SELF REHABILITATION BOOKLET

FOR HEMIPLEGIC PATIENTS

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self-rehabilitation booklet is designed to support exercises aimed at people with deficits after having undergone a cerebrovascular accident (CVA). Upon returning home, rehabilitation is often reduced or even abandoned compared to the period of hospital admission. However, it is recognised that continuing to do the prescribed exercises has beneficial effects on functional capabilities and the possible associated motor recovery. There is therefore a real interest in continuing intensive rehabilitation at home together with liberal physiotherapy to maintain skills, facilitate improvements and avoid complications.

The exercises presented in this booklet are the result of the expertise of different medical and paramedical practitioners working within our institution. The booklet is aimed at assisting the patient and under no circumstances is it the result of a census conference. This booklet should be considered a tool and not as a comprehensive guide to good practice. Therefore, it is entirely possible that practitioners who treat you will recommend an exercise different to those proposed in this booklet to work on the same function. Some exercises in this booklet have nevertheless been the subject of scientific studies and have revealed their relevance to improve patient motor function in association with the therapeutic care implemented by your medical team.

Our aim during the preparation of this booklet was to propose simple exercises to you that can be performed alone, safely and which are not harmful and require material that everybody has at home.

The choice of exercises is the responsibility of your doctor or physiotherapist who deals with your regular care because they are the people who know best which exercise will enable you to achieve the fastest progress.

Finally, we wish you to know that while no rehabilitation technique has been revealed to be superior to another, it is now broadly acknowledged that recovery increases the more rehabilitation is practised. The data from our study reveal that 30 minutes of self-rehabilitation improves the recovery of patients who have undergone a CVA even several years after this occurred. These 30 minutes of exercises include 10 minutes of exercise aimed at the function to improve, 10 minutes of stretching exercises and 10 minutes of muscular strengthening. We therefore recommend where possible that you spend at least 30 minutes a day on the self-rehabilitation exercises that have been prescribed for you.

We sincerely hope that you find this booklet useful and that it will enable you to continue to move forward.

With best wishes for your work.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

MOVEMENT DIRECTION

MUSCLE TO STRETCH

HEMIPLEGIC LIMB







TIME



REPETITION





UPPER LIMB



ARM PLACED IN FRONT

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- 2 boxes (e.g. shoes)

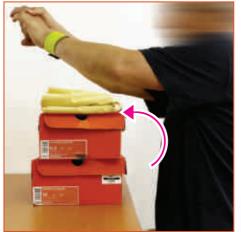
A towel on the top box







SIT IN FRONT OF THE TABLE WITH 2 BOXES ON THE TABLE (1 BOX IF **DIFFICULT WITH 2)**



PLACE YOUR ELBOW AND FOREARM ON THE TOP BOX



STAY IN THIS POSITION

ARM PLACED ON ITS SIDE



- A table
- A chair
- 2 boxes (e.g. shoes)
- A towel on the top box









SIT IN FRONT OF THE TABLE WITH 2 BOXES ON THE TABLE (1 BOX IF DIFFICULT WITH 2)



