KNEE MENISCUS REPAIR PROTOCOL

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DOS	

WEEK 1-2	WEEKS 3-4	WEEKS 5-7	WEEKS 8-12	WEEKS 13+
Gait training:	Gait training:	Gait training:	Gait training:	
0 % WB with crutches	5% WB with crutches	Increase 25% per week, goal	Increase to full WB. Promote	Begin straight line
		50%-75%. WB with assistive	non-antalgic gait. D/C crutches	jogging at 3 months.
Short or long collateral brace	Continue with previous	device to promote non-antalgic	as able.	Jogging at 3 months.
set 0°-45°. May remove for	exercises. Increase repetitions,	gait		
PROM.	focus on quality and technique.		D/C Brace. Progress ROM to	Deep squatting
PROM: Goal 0-90°	Biofeedback or NMES for	Brace to allow full ROM.	full knee flexion. Maintain 0°	permitted at 4-6
	quadriceps training.	Continue ROM, Goal 0-135°.	extension	months.
Ankle Pumps		Progress as able.		
	Brace 0-60°		Progress strengthening of	Divisting and sytting
Patellar Mobs		Stationary Bike	Quad and hip groups	Pivoting and cutting
	AROM, AAROM and PROM			at 4-6 months.
Quadricep Sets/ Straight Leg	to knee. Goal 0-120 °. Progress	Terminal Knee Extension in	Total gym with single leg.	
Raises	as able.	standing with tubing		Agility training at 4-6
			Squats to 90°	months.
SAQ	Short Arc Quads	Hamstring curls, AA, A, then		months.
		resistive	Wall sits	-
LAQ	Long Arc Quads			Return to sport 4-6
		Total Gym, double leg, low	Balance, higher level	months.
Hip Isotonics-Abd, Add,	Clamshells	level or leg press		
Ext			Address functional activity	
	Terminal Knee Extension in	Wall squats	demands.	
Hamstring, Quad,	standing.			
Gastrocsoleus		Lateral and front step-ups	Goals: Improve strength and	
Stretching.			endurance. Maintain full	
		Double leg	ROM. Gradually increase	
Goals: Control inflammation		balance/proprioception	intensity of exercise.	
and effusion. Allow early				
healing. Full knee extension.		Pool if available		
Gradually increase knee				
flexion. Independent		Gait activation		
quadriceps control.		- March		
		- Sidestep		
		- Backwards		

Any Questions? Please contact: Northwoods Therapy Associates Altoona, WI Chippewa Falls, WI (715) 839-9266 (715) 723-5060	Goals: Full PROM. No swelling or inflammation. Re-establish muscle control. Proper gait pattern.	
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