ACL PROTOCOL

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Patient			
OOS			

WEEKS 0-2	WEEK 3-4	WEEKS 5-6	WEEKS 7-8	WEEKS 9+
Brace locked 0/0	Brace can be discontinued if quad activation is strong and			Progress jogging program
	stable. Maintain brace use until			Week 10:
	needed.			Activity specific drills
			Progress ROM and strength to	
Exercises:	Continue post-op exercises	ROM goal 0-120	WNL or equal to opposite	Progress all exercises for
Initial Post Op exercises to start	ROM Goal 0-110		extremity	strength, endurance,
DOS		Hip isotonics with		proprioception, for back to
Ankle Pumps	Bike	1-5 pounds	Full ROM supine and prone	work, back to sport activities.
Quad Sets Straight Leg Raises	Total Gym or Leg press	Clamshell	Total gym or Leg Press with	Progress to functional program
Heel slides Goal 0-90° after 2	Total Gylli of Leg piess	Cianisien	single leg	as tolerated.
weeks.	TKE and Closed Kinetic Chain	Balance-double leg to single leg	Shighe leg	Functional testing and week 8,
	exercises		Mini-squats	12, 16. Return to high risk
Out-patient PT to progress with:				activities between 4-6 months.
Multi-hip isotonics	BAPS, Double leg balance	Walking activation	Step-ups forward and lateral	
Ham Curls		- March		This protocol should be
Bike, initially for ROM, start	Standing Hip Abduction	- Sidestep	Wall sits	interpreted as a continuum. If a
early if needed. Patellar Mobilization	- Hip Extension	- Backwards	Double and single less belones	patient is progress ahead of the time schedules, advance them as
Edema control	Hip FlexionHip Adduction	Maintain flexibility of	Double and single leg balance progression	tolerated. Speak with Dr.
Edema control	Heel raises	hamstrings, quadriceps, calf, hip	progression	Stewart regarding his plan for
	Ticel faises	flexor.	Week 8: Start jogging program	their return to unrestricted work
	Start Aquatic Therapy		J-86 81 8	practice, play.
WBAT with assistive device.				
	Gait training: Crutches, wean	Gait training-as needed		Decrease visits as tolerated
PT 1-3 visits per week	from two to one. No limping,			
	full extension.	DE 4 2 4 4	PT 1-3 visits per week	
	DT 1 2 minites man month	PT 1-3 visits per week		
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