KNEE MENISCUS REPAIR PROTOCOL

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Patient	
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WEEK 1-2	WEEKS 3-4	WEEKS 5-7	WEEKS 8-12	WFFKS 13+
Gait training: 0 % WB with crutches Short or long collateral brace set 0°-45°. May remove for PROM. PROM: Goal 0-90° Ankle Pumps Patellar Mobs Quadricep Sets/ Straight Leg Raises Hip Isotonics-Abd, Add, Ext Hamstring, Quad, Gastrocsoleus Stretching. Goals: Control inflammation and effusion. Allow early healing. Full knee extension. Gradually increase knee flexion. Independent quadriceps control.	WEEKS 3-4 Gait training: 5% WB with crutches Continue with previous exercises. Increase repetitions, focus on quality and technique. Biofeedback or NMES for quadriceps training. Brace 0-60° AROM, AAROM and PROM to knee. Goal 0-120°. Progress as able. Short Arc Quads Long Arc Quads Clamshells Terminal Knee Extension in standing.	Gait training: Increase 25% per week, goal 50%-75%. WB with assistive device to promote non-antalgic gait Brace to allow full ROM. Continue ROM, Goal 0-135°. Progress as able. Stationary Bike Terminal Knee Extension in standing with tubing Hamstring curls, AA, A, then resistive Total Gym, double leg, low level or leg press Wall squats Lateral and front step-ups Double leg balance/proprioception	Gait training: Increase to full WB. Promote non-antalgic gait. D/C crutches as able. D/C Brace. Progress ROM to full knee flexion. Maintain 0° extension Progress strengthening of Quad and hip groups Total gym with single leg. Squats to 90° Wall sits Balance, higher level Address functional activity demands. Goals: Improve strength and endurance. Maintain full ROM. Gradually increase intensity of exercise.	WEEKS 13+ Begin straight line jogging at 3 months. Deep squatting permitted at 4-6 months. Pivoting and cutting at 4-6 months. Agility training at 4-6 months. Return to sport 4-6 months.
Any Questions? Please contact Northwoods Therapy Ass Altoona, WI Chippewa I (715) 839-9266 (715) 723- Reviewed April 2014	sociates Falls, WI	Pool if available Gait activation March Sidestep Backwards Goals: Full PROM. No swelling or inflammation. Re-establish muscle control. Proper gait pattern.		