

## **Knee Femoral Condyle OCD Internal Fixation**

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The surgeon may specify on the referral any specific requests or deviations that fall outside the scope of this protocol, including if deceleration of these time frames is desired.

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Phase I (Weeks 0 – 2)  PRECAUTIONS  NWB with crutches required  GOALS  Protect surgical knee Limit pain and inflammation Progressively increase ROM Restore leg control  CLINICAL CARE Swelling/Wound management NMES Cryotherapy  POSSIBLE EXERCISES Gentle AROM/AAROM Patellar mobilization Ankle pumps Quad isometrics/SLR PROM of end of table as tolerated without pain CPM recommended to begin at 0-45° 6-8 hrs/day with progression 5-10° per day as tolerated  ENCOURAGE ROM exercises encouraged frequently throughout the day ROM is focus 4-8 hrs/day for first 6 weeks	Phase II (Weeks 2 – 6)  PRECAUTIONS NWB with crutches  GOALS Allow healing of tissue and bone Decrease pain and inflammation Progressively increase ROM  CLINICAL CARE Swelling management NMES Manual knee flexion and extension stretching Light scar mobilization when wound closed CPM continued  EXERCISES AROM, AAROM, PROM for flexion and extension (goal of 1200) Bike for ROM Basic proprioceptive activities NMES is strongly recommended to improve quad strength  CRITERIA to advance 6 weeks from surgery ROM Flexion: > 90°	Phase III  (Weeks 6 – 12)  PRECAUTIONS  Watch for patellofemoral pain  WBAT with crutches as needed to control effusion  CLINICAL CARE  Work on normalizing gait  May begin pool therapy in chest deep water as indicated  Blood Flow Restriction Training  Manual Therapy PRN  Eccentric Training (CKC)  CPM discontinued  EXERCISES  Stationary biking without resistance  Forward and lateral step ups  Double leg calf raises  Core exercises  CRITERIA to advance  Negotiate stairs normally  Restore limb confidence  Normal gait mechanics  Single leg stance control w/o UE support  Effusion managed	Phase IV  (Weeks 12 – 28+)  PRECAUTIONS  FWB  Watch hip/knee alignment with single leg squatting  No jumping, cutting, or sprinting until cleared  Hold on return to run or hop testing until quad limb symmetry index (LSI) is > 80% and no effusion  CLINICAL CARE  Blood Flow Restriction Training for atrophy as needed  Exercises based on patient demands and goals  EXERCISES 12-20 weeks  Leg press (double progress to single)  Advance CKC strengthening single leg without dynamic valgus  Step downs  Seated knee extension (90-45°)  Lunges  Begin light hamstring strengthening  20+ weeks  Stairmaster, elliptical  Running: initiate walk-jog program when the following criteria are met:  80% quad LSI No Effusion  Jumping: double progress to single leg  High level strengthening: single leg on unstable surfaces  Agility drills/plyometrics
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