Isolated Meniscal Repair Protocol

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(0-6 weeks)

GOALS:

- 1. Control pain, swelling, hemiarthrosis
- 2. Allow time for tissue healing
- 3. Educate patient in home exercises

ROM:

0-90°

Passive ROM – heel slides assisted

Patellar mobs Ankle pumps

Heel pump/prone hangs

Strength:

Q sets with Estim/bio feedback

4 way SLR's

Multi hip machine 4 planes

Weightbearing:

WBAT with brace locked in extension x 6 weeks

(6-12 weeks)

GOALS:

- 1. Return of full ROM
- 2. Strength improvement
- 3. Return of normal gait/balance/coordination

ROM:

0-135°

Heel slides Patellar mobs

Bike once 120° ROM achieved

Strength:

4 way SLR's

Multi machine 4 planes Knee extension 90° - 30° Hamstring curl 0-90° Leg Press machine

Isokinetic training at high speeds

Lateral step ups

Lunges knee not to migrate over toe

Heel raises

Proprioception/balance exercises