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REHABILITATION GUIDELINES FOR HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY

PHASE I (WEEKS 0-6) DATES:

Appointments	MD appointment at 10-14 days
	Begin physical therapy (2-3x/week)
Rehabilitation Goals	 0-90° first 2 weeks, then slow progression of ROM to full by 6 weeks Decrease knee and leg swelling Promote quadriceps muscle strength Gain full extension with slow progression to full knee flexion
Precautions	 TTWB till specific MD instructions to progress Brace: On at all times during day and while sleeping** Off for hygiene Avoid varus/valgus stress and pivoting
Suggested Therapeutic Exercises	 CPM 10 hours/day for weeks 0-2 set 0-90 degrees Calf pumps, quad sets, SLR in brace, heel slides 0-90°, Resisted ankle DF/PF Begin floor-based core and glutes exercises. Advance quad sets, short arc lift, standing hamstring curl SLR into flexion ok without brace if no lag.
Cardiovascular Exercises	Seated UBE for upper body only

PHASE II (6-12 WEEKS) DATES:

Appointments	Continue physical therapy (1-2x/week)
Rehabilitation Goals	 Full ROM and Full Muscle Strength Progressive weight bearing on cleared by MD

Precautions	 Partial Weight bearing progressing to full weight bearing pending MD clearance Discontinue brace at 6 weeks
Suggested Therapeutic Exercises	 Advance closed chain quads, progress balance, core/pelvic and stability work Advance SLR, floor-based exercise; hip/core Mini-squats 0-45 degrees, progress to step-ups, leg press 0-60 degrees, closed chain terminal knee extensions, toe raises, balance activities, hamstring curls, may increase to moderate resistance on the stationary bicycle Aquatic therapy
Cardiovascular Exercises	Stationary bike at 6 weeks
Progression Criteria	Full ROM

PHASE IV (12-24 WEEKS) DATES:

Appointments	Continue physical therapy (2x/week)
Rehabilitation Goals	Return to sport
Suggested Therapeutic Exercises	 Progress flexibility/strengthening, progression of functional balance, core, glutes program Advance bike, add elliptical at 12 wks as tolerated Progress to functional training, including impact activity after 20 wks when cleared by MD
Cardiovascular Exercises	 As tolerated. May begin treadmill walking, swimming and sport specific activities.

References: http://www.briancolemd.com/

PT name and date: Sara E. Chavez, MPT

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