

## Things you can do <u>TODAY</u> to help manage pelvic pain prior to your therapy appointment:

- Deep breathing
  - Take a slow, deep breath and allow your stomach to fill with air.
    Slowly release.
  - Do this daily for 5-10 min to manage pain.
- Quality sleep
  - Get at least 7-8 hours of sleep nightly.
  - Consistency with bedtime is best!
- Stretches (Click the links below!)
  - o Child's Pose
  - Happy Baby
  - Piriformis Stretch
- · Stress management
  - Life stressors can increase pelvic pain, especially after major life changes.
  - Identification of your stressors followed by healthy management of these can positively affect chronic pain.
  - Counseling is often recommended in conjunction with pelvic floor PT if appropriate.
- Daily physical activity
  - Our bodies WANT TO MOVE and stay active!
  - Performing daily walks and stretches can help manage chronic pain.
  - Limit prolonged periods of sitting/lying down.

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