



#### When Sex Hurts: Pelvic Floor Exercises to relief Vaginismus

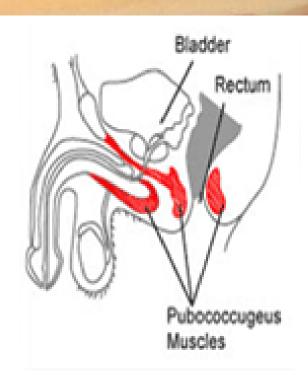


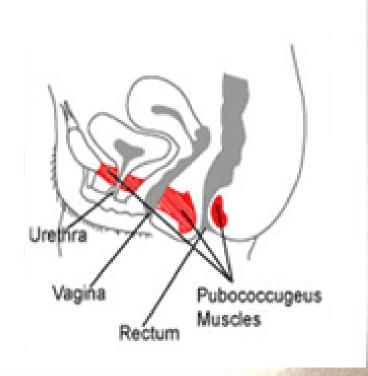
#### Covering...

- 1. What is Kegels?
- 2. Benefits of Kegels
- 3. Visualisations for Kegels
- 4. Just do it!



#### What are Kegels?





#### **Female Sexual Dysfunctions**

**Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder**  Sexual Aversion Disorder Sexual Arousal Disorder Female Orgasm Disorder Sexual Pain Disorder Dyspareunia Vaginismus

#### **Vaginismus**

# VAGINISMUS - SEXUAL INTERCOURSE DIFFICULTIES Impossible Penetration Tightness & Pain

Impossible Penetration

Tightness & Pain



#### Pain during sex



Recent studies suggest that more than 60% of women report current or previous episodes of pain during sexual relations. Fewer than half of these women discussed this pain with their doctors.

The pain occurs only with penetration. It usually, but not always, goes away after withdrawal.

#### Menopause

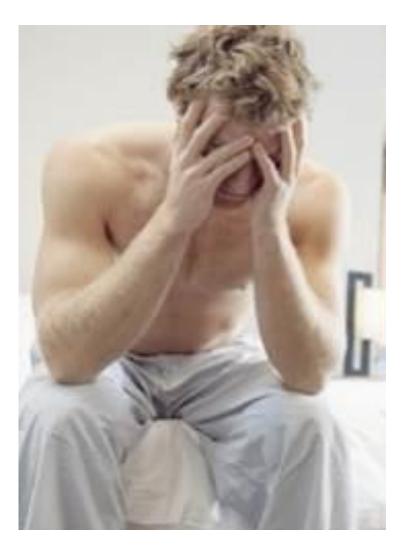
Spotting or bleeding can occur after sex if the vagina is too dry.

Menopause itching due to dryness can also become painful and annoying.

Symptoms may begin many years earlier, and for months or years afterwards.



#### **Male Sexual Dysfunctions**



- Inhibited Sexual Desire Disorder
- Sexual Aversion Disorder
- Dyspareunia
- Premature Ejaculation
- Inhibited Ejaculation
- Erectile Disorder

American Psychiatric Association. *DSM-IV-TR: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 4<sup>th</sup> edn. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Press: 2000

 Strengthen Pubococcygeus muscles (PC muscles)

 Increase blood flow and nerve supply to pelvic region

> Restoration of vaginal muscle tone and improved vaginal health

Benefits of Kegel Exercises

 Increase thickness of the vaginal – wall and lubrication after menopause  Improve sexual response and function

> Recover from physical stress of childbirth

 Prevention and treatment of urinary stress incontinence

#### **Benefits of Kegels**

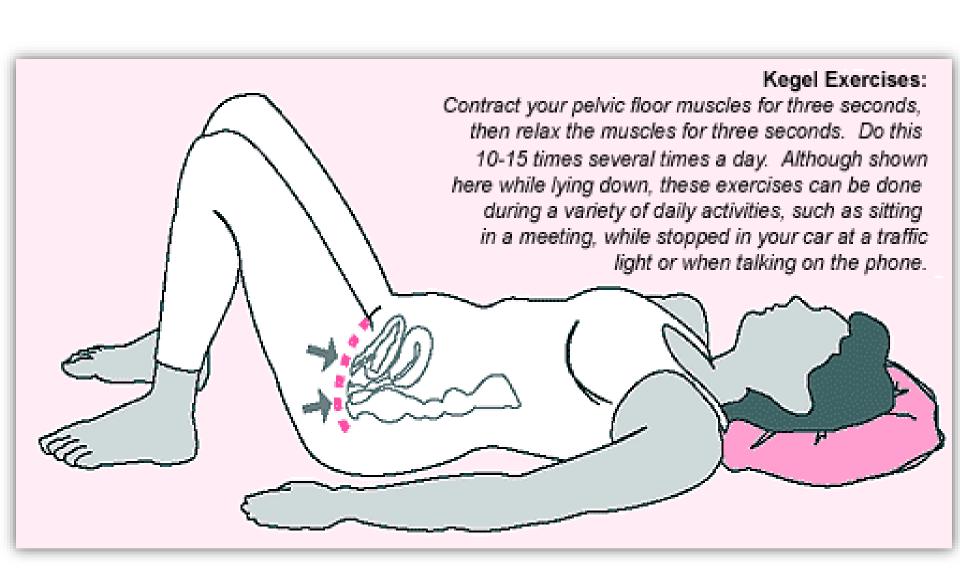
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- Erection strength
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- Incontinence treatment
- Infection prevention

