

Physical Therapy Prescription – Arthroscopic Meniscectomy, Chondral Debridement

Name:_____

Date of Surgery: _____

Procedure: R / L arthroscopy, intraarticular debridement, chondroplasty, meniscectomy

Frequency: 2-3 times per week for 6 weeks

PHASE I (Weeks 0 – 2):

- Goals: decrease edema, activate quadriceps
- Weightbearing: As tolerated; okay to use crutches for 2-3 days if needed
- Brace: None
- Range of Motion: AAROM → AROM as tolerated
- **Therapeutic Exercises:** Patellar mobs, quad/hamstring sets, heel slides, step-ups, straight-leg raises, stationary bike as tolerated; core exercises
- Modalities: Per therapist, including electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat (before), ice (after)

Phase II (Weeks 2 - 4)

- Weightbearing: As tolerated
- Brace: None
- Range of Motion: Full
- Therapeutic Exercises: Progress Phase I exercises; lunges, wall-sits; add cycling and elliptical
- Modalities: Per therapist, including electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat (before), ice (after)

Phase III (Weeks 4 – 6)

- Weightbearing: As tolerated
- Brace: None
- Range of Motion: Full
- **Therapeutic Exercises:** Progress Phase II exercises; add plyometrics and sport-specific exercises; add running; return to athletic activity as tolerated at week 6
- Modalities: Per therapist, including electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat (before), ice (after)