



Total Ankle Arthroplasty

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This protocol provides you with general guidelines for initial stage and progression of rehabilitation according to specified time frames, related tissue tolerance and directional preference of movement. Specific changes in the program will be made by the physician as appropriate for the individual patient.

****Please fax initial assessment and subsequent progress notes directly to Dr. Den Hartog at 763-302-2737.****

REMEMBER: It can take up to a year to make a full recovery, and it is not unusual to have intermittent pains and aches during that time!

PHASE I: WEEKS 4-6

GOALS

- Rest and recovery from surgery
- Protect repair
- Control swelling and pain
- Gradual increase of ADL (activities of daily living)

TREATMENT

- Toe Spica splint
- CAM Boot
- Crutches
- Sutures removed at 10 -14 days

PHASE II: WEEKS 7-9

GOALS

- Maintain ROM
 - Decrease pain, control swelling and inflammation
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TREATMENT

- Ice, E-stim, Aquatic exercise
 - Toe/foot taping
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PHASE III: WEEKS 10-12

GOALS

- Increase WB and normal gait
 - Increase core, hip, and knee Strength
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TREATMENT

- Modalities prn
 - Taping, Carbon shank
 - Ankle and MTPJ mobilizations
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PHASE IV: WEEKS 12-20

GOALS

- Increase strength, proprioception, balance
 - Improve endurance/conditioning
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TREATMENT

- Custom footwear
- Aqua and treadmill jogging/running
- Single leg exercises
- Circuit training/conditioning