

REHAB PROTOCOLS

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MEDIAL PATELLOFEMORAL LIGAMENT RECONSTRUCTION / REPAIR

Phase I: 0-4 weeks	Phase II: 4-6 weeks	Phase III: 6-12 weeks+
ROM: wk 0-1: 0 wk 1-3: 0-90	ROM: wk 4-5: 0-110	ROM: wk 6-8: Full
wk 3-4: 0-100	wk 5-6: 0-120	
	D/C brace	
WB: Brace locked for ambulation.	WB: wk 4-6: 100% with crutches	WB: Full with no limitations
2-4 wks unlock brace for WB	D/C crutches depending	
depending on quad control	on quadriceps control	
wk 0-1: TTWB wk 1-2: 25%		
wk 2-3: 50% wk 3-4: 75%		
Modalities: Cryotherapy 4x/day	Modalities: Cryotherapy	Modalities: Cryotherapy
IFC for pain/effusion	IFC for pain/effusion	NMES quadriceps
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RX: Recommendations:	RX: Recommendations:	RX: Recommendations:
Sapega-McClure technique:	Sapega-McClure technique:	Sapega-McClure technique as
1. Active warm-up: Bike per ROM	1. Active warm-up: Bike per ROM	needed (see previous)
2. Heat in stretch: Prone hang	5 wks add resistance to	
1 st TERT	bike, Elliptical	Bike, Elliptical Runner,
TERT= Total End Range Time	2. Heat in stretch: 2 nd TERT	Stairmaster
3. Mobilizations / ROM:	3. Mobilizations / ROM:	Flexibility exercises
PF mobs– avoid lateral glides	PF mobs– avoid lateral glides	Biofeedback
Scar tissue massage	Scar tissue massage	Total Leg Strengthening
4. Therapeutic exercises:	4. Therapeutic exercises:	Hip strengthening
Flexibility exercises:	Flexibility exercises: Hams,	Heel raises
Hams, Gastroc-soleus, Hip	Gastroc-soleus, Hip, Quads	Hamstrings isotonics
Biofeedback QS w/ adductor	Biofeedback QS w/ adductor	6 wks quad isotonics 0-45
squeeze, SLR	squeeze, SLR, CKC knee ext,	8 wks quad isotonics 0-90
M <i hamstrings="" per="" quad="" rom<="" td=""><td>minisquats, wall slide</td><td>Isokinetic quad/hams in ROM</td></i>	minisquats, wall slide	Isokinetic quad/hams in ROM
Short arc quadriceps per ROM	Short arc quads/hams in ROM	without chondrosis
if no chondrosis	without chondrosis	CKC exercises- leg press,
Hamstring isotonics per ROM	Total leg strengthening	step-ups, lunges, squats
Hip 4 way SLR	Hamstring isotonics	Balance/proprioception
Gastroc strengthening per WB	6 wks sub-max OKC quads 0-45	CV conditioning, Core stability
CKC leg press starting at 2	w/ gradually increasing resistance	40
weeks per ROM and WB	Hip 4 way SLR	12 weeks Add impact activities
Balance/proprioception	Heel raises	if 75% strength
exercises per WB	CKC exercises- leg press,	Testing: 12 wks Linea
OV conditioning Occupate Fills	step-ups, partial lunges,	16 wks Linea, Biodex 18-24 wks Linea,
CV conditioning, Core stability,	squats 0-90	,
Upper body exercises	Balance/proprioception	Biodex, FXN tests
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 Ice in stretch: 2nd TERT HEP for 3rd TERT 	Upper body exercises	Full ROM
0. NEP 101 3° TEKT	Oppor body exercises	Isokinetic Strength- 90%
Updated 11/03	5. Ice in stretch: 2 nd TERT	Functional Tests – 90%
Opualed 1703	6. HEP for 3 rd TERT	MD approval
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