

# PHYSICAL THERAPY PRESCRIPTION



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## ACL RECONSTRUCTION WITH MENISCUS REPAIR PROTOCOL

**Surgical Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Side:**  Right  Left

**Diagnosis:** ACL Reconstruction with  BTB  Hamstring  Quad  Allograft  
 Medial  Lateral Meniscus Repair

Postop	Goals	Precautions	Exercises
<b>Weeks 0-2</b> HEP daily	Full passive extension ROM 0-90° Patella mobility Edema and pain control SLR without lag Promote independence	PWB (50%) Limit knee flexion 0-90° Brace locked at 0° for ambulation Brace locked at 0° for sleeping Avoid active knee extension 40→0°	Passive extension A/AA knee flexion Short crank ergometry Patella mobilization Quad re-education and SLR Hip/Core training
<b>Weeks 2-6</b> HEP daily	Full passive extension ROM 0-125° Normalize patella mobility Edema and pain control Improve quad control Promote independence Normalize gait pattern Ascend 8" step with control	WBAT Limit knee flexion 0-90° until week 4 No weight bearing in >90° flexion Open brace 0-60°, ambulate with crutches until adequate quad Brace locked at 0° for sleeping Avoid active knee extension 40→0°	AAROM knee flexion/extension Emphasize full passive extension Standard ergometry (when ROM>115°) Patella mobilization Quad re-education Proprioceptive training Bilateral leg press 0-80° Hip/Core training
<b>Weeks 6-14</b> HEP daily	Full ROM Descend 8" step with control Improve ADL endurance Protect patellofemoral	WBAT DC brace/crutches when adequate quad and non-antalgic gait Avoid painful activities Avoid reciprocal stairs until adequate quad control No running	Progress squat/leg press Initiate step-down program Quad isotonic 90-40° arc Advance proprioceptive training Elliptical Retrograde treadmill
<b>Weeks 14-22</b> HEP daily	Symptom free running Improve strength/flexibility Hop Test >75% limb symmetry	WBAT Avoid painful activities	Initiate forward running program when 8" step-down satisfactory Advance agility program Plyometrics when adequate strength
<b>Weeks 22+</b> HEP daily	No apprehension with sport specific movements Maximize strength and flexibility to meet sporting demands Hop Test >85% limb symmetry	WBAT Avoid painful activities No return to sport until MD clearance	Advance flexibility/agility/plyometrics Sport specific training

**Frequency & Duration:**  1-2  2-3 x/week for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

**Physician's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **M.D.**