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Knee Arthroscopy Guidelines

Post operative instructions	 Medications Dressing Showering Cryocuff Weight Bearing Activities
Exercises	 ROM- Keep knee extended with leg on pillow under calf and ankle for 10-15 min/ 4-6 x day (not under knee) Strength- Quad sets (5-10/ hr.) / SLR (5/ hr.)
Complications	 Contact us if have severe pain not relieved with pain meds. If you have a temp over 101.5, redness or swelling in your thigh or calf, call immediately day or night at (615)-322-7878
Day 1 post-op Goals	 Control pain and swelling Normal extension day 1 Normal ambulation /FWB in 24 hrs. per physician (must be without limp, or stay on crutches)
General rehab goals	 Control pain and swelling Normal ROM, proprioception, strength Return to activities/ sport in 3-5 weeks
Phase I (week 1) Goals Exercises (day 1-3)	 Restore full ROM Perform daily activities pain free Initiate good strength and proprioception ROM- AROM & PROM in supine and sitting as tolerated (90-100 deg.) Strength- Standing TBx4 (continue with SLR and quad sets) /TKE with T-band 2 x 15 (1-2 x day) Proprioception- Balance on floor with one foot 2 x 20 sec. (2 x day) Treatment- Ice with elevation 15-20 min. with ankle pumps
Exercises (day 3-6)	 ROM- AROM, PROM (100- full) Strength- add/ standing calf raises (both) 2 x 12/ Proprioception- Balance on floor, one foot 2 x 60 sec. Treatment- Ice with elevation 15-20 min. with ankle pumps
Review of goals	 Full ROM Pain free daily activities Good strength and proprioception



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Phase II (week 2-3)	Exercise in full/ pain free rangeBegin closed chain exercises
Goals	 ROM- passive, heel slides (maintain) Strength- (add) short arc quads 2 x 10 (wt. As tolerates)/ double leg mini squats 2x 20/ Step ups- forward and lateral 2 x 12 Proprioception- Balance on floor, one leg 3 x 45 sec. Treatment- Ice 15- 20 min.
Exercises (days 1-4)	 ROM- (maintain) Strength- (add) various double leg mini-squats (stagger, ballet) 2 x 20/ Step ups- forward and lateral 3 x 15
Exercises (days 4- end)	 (Advanced)- single leg mini squats, and double leg mini squats on uneven surface (per ATC, PT) Proprioception- Balance on floor, one leg 3 x 1 min. (Advanced)- Balance on uneven surface, jump and balance on one foot (per ATC, PT) Treatment- As needed
Review of goals	 Full ROM Pain free daily activities Good strength and proprioception Return to activities per physician
Restrictions	 Synovitis: crutches 3-4 days, progress slower as symptoms allow Meniscal repair: non-weight bearing x 6 weeks and ROM limited to 0-90 deg. (or per MD orders) Return to sport / activity by 3-5 weeks (per physician)