

Standard Proximal Hamstring Tendon Repair Jonathan M. Cooper, DO

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Surgeon must specify on the referral any specific requests or deviations that fall outside the scope of this protocol.

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
(0 - 2 Weeks)	(Weeks 2 - 5)	(Weeks 5 - Discharge)
 PRECAUTIONS No resistive HS activity No HS stretching Avoid sitting on affected ischial tuberosity 	 PRECAUTIONS No resistive HS activity No HS stretching Able to sit in an elevated chair with knee flexed 	GAIT TRAININGNormal gaitMay begin to wean from crutch use outdoors
 Keep HS in relaxed/shortened position at the knee/hip GAIT TRAINING TTWB with crutches Stride length should not exceed the length of the patient's foot No brace is needed as the 	GAIT TRAINING • WBAT progressing to FWB* with crutches when patient can actively perform SLR to 30° * FWB with stride length not exceeding length of patient's foot	EXERCISE Week 5 • Seated isometric HS with knee flex (6 sec on/off) • Single leg march with theraband around ankle and anchored in front of patient • Double leg bridge progressing to even weight distribution through involved leg
 patient is able to stabilize the knee in a neutral hip position during WB that avoids excessive wound tension In special cases, the surgeon may recommend a knee brace locked at 30° for ambulation 	 Week 4 D/C crutches indoors when patient has good gait/postural control May progress to normal stride length with gait EXERCISE 	 (pain-free) Week 6 Supine 90/90 active knee extension with no hold (pain-free) SLS Squats to 90° Prone SLR with slight hip IR, ER, and neutral (6 sec on/off)
EXERCISE Quad sets Glute sets Ankle pumps Active heel slides to 30-45° knee flex 	 Week 2 Supported mini squats to 20° knee flex Hamstring isometrics (pain-free) Prone knee flex/ext PROM SLR up to 30° Week 3 Standing knee flexion AROM with ankle in PF Walking in place on soft surface Standing calf raises with straight legs Week 4 Stationary bike with elevated seat if 70° hip flex and 90° knee flex are achieved Pool walking and sidestepping if wound is healed 	 Week 7+ Initiate gentle eccentric strengthening (with at least 2 days of rest in between) HS strengthening (SL bridge, lunges, etc.) Cautious jogging forward and backwards Jogging in place working on high knees as tolerated CRITERIA to progress to return to sports phase: Equal A/PROM 5 pain free max reps in prone and supine HS curls at various lengths (prone and sitting – 0° knee flex, 45° knee flex, 90° knee flex) Jog pain-free with symmetrical gait Good eccentric hamstring control Strength portion of LE functional test within 80% of uninvolved leg