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Developed over 90 years ago by Joseph H. Pilates, the Pilates method is a unique system of stretching and strengthening exercises that have been shown to tone muscles and improve posture, flexibility, range of motion, and balance. Low impact and completely adaptable according to specific syndromes or fitness level, Pilates exercises are well suited for use in pre- and postoperative exercise regimens, and Pilates mat exercises can be easily incorporated into home programs.

Pilates for Hip and Knee Syndromes and Arthroplasties begins with a review of the anatomy of the hip and knee, a discussion of the most common conditions, and an overview of nonoperative and operative treatments. Building this background information will help readers gain a better understanding of why certain exercises are applied at various points in the rehabilitation time line.

The next portion of the text is dedicated to specific Pilates techniques and mat exercises and includes baseline recommendations for range of motion and both pre- and postoperative modifications for the knee and hip. Reference tables outline classical Pilates mat exercises and place them in specific rehabilitation time lines from six weeks to three months, three months to six months, and beyond six months postoperative. More than 600 photos clearly demonstrate the exercises and feature detailed instructions for correct execution of the techniques. To assist with clients who have never performed Pilates exercises or are in the very early stages after surgery, pre-Pilates exercises are also presented to help

build core strength and range of motion. Case scenarios and sample Pilates mat programs provide additional guidelines on the correct application of the exercises, while an exercise finder located in the front of the text quickly directs readers to the appropriate exercises for each postop time line.

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