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- Sexual satisfaction
- Uterine abnormalities treatment
- Varicose veins curing

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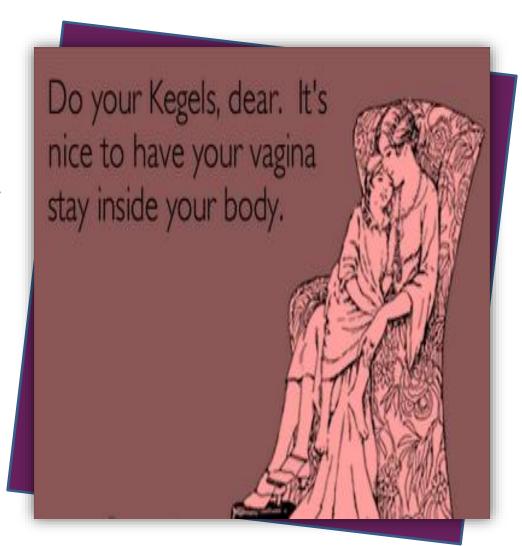
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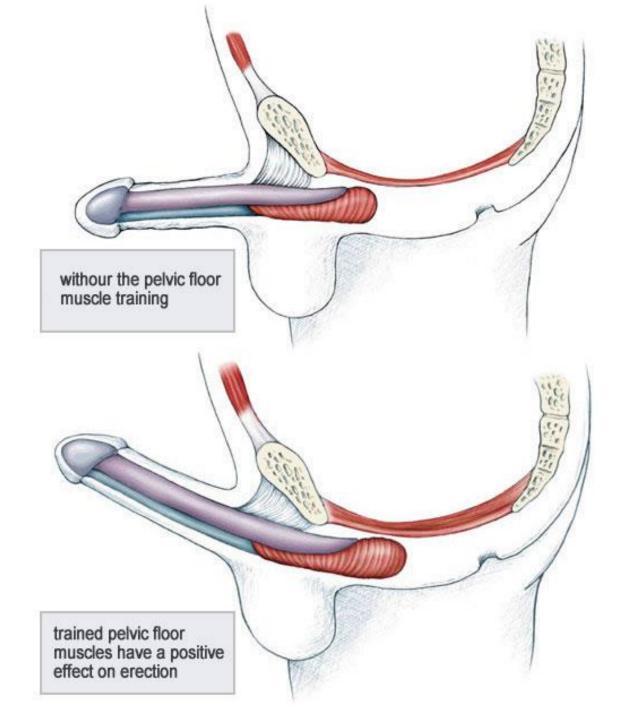
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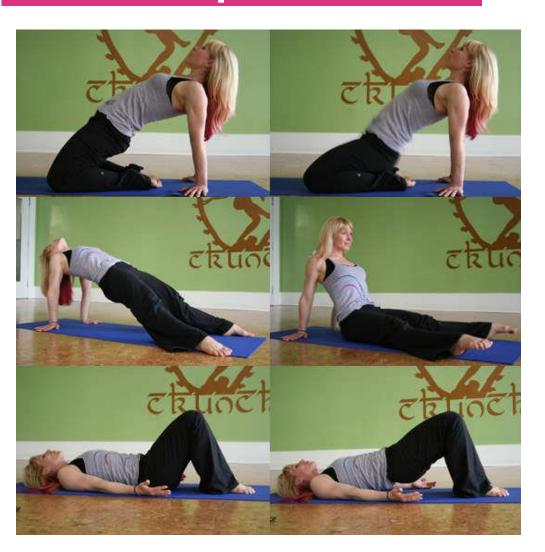
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- 1. Frequency
- 2. Duration
- 3. Intensity





#### Which position?



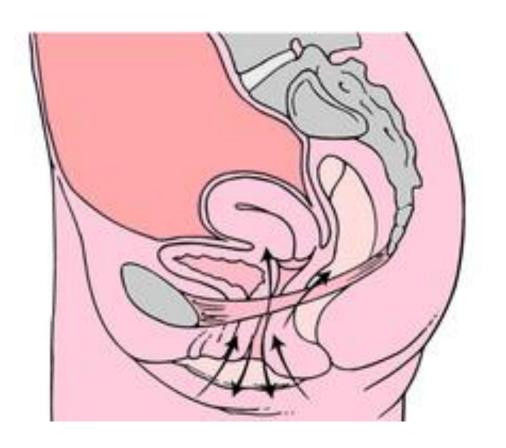
#### Any position

- Lying on back
- On side
- On front
- Sitting
- Standing
- Whilst having sex etc.