PLACE YOUR ELBOW AND FOREARM ON THE TOP BOX



STAY IN THIS POSITION

LIFTING THE ARMS

NECESSARY MATERIAL A bed











MOVE YOUR ARMS BACKWARDS



MOVE AS FAR AS YOU CAN AND STAY IN THAT POSITION

EXTENDING THE ELBOW /1

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A towel on the table







PLACE YOUR ELBOW ON THE TABLE ON A TOWEL. GRAB YOUR WRIST WITH YOUR HEALTHY HAND



EXTEND YOUR ELBOW WITH THE HELP OF YOUR OTHER HAND



STAY IN THIS POSITION

EXTENDING THE ELBOW /2

NECESSARY MATERIAL A chair







GRAB THE HEMIPLEGIC WRIST WITH THE OTHER HAND



EXTEND YOUR HEMIPLEGIC ARM WITH THE HELP OF YOUR OTHER HAND



STAY IN THIS POSITION

TURNING THE FORFARM

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A towel on the table









PLACE YOUR ELBOW ON THE TABLE ON A TOWEL. GRAB YOUR WRIST WITH YOUR HEALTHY HAND



TURN THE FOREARM WITH THE PALM OF YOUR HAND FACING YOU



EXTEND THE ELBOW WITH THE PALM OF YOUR HAND TOWARDS THE CEILING. STAY IN THIS POSITION

EXTENDING THE WRIST

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair







PLACE YOUR FOREARM ON THE TABLE WITH THE HAND HANGING OFF



EXTEND YOUR HEMIPLEGIC ARM WITH THE HELP OF YOUR OTHER HAND



STAY IN THIS POSITION KEEPING YOUR **FOREARM ON THE TABLE**

EXTENDING THE FINGERS

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair









PLACE YOUR FOREARM ON THE TABLE



OPEN YOUR HAND AND EXTEND YOUR FINGERS WITH THE HELP OF YOUR **OTHER HAND**



STAY IN THIS POSITION KEEPING YOUR **FOREARM ON THE TABLE**

EXTENDING THE THUMB

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair











EXTEND THE THUMB WITH THE HELP OF YOUR OTHER HAND

LIFTING AN OBJECT

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A small full bottle









HOLD THE FULL BOTTLE WITH **BOTH HANDS**



LIFT THE BOTTLE AS HIGH AS **YOU CAN**



PUT THE BOTTLE BACK ON THE TABLE

EXTENDING THE ELBOW

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A towel on the table

TIME







PLACE YOUR ELBOW ON A TOWEL ON THE TABLE



EXTEND YOUR ELBOW



EXTEND YOUR ELBOW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO TOUCH THE TABLE WITH **YOUR HAND**

EXTENDING THE WRIST

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A box on the table





REPETITIONS (









EXTEND YOUR HAND AS HIGH AS YOU CAN KEEPING YOUR **FOREARM ON THE BOX**

OPENING THE HAND

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair

TIME







PLACE YOUR FOREARM ON A BOX WITH YOUR HAND **HANGING OFF**



OPEN YOUR HAND AS MUCH AS YOU CAN WITH YOUR **WRIST EXTENDED**

DRAWING A LINE

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A ruler, a pencil, a piece of paper









FIND A RULER, PAPER AND PENCIL



PLACE YOUR HEMIPLEGIC HAND ON THE RULER



HOLD THE RULER STILL TO DRAW **A LINE**

MOVING A BOTTLE

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A box
- A small full bottle







PLACE THE FULL BOTTLE NEXT TO THE **BOX STANDING UP**



LIFT THE BOTTLE OVER THE BOX AND PUT IT DOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE



REPEAT THE SAME MOVEMENT IN THE **OPPOSITE DIRECTION**

MOVING A BOTTLE

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A box
- A small full bottle







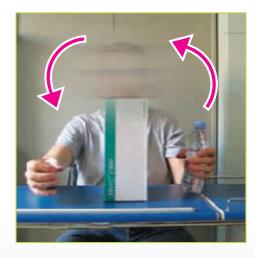




PLACE THE FULL BOTTLE NEXT TO THE **BOX STANDING UP**



MOVE THE BOTTLE TO THE OTHER HAND OVER THE BOX



PUT THE BOTTLE DOWN AND REPEAT THE SAME MOVEMENT IN THE **OPPOSITE DIRECTION**

TURNING A BOTTLE

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A box
- A towel
- A small full bottle



