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## REHABILITATION GUIDELINES FOR HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY

PHASE I (WEEKS 0-6)

DATES:

Appointments	MD appointment at 10-14 days
	Begin physical therapy (2-3x/week)
Rehabilitation Goals	<ul> <li>0-90° first 2 weeks, then slow progression of ROM to full by 6 weeks</li> <li>Decrease knee and leg swelling</li> <li>Promote quadriceps muscle strength</li> <li>Gain full extension with slow progression to full knee flexion</li> </ul>
Precautions	<ul> <li>TTWB till specific MD instructions to progress</li> <li>Brace: On at all times during day and while sleeping** Off for hygiene</li> <li>Avoid varus/valgus stress and pivoting</li> </ul>
Suggested Therapeutic Exercises	<ul> <li>CPM 10 hours/day for weeks 0-2 set 0-90 degrees</li> <li>Calf pumps, quad sets, SLR in brace, heel slides 0-90°,</li> <li>Resisted ankle DF/PF</li> <li>Begin floor-based core and glutes exercises.</li> <li>Advance quad sets, short arc lift, standing hamstring curl</li> <li>SLR into flexion ok without brace if no lag.</li> </ul>
Cardiovascular Exercises	Seated UBE for upper body only

PHASE II (6-12 WEEKS)

DATES:

Appointments	Continue physical therapy (1-2x/week)
Rehabilitation Goals	<ul><li>Full ROM and Full Muscle Strength</li><li>Progressive weight bearing on cleared by MD</li></ul>

Precautions	<ul> <li>Partial Weight bearing progressing to full weight bearing pending MD clearance</li> <li>Discontinue brace at 6 weeks</li> </ul>
Suggested Therapeutic Exercises	<ul> <li>Advance closed chain quads, progress balance, core/pelvic and stability work</li> <li>Advance SLR, floor-based exercise; hip/core</li> <li>Mini-squats 0-45 degrees, progress to step-ups, leg press 0-60 degrees, closed chain</li> <li>terminal knee extensions, toe raises, balance activities, hamstring curls, may increase to moderate resistance on the stationary bicycle</li> <li>Aquatic therapy</li> </ul>
Cardiovascular Exercises	Stationary bike at 6 weeks
Progression Criteria	Full ROM

PHASE IV (12-24 WEEKS)

DATES:

Appointments	Continue physical therapy (2x/week)
Rehabilitation Goals	Return to sport
Suggested Therapeutic Exercises	<ul> <li>Progress flexibility/strengthening, progression of functional balance, core, glutes program</li> <li>Advance bike, add elliptical at 12 wks as tolerated</li> <li>Progress to functional training, including impact activity after 20 wks when cleared by MD</li> </ul>
Cardiovascular Exercises	<ul> <li>As tolerated. May begin treadmill walking, swimming and sport specific activities.</li> </ul>

References: http://www.briancolemd.com/

PT name and date: Sara E. Chavez, MPT

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