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## REHABILITATION GUIDELINES ACL PREHAB

PHASE I 4-6 WEEKS DATES:

Appointments	Physical therapy 2-3 x per week
Rehabilitation Goals	<ul> <li>Regain full knee extension</li> <li>Decrease swelling</li> <li>Improve quad control</li> <li>Improve ROM</li> <li>Improve hip, knee, and ankle stability</li> </ul>
Precautions	<ul> <li>Possible brace with ambulation</li> <li>Avoid pivoting or high impact activity</li> <li>OKC exercises with excessive anterior tibial translation</li> </ul>
Suggested Therapeutic Exercises	<ul> <li>NMES for VMO</li> <li>Quad sets, 4-way hip and hamstring strengthening</li> <li>Heel slides, TKE</li> <li>Quad, hamstring, calf, ITB stretching</li> <li>Proprioceptive training</li> </ul>
Cardiovascular Exercises	<ul><li>Cycling, walking, UBE</li><li>Gait training</li></ul>
Progression Criteria	SLR without lag, good quad set, minimal swelling

References: Tim Tollefson PR, Brigham and women's PT name and date: Tim Tollefson, PT 2/14/17 MD name and date: Brian Gilmer, MD March 2017

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