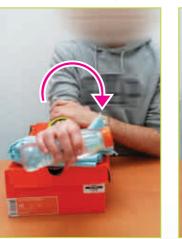














PLACE YOUR ELBOW AND TURN YOUR FOREARM WITH THE PALM OF YOUR HAND **FACING THE CEILING**

PLACE YOUR ELBOW ON A BOX WITH YOUR HAND HANGING OFF HOLDING A BOTTLE. HOLD YOUR ELBOW WITH YOUR HEALTHY HAND

USING A SPOON

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A spoon











PICK UP THE SPOON



LIFT THE SPOON TO YOUR MOUTH

DRESSING THE HAIR

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A comb or brush











BRUSH YOUR HAIR

HOLDING A BOTTLE

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A small empty bottle











PICK UP THE BOTTLE WITH YOUR HEMIPLEGIC HAND OPEN THE BOTTLE WITH THE OTHER HAND

OPENING A BOTTLE

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A small empty bottle

TIME











OPEN AND CLOSE THE BOTTLE WITH YOUR HEMIPLEGIC HAND, HOLD THE BOTTLE WITH THE OTHER HAND SO THAT IT DOES NOT TURN

HOLDING A CUP

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A sink
- A rigid plastic cup







IN FRONT OF A SINK WITH A RIGID PLASTIC CUP



HOLD THE CUP WITH YOUR HEMIPLEGIC HAND AND TURN ON THE TAP WITH YOUR OTHER HAND

TURNING ON A TAP

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A sink
- A rigid plastic cup











TURN ON THE TAP WITH YOUR HEMIPLEGIC HAND AND HOLD THE CUP WITH YOUR OTHER HAND

WRITING

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A piece of paper
- A pen









PLACE A PIECE OF PAPER AND A PEN **ON THE TABLE**



PICK UP THE PEN WITH YOUR **HEMIPLEGIC HAND**



WRITE OUT THE ALPHABET

TURNING PAGES

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A table
- A chair
- A magazine















TURN THE PAGES WITH YOUR HEMIPLEGIC HAND

THROWING A BALL

NECESSARY MATERIAL

 Stand opposite a wall, holding a foam ball IME







STAND OPPOSITE A WALL HOLDING A BALL



THROW THE BALL AGAINST THE WALL



THROW THE BALL UPWARDS IF POSSIBLE

ARM Functional Exercises

THROW A BALL TO SOMEONE

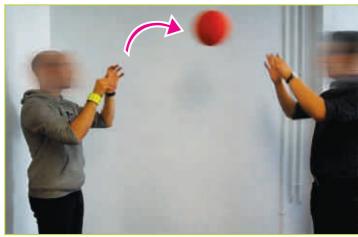
NECESSARY MATERIAL • A foam ball, standing opposite somebody else







STAND OPPOSITE SOMEBODY ELSE WITH A BALL



THROW THE BALL TO THE OTHER PERSON USING YOUR **HEMIPLEGIC ARM**



LOWER LIMB

LEG

SITTING ON YOUR HEELS

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A bed
- A cushion



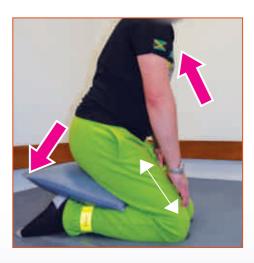




SIT ON THE BED ON YOUR SIDE SUPPORTING YOURSELF ON YOUR **HEALTHY HAND WITH YOUR LEGS BENT**



KNEEL DOWN TO SIT ON YOUR HEELS



PUT A CUSHION UNDER YOUR BUTTOCKS, SIT DOWN ON IT. STRAIGHTEN YOUR **BACK. STAY IN THIS POSITION**

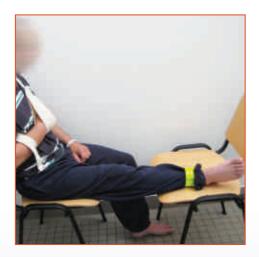
EXTENDING YOUR LEG

NECESSARY MATERIAL

2 chairs











PRESS DOWN ON YOUR KNEE WITH YOUR HEALTHY HAND



LEAN FORWARD WITHOUT BENDING YOUR KNEE. STAY IN THIS POSITION

STRETCHING YOUR CALF / 1

NECESSARY MATERIAL

Stairs with a handrail



REPETITIONS (



Without plastic elevator. Hold on to the handrail



STAND ON THE STAIRS WHILST HOLDING ONTO THE HANDRAIL



LET YOUR HEEL HANG OFF THE **EDGE OF THE STEP**



MOVE YOUR HEEL DOWNWARDS WHILST EXTENDING YOUR KNEE. STAY IN THIS POSITION

STRETCHING YOUR CALF 12

NECESSARY MATERIAL

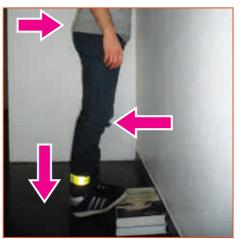
• 2 books on the floor resting against a wall