#### I'm doing kegel exercises right now.



#### When?



#### **Any time**

(Prompts/ Cues)

- Every time the phone rings
- Waiting in a queue
- In a meeting
- Before every squat in class

#### Let's Exercise!

1. Draw up and close the anus i.e. "visualise trying to stop 'breaking wind', or a bout of diarrhoea",

2. Pull up and close the urethra front passage "visualise trying to stop passing urine when desperate"



#### **Creative Visualisations**

- 1. Lift/ Elevator
- 2. Kiss (imagine kissing with labia)
- 3. Imagine sucking up through perineum with a straw
- 4. Bringing the tailbone towards the pubis
- 5. When having sex contractions







#### Let's Play – Inner Pump



- ✓ Basic PF Pump
- ✓ Breathing Pump =
  Basic PF Pump +
  breath
- ✓ Holding the PF Pump
- ✓ Pulse the Pump

#### **Let's Play – Benefits of Outer Pump**



#### **Pelvic Rocking**

- ✓ Pumps cerebral-spinal fluid
- ✓ Stimulates multiple nerves
- ✓ Improves blood flow
- ✓ Generates sexual energy
- ✓ Stimulates ancient mating reflexes

#### Let's Play – Outer Pump



- ✓ Pelvic Warm-up: Shake your booty
- ✓ Pelvic Rock: Tilt your pelvis up and back
- ✓ Shimmy & Shake:

  Shimmy your hips

#### **Let's Play – Integrated Exercises**



#### **Sexual Breathing Exercise:**

- ✓ Basic PF Pump
- ✓ + Breathe
- + Visualise (body + genitals)

#### **Rock the House:**

- ✓ Add the Pelvic Rock!
- ✓ Tilting and shimmies

**Pelvic Ping-Pong (With partner)** 

#### **Ben-Wa Balls**



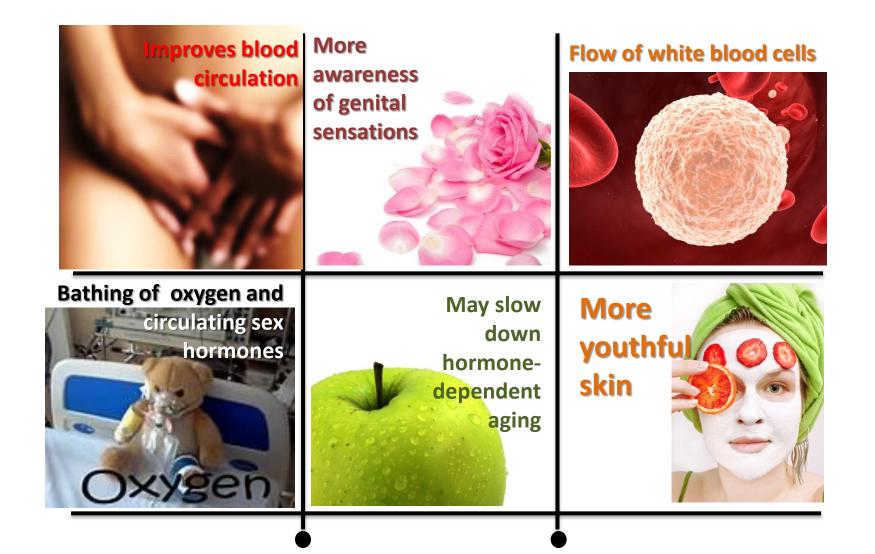


#### **Barbells and Plugs**



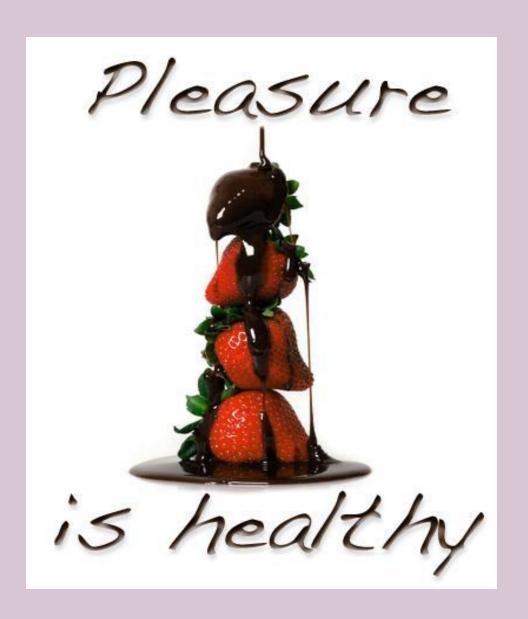


#### **Sexual Health**



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