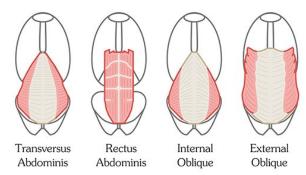
## **Abdominal Layers**



# Signs of ab weakness:

- 1. Back, hip or pelvic pain
- 2. Difficulty standing for long periods of time
- 3. Poor balance
- 4. Poor posture
- 5. Difficulty lifting, carrying, pushing or pulling objects
- 6. A feeling of exhaustion in the abs after light activity
- 7. Rounded stomach

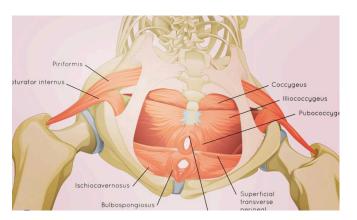
#### **Diastasis Recti**



## What to avoid:

- 1. Sit ups
- 2. Crunches/pilates 100s/bicycle crunches
- 3. Leg lifts + oblique leg lifts
- 4. Russian twist abs
- 5. Ab machines
- 6. Hanging leg raises
- 7. Pull ups
- 8. Planks

#### **Pelvic Floor Structure**



## Signs of pelvic floor dysfunction:

- 1. Hip or pelvic pain
- 2. Increased urinary frequency (more than every 3-4 hours)
- 3. Constipation
- 4. Low back pain
- 5. Painful intercourse
- 6. Painful urination or bowel movements
- Stress incontinence-leaking urine with cough, sneeze, laugh, run, jump, lift etc.

## It's okay to do a kegel if:

- 1. They are pain-free
- 2. You know how to do a kegel correctly (many don't)
- 3. You're not having pelvic pain or pain with sex
- 4. You had a vaginal delivery without tearing

## Avoid a kegel if:

- 1. Your pelvic pain isn't getting better or is getting worse
- 2. You aren't sure if you're doing it correctly or if you feel abnormal pressure in your butt, stomach, or groin when you do them.
- 3. If you just had a c-section or vaginal birth with tearing.



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