## **HIP FLEXION**

## Hip flexion



Range of Motion:



Fixation:

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- Contraction of anterior abdominal muscles to fix lumbar spine and pelvis
- 2. Weight of trunk

- Muscles Tested:
- a. Psoas Major Muscle:
- (1) Origin
- Ventral surfaces of transverse processes of all lumbar vertebrae.
- Sides of bodies and corresponding intervertebral discs of the last thoracic and all lumbar vertebrae and membranous arches which extend over the sides of the bodies of the lumbar vertebrae.
- (2) Insertion:
- Lesser trochanter of femur
- (3) Nerve Supply:
- L1, L2, L3, L4 Lumbar Plexus
- (4) Action:
- Flexion of the hip joint

- b. Iliacus Muscle
- (1) Origin
- - Superior 2/3 of iliac fossa.
- - Internal lip of iliac crest.
- Iliolumbar and ventral sacroiliac ligaments.
- (2) Insertion: Lateral side of tendon of Psoas major, and just distal to the lesser trochanter.
- (3) Nerve Supply: L2, L3, L4 Femoral Nerve
- (4) Action: Flexion of the hip joint.

- Accessory Muscles:
- - Rectus femoris
- - Sartorius
- - Tensor fasciae 1atae
- - Pectineus

- Range of Motion:
- The hip flexion with the knee flexed will permit a range of motion of approximately 115° to 125°. The range of motion of the hip flexion can be limited by:
- The contact of the thigh on the abdomen when the movement is performed with the knee in flexion.
- The tension in the hamstring muscles when the movement is performed with the knee in extension.

- Effects of weakness of the hip flexor muscles
- Weakness in the hip flexor muscles decreases the ability to flex the hip joint and results in marked disability in:
- a. Stair climbing.
- b. Walking up or down the incline.
- c. Getting up from a reclined position.
- d. Bringing the trunk forward in the sitting position preliminary to rising from a chair.
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- In marked weakness, walking is difficult because the leg must be brought forward by pelvic motion (produced by anterior or lateral abdominal muscle action) rather than by hip flexion.

- Main types of contracture of hip flexor muscles, and their effect on posture:
- a. Bilateral hip flexion deformity will be combined with increased lumbar lordosis.
- b. Unilateral hip flexion contracture will be often combined with hip abduction and external rotation.



Grade " 3 " Fair Strength →



Grade "4, 5" Good and Normal Strength →



Grade " 2 " Poor Strength →



Grade "1,0" Trace and Zero Strength →

## **HIP EXTENSION**





- 1. Contraction of iliocostalis lumborum and quadratus lumborum muscles

4. Biceps femoris (long head)

- Muscles Tested:
- a. Gluteus Maximus
- (1) Origin:
- - Posterior gluteal line of illium and portion of bone superior and posterior to it.
- - Posterior surface of lower part of sacrum.
- - Side of coccyx.
- Aponeurosis of erector spinae.
- Sacrotuberous ligament and gluteal aponeurosis
- (2) Insertion:
- Larger proximal portion and superficial fibers of distal portion of muscle into tract of fasciae latae muscle.
- - Deeper fibers of distal portion into gluteal tuberosity of femur.
- (3) Nerve Supply:
- Inferior gluteal nerve: L5, S1, S2.
- (4) Action:
- - Extends and laterally rotates the hip joint.
- - Assists in adduction of the hip joint with the lower fibers.
- Through its insertion into the iliotibial tract, helps to stabilize the knee in extension.

# **b.** Semitendinosus

(1) Origin:

Tuberosity of ischium by tendon common with long head of Biceps femoris.

(2) Insertion:

- Proximal part of medial surface of body of tibia
- Deep fascia of the leg.

(3) Action:

- Extend the hip joint and assist in the hip medial rotation
- Flex and medially rotate the knee joint
- (4) Nerve Supply:Sciatic Nerve: L4, L5, SI, S2.

### Semimembranosus

(1) Origin:

Tuberosityofischiumproximal and lateral to Bicepsfemoris and Semitendinosus.

(2) Insertion:

Posteromedial aspect of medial condyle of tibia

#### • c. Biceps Femoris:

- (1) Origin of Long Head:
- - Distal part of sacrotuberous ligament.
- - Posterior part of tuberosity of ischium.
- (2) Insertion:
- - Lateral side of head of fibula
- Lateral condyle of tibia
- Deep fascia on lateral side of leg
- (3) Nerve Supply:
- - Long Head: Tibial branch of sciatic nerve: L5,SI,S2,S3
- - Short Head: Peroneal branch of sciatic nerve: L5, SI, S2
- (4) Action:
- - The long head extends the hip joint and assist in the hip lateral rotation.
- The long and short heads of Biceps femoris flex and laterally rotate the knee joint.

