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Total Knee Arthroplasty Rehabilitation Protocol

PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III
POD #0-week 2	Weeks 2-4	Weeks 4-12+
 POST-OP CARE: Independent SLR Stress full extension Gait training with appropriate assistive device Stair training Assess need for NMES 2x/daily for 15 contractions, start on POD 2. (biphasic 50 Hz for 15 sec with ramp of 3 sec and 45 sec rest.) Consider need for home unit. EXERCISES: Quad sets Hamstring sets Straight leg raise (SLR) Heel slides Short arc quad (SAQ) 	CLINIC CARE: Manual therapy techniques Wean from assistive device Continue NMES pm EXERCISES: A/AROM exercise to restore knee flexion/extension SLR all planes Multidirectional stepping Marching or single limb stance Standing HS curls Wall Slides Long arc quad (LAQ) Bilateral leg press Terminal knee extension (TKE) SLS progression	CLINIC CARE: • Manual therapy techniques as indicated • Continue NMES pm through 6 weeks EXERCISES: • Leg Press: (U) • Wall slides to 90 degrees • Supine bridge • Forward lunges • Eccentric exercise • Advance proprioception: • Sidestepping • Braiding • Tandem walk CRITERIA FOR DISCHARGE:
 Ankle pumps Seated knee flex/ext Standing bilateral squats, if tolerated PROGRESSION CRITERIA: Complete exercises 2 x 8 reps without fatigue NPRS at rest < 5/10 ROM 0-90 degrees 	 PROGRESSION CRITERIA: Complete exercises 2 x 10 reps NPRS at rest < 5/10 ROM 0-110 degrees 	 Rom 0 - > 110 (goal 120° +) Non-antalgic independent gait Independent reciprocating star climbing Normal, age appropriate balance