

REHAB PROTOCOLS

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MCL GRADE II SPRAIN 1+ INSTABILITY (STABLE)

Phase I: 0-2 weeks	Phase II: 2-4 weeks	Phase III: 4 weeks+
ROM: 10-135	ROM: wk 2: 10-135	ROM: Full with no limitations
	Wk 3: 0-135	
WB: WBAT	WB: Full with no limitations	WB: Full with no limitations
Brace: Double upright brace with	Brace: Progress to double	Brace: Double upright brace for
10 deg ext stop for all WB	upright brace with 10 deg ext	athletics/vocational activities until
activities	stop for athletics/vocational	8 weeks
	activities only at 3-4 weeks	
Modalities: Cryotherapy	Modalities: Cryotherapy	Modalities: Cryotherapy
Pulsed US	Pulsed US	
IFC for pain/effusion	IFC for pain/effusion	
NMES quadriceps	NMES quadriceps	
RX: <u>Recommendations:</u>	RX: <u>Recommendations:</u>	RX: <u>Recommendations:</u>
Avoid terminal extension for all	Bike with resistance	Bike with resistance
exercises to allow healing of MCL	Elliptical Runner / Stairmaster	Elliptical Runner / Stairmaster
(see ROM stated above)		Running program if 75% strength
	Cross friction massage	
Bike with resistance	Flexibility exercise	Flexibility exercises
Elliptical Runner	PROM / AAROM / AROM	
		Isotonic quadriceps/hamstrings
Cross friction massage	Biofeedback SLR, CKC knee	Isokinetic quadriceps/hamstrings
Flexibility exercises	extension	Hip strengthening
PROM / AAROM / AROM per	Hamstring isotonics	Heel raises
tolerance per ROM stated	Quadriceps isotonics	CKC exercises
above	Isokinetic quadriceps/hamstrings	Total leg strengthening
Biofeedback QS, SLR, CKC	Hip 4 way SLR (proximal pad	Functional strengthening
knee extension per ROM	placement for Hip Adduction)	
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90 deg	CKC exercises – leg press, step-	Perturbation training
Hamstrings isotonics per ROM	ups, FW and lateral lunges,	
Quadriceps isotonics per ROM	squats	Plyometrics / Agility and
Total leg strengthening	Total leg strengthening	Sport-specific exercises
Hip 4 way SLR (proximal pad	Functional strengthening	if 75% strength
	Lateral movements	C)/ conditioning
placement for Hip	Lateral movements –	CV conditioning
Adduction)	sideshuffles, euroglide	Core stability training
Heel raises	Balance / Proprioception	Testing
CKC exercises- leg press,	Perturbation training	Testing 3-4 wks Linea / Biodex Test
step-ups, FW lunges,		FXN Test when appropriate
squat	3 wks Return to running if 75%	
Balance / Proprioception	strength	Return to Work/Sport
Perturbation training	4 wks Plyometrics / Agility and	No pain or effusion
	Sport-specific exercises	Full ROM
CV conditioning		Isokinetic Strength- 90%
Core stability training	CV conditioning	Functional Tests – 90%
Upper body exercises	Core stability training	MD approval
		Brace for athletic activities