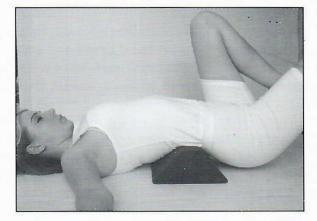
## Beginning Lower Back Fulcrum Exercises USING THE LD FULCRUM,

PERFORM ALL 6 WARM-UP EXERCISES PRIOR TO ANY FULCRUM USE.

- 1. Place Lumbo-Dorsal Fulcrum (LD) on the floor.
- 2. Feel the last rib, the fulcrum top should be placed at this point.
- 3. Start with **FIVE** of each new exercise given with a goal of **TEN** repetitions within three days.
- 4. When exercises are completed, roll to one side, do not sit straight up!
- 5. Advise the staff of any *unusual* soreness, symptoms or problems immediately. Rib soreness and some muscle reaction is completely normal and should be anticipated.

## **◆ EXERCISE ONE (LD-1)**

- 1. Arms at sides or extended out for stability.
- 2. Knees bent, feet 16" apart.
- 3. Bring left knee to chest and hold for count of five.
- 4. Return left knee to starting position, and repeat exercise with right knee.
- 5. Hold for a count of five. Do not use hands to hold knee.



## **◆** EXERCISE TWO (LD-2)

- 1. Arms at sides or extended out for stability.
- 2. Knees bent, feet 16" apart.
- 3. Externally rotate right knee as if to point toward wall to the right. Right heel should be at level of left ankle, but not touching.
- 4. Hold to a count of five.
- 5. Bring right knee back into position. Perform same exercise with left knee and heel, alternating between left and right legs.

## ♦ EXERCISE THREE (LD-3)

- 1. Knees bent.
- 2. Arms folded across chest.
- 3. Inhale.
- 4. Raise upper body 6" off floor as if to sit up.
- 5. Hold for a count of five.
- 6. Exhale and lie back down.