LIFT YOUR HEMIPLEGIC FOOT ONTO **2 RESTING BOOKS AGAINST THE WALL** WITH YOUR HEEL HANGING OFF THE EDGE



MOVE YOUR HEEL DOWNWARDS WHILST EXTENDING YOUR KNEE



MOVE YOUR PELVIS FORWARD WITHOUT LIFTING YOUR HEEL. STAY IN THIS POSITION

EXTENDING YOUR LEG OUTWARDS



STAND OPPOSITE A WALL WITH YOUR HANDS ON THE WALL



NECESSARY MATERIAL

Stand opposite a wall

TIME



REPETITIONS (



EXTEND YOUR HEMIPLEGIC LEG OUTWARDS WITHOUT EXTENDING THE PELVIS. DO NOT PUT YOUR FOOT ON THE FLOOR AND START AGAIN

EXTENDING YOUR LEG BACKWARDS



STAND OPPOSITE A WALL WITH YOUR HANDS ON THE WALL



NECESSARY MATERIAL

Stand opposite a wall

TIME



REPETITIONS (



MOVE YOUR HEMIPLEGIC LEG BACKWARDS DO NOT PUT YOUR FOOT ON THE FLOOR **AND START AGAIN**

EXTENDING YOUR KNEE

NECESSARY MATERIAL A chair











EXTEND YOUR KNEE AS HIGH AS YOU CAN

EXTENDING YOUR KNEE

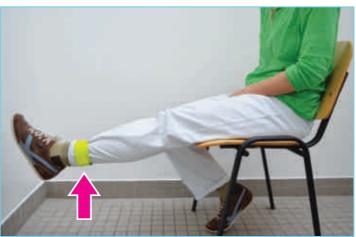
NECESSARY MATERIAL A chair











EXTEND YOUR KNEE AND LIFT YOUR FOOT AS HIGH AS YOU CAN

BENDING YOUR KNEE

NECESSARY MATERIAL A bed

TIME











BEND YOUR KNEE TOWARDS YOUR BUTTOCK, GENTLY **BEND IT BACK**

STANDING ON TIPTOE



STAND OPPOSITE A WALL WITH YOUR HANDS ON THE WALL AND YOUR **FEET APART**



STAND ON TIPTOE AND MOVE BACK DOWN AGAIN

NECESSARY MATERIAL

Stand opposite a wall

TIME





EXTENDING YOUR TOES

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- A chair
- A towel











EXTEND YOUR TOES AS HIGH AS YOU CAN



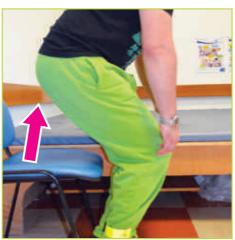
GETTING UP / SITTING DOWN **NECESSARY MATERIAL**

