The 5-Day Fix for Knee Pain at Home (No Meds, No Equipment)

Intro:

If knee pain slows you down—whether from running, workouts, old injuries, or just daily movement—this 5-day guide will help. These simple strategies can reduce discomfort, improve mobility, and help you understand when it's time to seek professional care.



Day 1: Identify Your Source of Pain

Common causes of knee pain include overuse, weak supporting muscles, poor movement patterns, and past injuries. To start addressing your knee pain, use the following self-assessment checklist:

- Does pain increase after sitting for long periods?
- Does it worsen with stairs or squats?
- Is there swelling, popping, or grinding?

Day 2: Stretch to Relieve Tension

To loosen tight muscles that pull on the knee, try these three gentle stretches:

- 1. **Hip Flexor Stretch** (standing or half kneeling)
- 2. **Hamstring Stretch** (half kneeling or standing with a step)
- 3. **Calf Stretch** (staggered stance at wall)

Use this link if you need guidance on these stretches.

Day 3: Movement That Heals

Engage in a simple 10-minute routine to build support around the knee:

- **Glute Bridge** with a band around your knees (strengthens hips)
- Straight Leg Raises (strengthens quads without strain)
- **Heel Raises** (strengthens ankle and knee stability)

Note: Work within a pain-free range only—never push through sharp pain.

Use this link if you need guidance on these exercises.

Day 4: Habits That Hurt Your Knees

Be mindful of these top 5 habits that can harm your knees:

- 1. Sitting for Too Long (weakens glutes and tightens hip flexors)
- 2. Wearing Unsupportive Shoes
- 3. High-Impact Exercise Without Proper Warm-Up
- 4. Ignoring Mobility Work
- 5. Poor Squat or Lifting Form

Quick corrections and alternatives include:

- Take a mini break every hour while at work.
- Opt for low-impact cardio like biking or swimming.
- If an exercise is painful, try doing less movement or decrease the weight/resistance.

Day 5: When to See a Sports Chiropractor

Consider seeking professional care if you experience:

- Knee pain lasting more than 2 weeks
- Swelling or instability
- Pain that interferes with walking, work, or sleep

Next Steps:

If this sounds like you, now is your chance to get back to running and chasing those personal records (PRs). Book online at <u>motionsportschiro.janeapp.com</u> or use the QR code below and select the "New Patient Intake + Treatment."

Mention this Knee Guide when you make your appointment, and your first visit will be only \$99 (regularly \$225).





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