

Post-Operative Rehabilitation for All-Inside Meniscal Repair

Phase I: Weeks 0-2

- Weight bearing as tolerated, No weight bearing with flexion >90°
- ROM:
 - o Goal is symmetric extension (including hyperextension)
 - o Flexion: 0-90° (Non weight bearing)
 - o **AVOID** any tibial rotation for 8 weeks to protect meniscus
- Exercises
 - o Heel slides, quad sets, patellar mobs, SLR
 - o Ankle pumps, heel props, calf stretching

Phase II: Weeks 2-6

- Weight bearing as tolerated; No weight bearing with flexion >90°
- ROM:
 - o **AVOID** any tibial rotation for 8 weeks to protect meniscus
 - Maintain symmetric extension
 - o Progress as tolerated; with no weight bearing flexion >90°
- Exercises:
 - o Maintenance of core/glute/hip strength and balance programs
 - o Addition of heel raises, closed chain exercises, terminal knee extensions

Phase III: Weeks 6-12

- ROM: FULL
 - o **AVOID** any tibial rotation for 8 weeks to protect meniscus
- Exercises:
 - o Progress closed chain exercises
 - o Begin Hamstring work: Lunges 0-90°
 - o Proprioception exercise
 - Maintain core/glute/hip strength
 - May begin stationary bike

Phase IV: Weeks 12-20

- ROM: Full
- Exercises:
 - o Progress Phase III exercises and functional activities
 - o Add Single leg balance/proprioception exercise
 - o Continue to maintain core/hip/glute strength
 - o Begin eccentric hamstring exercise
 - o Stationary bike, elliptical
 - o Swimming at 12 weeks
 - Advance to sport-specific drills and running/jumping AFTER MD CLEARANCE (16 weeks)