• A chair against a wall









LIFT YOURSELF OUT OF THE CHAIR IF POSSIBLE WITHOUT USING YOUR HANDS



GENTLY SIT DOWN AGAIN

STANDING ON ONE LEG / 1

NECESSARY MATERIAL

• Stand opposite a wall



REPETITIONS (



Hold the wall

PUT SOME BOOKS AGAINST A WALL



PLACE YOUR HEALTHY FOOT ON THE BOOKS WITHOUT STEPPING UP. PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN

STANDING ON ONE LEG /2

NECESSARY MATERIAL

• Stand opposite a wall



REPETITIONS (





STAND OPPOSITE A WALL WITH YOUR HAND ON THE WALL



LIFT YOUR HEMIPLEGIC KNEE AS HIGH AS YOU CAN

STANDING ON ONE LEG /3

NECESSARY MATERIAL • Stand opposite a wall









LIFT THE HEALTHY KNEE



STEPPING OVER **OBSTACLES /1**

NECESSARY MATERIAL

2 bottles



REPETITIONS (





PLACE TWO BOTTLES 1.5 METRES APART

Under supervision and/or with a walking stick



STEP OVER THE BOTTLES WITH YOUR **HEMIPLEGIC LEG**



TURN AROUND AND START AGAIN

STEPPING OVER **OBSTACLES** /2

NECESSARY MATERIAL 2 boxes



REPETITIONS (





PLACE TWO BOXES 1.5 METRES APART



STEP OVER THE BOXES WITH YOUR **HEMIPLEGIC LEG**



TURN AROUND AND START AGAIN

WAIKING IN A 71G7AG

NECESSARY MATERIAL

2 bottles



REPETITIONS (





PLACE TWO BOTTLES 1.5 METRES APART

Under supervision and/or with a walking stick



MOVE AROUND THE BOTTLES PASSING THROUGH THE CENTRE



TRACE A FIGURE 8 ON THE FLOOR

STAIRS /1

NECESSARY MATERIAL

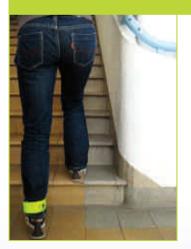
• Stairs with a handrail on the healthy side

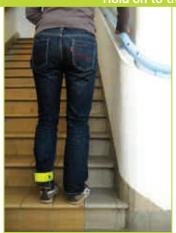


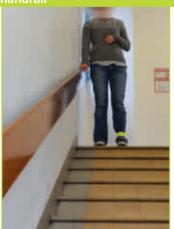
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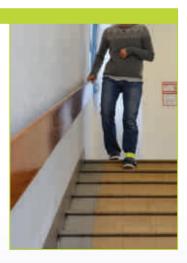


Hold on to the handrail









LIFT YOUR HEALTHY LEG AND THEN YOUR OTHER LEG ONTO THE SAME STEP. CLIMB UP TO THE LANDING

TURN AROUND ON THE LANDING. LIFT YOUR HEALTHY LEG AND THEN YOUR OTHER LEG ONTO THE SAME STEP

STAIRS /2

NECESSARY MATERIAL

• Stairs with a handrail on the healthy side



REPETITIONS (









LIFT YOUR HEMIPLEGIC LEG AND THEN YOUR HEALTHY LEG ONTO THE SAME STEP. CLIMB UP TO THE LANDING

TURN AROUND ON THE LANDING. LIFT YOUR HEALTHY LEG AND THEN YOUR OTHER LEG ONTO THE SAME STEP

STAIRS /3

NECESSARY MATERIAL

• Stairs with a handrail on the healthy side

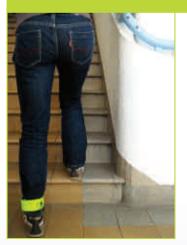
TIME



REPETITIONS C



Hold on to the handrail









CLIMB UP THE STEPS ALTERNATING YOUR FEET (FOOT ON THE STEP ABOVE)

TURN AROUND ON THE LANDING, CLIMB DOWN THE STEPS ALTERNATING YOUR FEET (FOOT ON THE STEP BELOW)

