

Arthroscopic Meniscal Repair Rehabilitation Protocol

progression to the next phase should only be completed once patients have passed the goals of their current phase

	Brace	Weight Bearing	ROM	Exercises
0-2 weeks*	Locked in extension. To be worn at all	Weight bear as tolerated in extension	0-90 in therapy	Ankle pumps, quad sets (isometrics), SLR,
	times expect for hygiene / physio.	with crutches		patellar mobilizations, heel slides, hamstring isometrics
2-4 weeks	Brace locked 0-90 for activity, may remove to sleep	Weight bear as tolerated in brace with crutches	0-90	As above
4-6 weeks	Discontinue / wean from brace, or completely unlock.	Full weight bearing, wean from crutches @ 6 weeks	FULL ROM + PROM	Progress to partial wall sits. Avoid deep flexion activities > 90
6-12 weeks	N/A	Discontinue crutches	FULL ROM + PROM	Progress closed-chain exercises, lunges (0- 90), stationary bike, gentle leg press
12+ weeks	N/A	Normal gait pattern	FULL	Single leg strengthening, running, plyometrics, sport specific drills