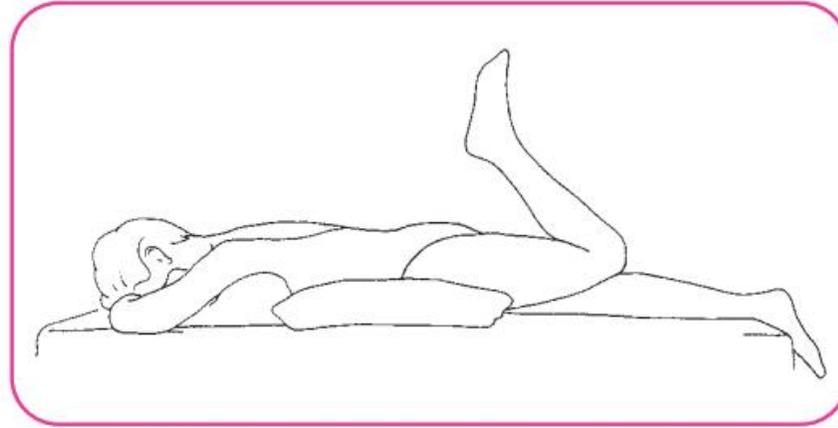


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with flexed knee

## Action

- ▶ **Breathing in** – tighten the pelvic floor muscles
- ▶ **Breathing out**
  - contract the pectoral girdle stabilizing muscles,
  - activate gluteus maximus
  - lift the thigh **no more than 10 degrees away from the mat**



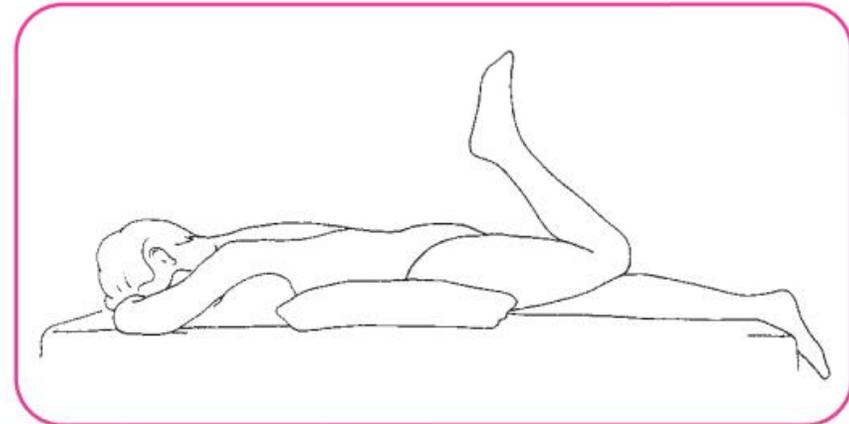
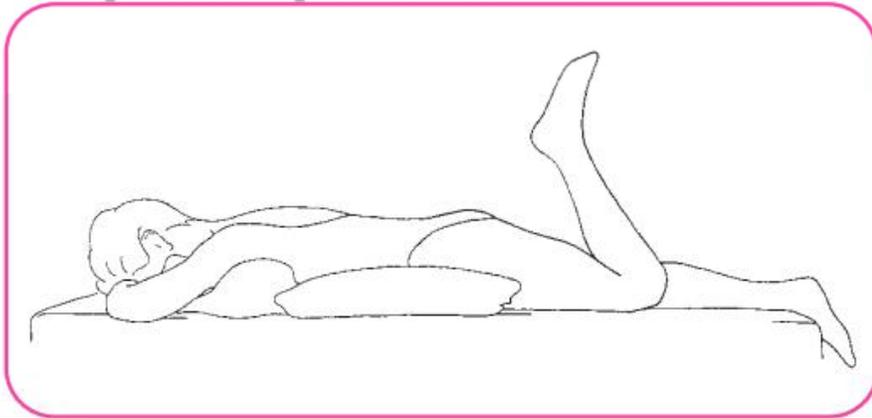


# Gluteal strengthener

with flexed knee

## Action

- ▶ **Breathing normally** – hold this position initially for 3 seconds
- ▶ **Breathing in** – to deepen the abdominal muscle contraction
- ▶ **Breathing out** – to lower the thigh to the mat.
- ▶ **Repeat up to five times.**





# Gluteal strengthener

with flexed knee

## Progression

- ▶ As strength and stamina improve, the lift can be held for up to 10 seconds.
- ▶ Extend the knee before lowering the leg.





# Gluteal strengthener

with flexed knee



I know that  
you believe you  
understand what  
you think I said,  
but,

I am not sure  
you realize that  
what you heard  
is not  
what I meant!



# Gluteal strengthener

with flexed knee



## Suggestion



### Focus On The Common problems :

- ▶ Lifting the thigh too high:  
Cue: reaching the knee away from the hip joint
- ▶ Over involvement of the hamstrings:  
Cue: Allow the knee to flex as much as possible so that the foot can drop towards the thigh



# More Pilates Exercise

## For The Gluteus Maximus



**Booty Pop**



**Chair pose & Low lunge**



**Squat & Donkey kick**

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Fostering awareness of self and community.*

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