- Range of Motion:
- Beyond the mid line the normal extension of the hip is of 10° to 15°. The range of motion of the hip extension can be limited by:
- a. Tension in the iliofemoral ligament
- b. Tension in the hip flexor muscles

- Effects of weakness of the hip extensor muscles:
- \* Bilateral marked weakness of the Gluteus maximus muscle makes walking extremely difficult, and necessitates the aid of crutches.
- \* The individual bears weight on the extremity in a position of postero-lateral displacement of the trunk over the femur (hyperextension of the hip joint).
- \* Raising the trunk from a forward-bent position requires the action of the Gluteus Maximus, and in cases of weakness, patients must push themselves to an upright position by using their arms.



Grade "2" (Poor)

Grade "1, 0" (Trace, Zero)

## **HIP ABDUCTION**



Range of Motion:



Fixation:

- 1. Contraction of lateral abdominal muscles and latissimus dorsi
- 2. Weight of trunk

Gluteus medius

- Muscles Tested:
- a. Gluteus Minimus
- (1) Origin:
- - External surface of illium between anterior and inferior gluteal lines.
- - Margin of greater sciatic notch.
- (2) Insertion:
- - Anterior border of greater trochanter of femur.
- - Hip joint capsule.
- (3) Nerve Supply:
- Superior gluteal nerve: L4, L5, S1,
- (4) Action:
- - Abducts and medially rotates the hip joint.
- - May assist in the flexion of the hip joint.

- b. Gluteus Medius:
- (1) Origin:
- - External surface of illium between iliac crest and posterior gluteal line dorsally.
- - Anterior gluteal line ventrally.
- - Gluteal aponeurosis.
- (2) Insertion: Oblique ridge on lateral surface of greater trochanter of femur.
- (3) Nerve Supply: Superior gluteal nerve: L4, L5, SI.
- (4) Action
- - Abducts the hip joint.
- The anterior fibers medially rotate and may assist in the flexion of the hip joint.
- The posterior fibers laterally rotate and may assist in the extension of the hip joint.

- Accessory Muscles:
- Tensor Fasciae Latae
- - Gluteus Maximus (upper fibers)
- Range of Motion:
- From the mid line to full range of motion, the hip joint can abduct for 45°. This range of motion may be limited by:
- a. Tension of the distal band of iliofemoral ligament and of the pubocapsular ligament.
- b. Tension of the hip adductor muscles.



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Substitution by hip lateral rotators or flexors







Substitution by pelvis

## **HIP ADDUCTION**

45° TO 0°



- Muscle Tested:
- a. Pectineus
- (1) Origin:
- Surface of superior ramus of pubis ventral to pectin between iliopectineal eminence and pubic tubercle.
- (2) Insertion:
- Pectineal line of femur
- (3) Nerve Supply: Femoral and Obturator Nerves: L2, L3, L4.

- b. Adductor Magnus:
- (1) Origin: Inferior pubic ramus, ramus of ischium, (anterior fibers) and ischial tuberosity (posterior fibers).
- (2) Insertion: Medial to gluteal tuberosity, middle of linea aspera, medial supracondylar line, and adductor tubercle of medial condyle, of femur.
- (3) Nerve Supply: Obturator and Sciatic Nerves: L2, L3, L4, L5, S1.

#### • c. Gracilis:

- (1) Origin:
- Inferior half of symphysis pubis and medial margin of inferior ramus of the pubic bone.
- (2) Insertion:
- Proximal part of medial surface of body of tibia distal to condyle.
- (3) Nerve Supply:
- Obturator Nerve: L2, L,3,L4.
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#### d. Adductor Brevis:

- (1) Origin:
- Outer surface of inferior ramus of pubis.
- (2) Insertion:
- Distal 2/3 of pectineal line, and proximal half of medial lip of linea aspera.
- (3) Nerve Supply:
- Obturator Nerve: L2, L3, L4.

- e. Adductor Longus:
- (1) Origin:
- Anterior pubis at junction of crest and symphysis.
- (2) Insertion:
- Middle 1/3 of medial lip of linea asp era.
- (3) Nerve Supply:
- Obturator Nerve: L2, L3, L4.

- Range of Motion:
- From the hip abduction position to the mid line the range of motion is 45°. The range of motion of hip adduction may be limited by:
- a. Contact with the other leg
- b. When hip is flexed, tension of ischiofemoral ligament.

- Substitutions:
- - Anterior tilting of the pelvis or flexion of the hip allows substitution by the hip flexors.
- Forward rotation of the pelvis with extension of the hip shows attempt to hold with lower fibers of Gluteus maximus







Grade "4, 5 " Good and Normal Strength →





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Grade " 2 " Poor Strength →



Substitution by pelvis, hip flexors and leg medial rotators