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POSTOPERATIVE REHABILITATION PROTOCOL
HIP ARTHROSCOPY FOR LABRAL TEAR
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Weeks 1 to 2: Early Motion Phase

Weight Bearing: Crutches 5 to 7 days, progress to full weight bearing with comfort and stability.

*If labral repair performed, FFWB x 3 weeks, progress to full WB incrementally x 6 weeks.

**If microfracture performed, FFWB x 8 weeks.

ROM Goals:

Extension: 10 degrees

Flexion: 100 degrees

Abduction: 30 degrees

Adduction: 30 degrees

Internal rotation in flexion: 20 degrees

External rotation in flexion: 70 degrees

Therapeutic Exercises:

Strengthening: Quad sets

Conditioning: Stationary bike 5 to 10 minutes

Cryotherapy: 6 to 8 times a day for 20 minutes

Weeks 3 to 4: Advanced Motion Phase

Weight Bearing: Full

ROM Goals:

Extension: 20 degrees

Flexion: 120 degrees

Abduction: 45 degrees

Adduction: 45 degrees

Internal rotation in flexion: 30 degrees

External rotation in flexion: 90 degrees

Therapeutic Exercises:

Strengthening:

Quad sets, four-way straight leg raises

Proprioception: Weight shifting

Conditioning: Stationary bike, less than 15 minutes

Weeks 5 to 6: Strengthening Phase

Weight bearing: Full

ROM Goals: Full

Therapeutic Exercises:

Strengthening:

Closed chain: half squats, step downs, etc.

Proprioception:

Weight shifting

Balance activities

Conditioning:

Stationary bike

Treadmill

Weeks 7 to 8: Advanced Strengthening Phase

Therapeutic Exercises:

Strengthening:

Closed chain

Multi plane single leg

Hamstrings

Hip hikes

Proprioception:

Weight shifting

Single leg balance activities

Conditioning:

Stationary bike

Treadmill

Week 9, Month 4: Conditioning Phase

Therapeutic Exercises:

Strengthening:

- Closed chain
- Multi-plane single leg
- Hamstrings
- Hip hikes
- Multi-hip
- Trunk bends
- Plyometrics

Proprioception:

- Weight shifting
- Balance activities

Conditioning:

- Stationary bike
- Treadmill
- Stair climber
- Elliptical machine
- Ski machine

Month 5: Return to Sport and Function Phase

Therapeutic Exercises:

- Conditioning: Running straight

Note: Return to sport based on provider team input and appropriate testing.

All times and exercises are to serve as guidelines. Actual progress may be faster or slower, depending on each individual patient, as agreed upon by the patient and his/her team providers.