

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