



Bloomsbury Osteopathy

Low Back Exercises

Lumbar Spine and Hips Strengthening Exercise (using a Swiss ball)

LSPS05

Function:

To strengthen the muscles of the lumbar spine the Gluteals (buttocks) and hamstrings muscles. Also helps to strengthen your abdominal oblique muscles and improve core strength.

Method:

Starting Position:

Lie on your back on an exercise mat. Place your lower legs on top of a well-pumped "Swiss ball". Open your arms out by your sides to ensure that the upper back remains fixed on the floor.

Action:

Contract your abdominals, lumbar muscles and buttocks and slowly raise your pelvis a few inches off the floor. Hold this position for 5-10 seconds, relax and repeat. Repeat this for the prescribed number of times.

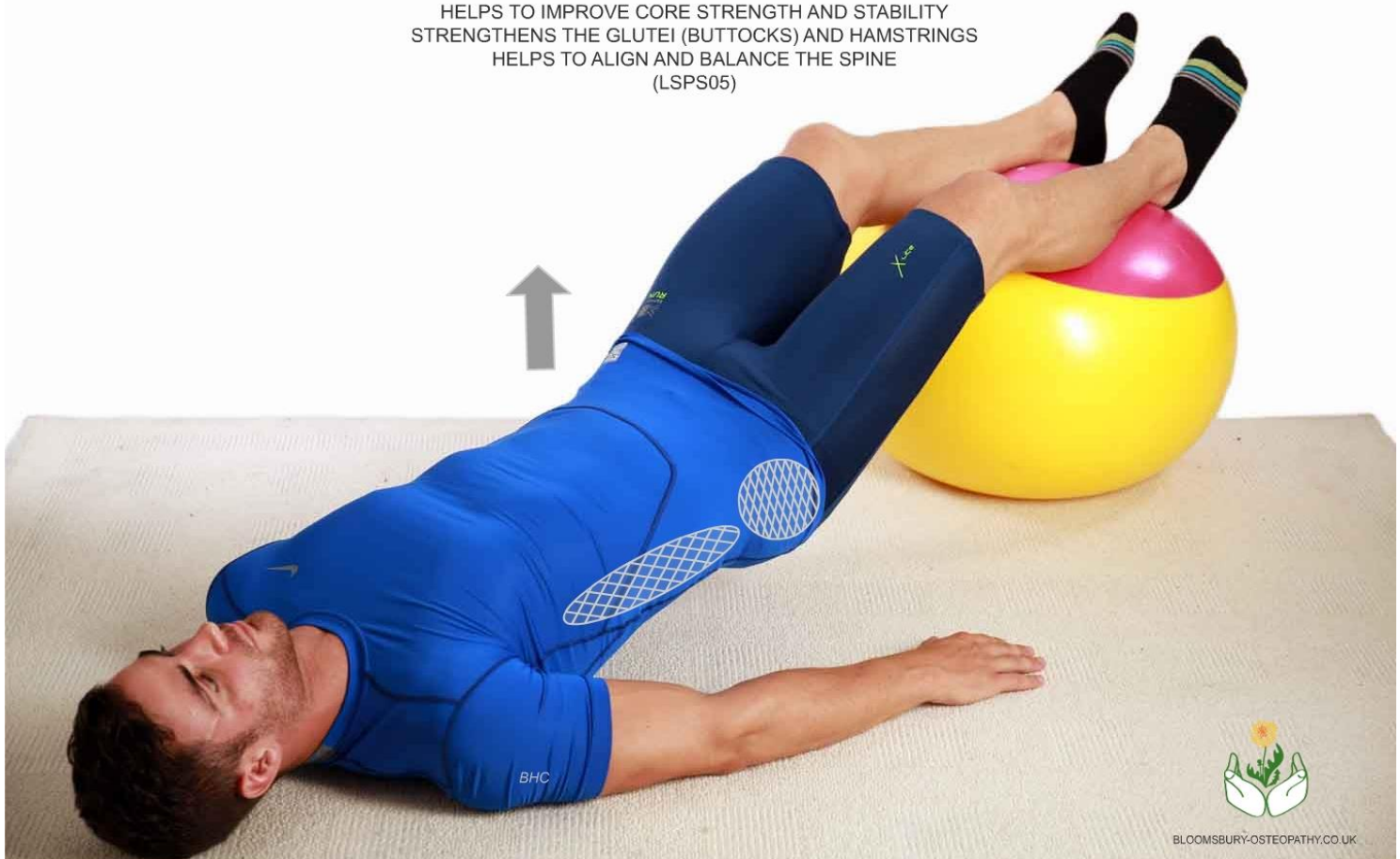
Notes:

You can increase the level of difficulty by raising your pelvis higher and then rotate the ball slightly to the left and right. This is more of a strengthening exercise. Consult your osteopath for more advice.

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