PICKING UP OBJECTS FROM THE FLOOR

NECESSARY MATERIAL

- 10 objects on the floor
- A table









10 OBJECTS ON THE FLOOR, **HEMIPLEGIC SIDE**



PICK UP THE OBJECTS ONE BY ONE, IF **POSSIBLE WITH YOUR HEMIPLEGIC HAND**



PLACE THEM ON THE TABLE

KICKING A BALL

NECESSARY MATERIAL

• A ball, standing opposite a wall





STAND OPPOSITE A WALL HOLDING A BALL



KICK THE BALL AGAINST THE WALL WITH YOUR HEMIPLEGIC FOOT



KICK THE BALL AGAINST THE WALL WITH YOUR HEALTHY FOOT

KICKING A BALL TO SOMEBODY

NECESSARY MATERIAL

• A ball, standing opposite somebody else



REPETITIONS (



Under supervision and/or with a walking stick



STAND OPPOSITE SOMEBODY **ELSE WITH A BALL**



KICK THE BALL WITH YOUR **HEMIPLEGIC FOOT**



KICK THE BALL WITH YOUR **HEALTHY FOOT**



GETTING UP FROM THE FLOOR



GETTING UP FROM THE FLOOR WITH A CHAIR /1

NECESSARY MATERIAL

• A chair or another support



SIT ON YOUR SIDE WITH A CHAIR NEXT TO YOUR HEALTHY ARM



KNEEL DOWN WITH YOUR HEALTHY HAND



STRAIGHTEN UP AND BRING THE CHAIR NEXT TO YOU

GETTING UP FROM THE FLOOR WITH A CHAIR /2

• A chair or another support



WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CHAIR LIFT YOUR HEALTHY LEG TO PLACE YOUR FOOT ON THE FLOOR



LEAN FORWARD, SUPPORT YOUR
WEIGHT ON YOUR HEALTHY LEG AND
HAND TO LIFT YOURSELF

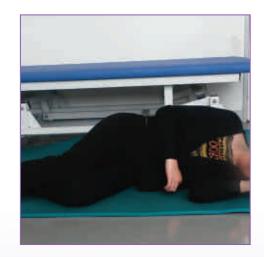


ROTATE YOUR PELVIS AND SIT ON THE CHAIR

GETTING UP FROM THE FLOOR WITHOUT A CHAIR /1

NECESSARY MATERIAL

None



LIE DOWN ON YOUR HEALTHY SIDE



LEAN FORWARD TO SUPPORT
YOURSELF ON YOUR HEALTHY ELBOW



SUPPORT YOURSELF ON YOUR HEALTHY ELBOW

GETTING UP FROM THE FLOOR WITHOUT A CHAIR /2

NECESSARY MATERIAL

None



LEAN FORWARD, EXTEND YOUR ELBOW TO SUPPORT YOURSELF ON YOUR HEALTHY HAND



SIT ON YOUR SIDE AND SUPPORT
YOURSELF ON YOUR HEALTHY HAND

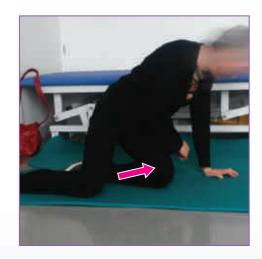


SUPPORTING YOURSELF ON YOUR HEALTHY HAND, LIFT YOUR PELVIS TO KNEEL

GETTING UP FROM THE FLOOR WITHOUT A CHAIR /3

NECESSARY MATERIAL

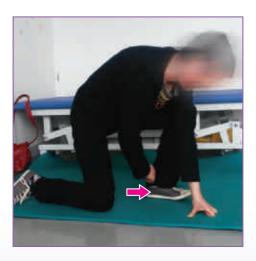
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PUSH OUT YOUR HEALTHY KNEE AND STRAIGHTEN YOURSELF



SUPPORT YOURSELF ON YOUR HEMIPLEGIC KNEE AND HAND TO LIFT THE HEATHY LEG AND BRING IT FORWARD



BRING YOUR HEALTHY FOOT FORWARDS

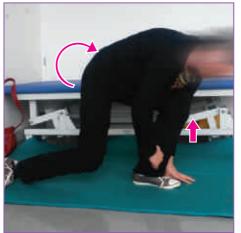
GETTING UP FROM THE FLOOR WITHOUT A CHAIR /4

NECESSARY MATERIAL

None



HEALTHY FOOT FORWARDS



LEAN FORWARD, SUPPORT YOUR
WEIGHT ON YOUR FOREFOOT AND
EXTEND YOUR KNEE TO LIFT YOURSELF



STRAIGHTEN YOURSELF AND BRING YOUR HEMIPLEGIC FOOT FORWARDS





