TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY

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ACUTE CARE STAY	OUT-PATIENT THERAPY			NOTES:
	1-3 weeks post-operative	4-6 weeks post-operative	7-12 weeks post-operative	Important:
Ankle Pumps	Continue acute exercises.	Continue isotonic quadriceps &	Continue ROM as tolerated,	This protocol should be
Quadricep Sets	Increase repetitions, add	hip strengthening	Goal 0-135°	interpreted as a continuum . If a
Straight Leg Raises	resistance, focus on quality and			patient is progressing ahead of
Heel Slides	technique.	Continue flexibility: add	Progress quad and hip	the time schedules, advance
Short Arc Quads		quadriceps, hip flexor, gluteals,	strengthening	them as tolerated. Progress to
Long Arc Quads	NMES – Biphasic Current	piriformis, as needed		individual functional tasks
Extension Prop	250-400 usec, 35-80 pps		Total gym (single leg)	dependent on lifestyle as
	Initially: 5 sec on/25 sec off for	Continue ROM as tolerated,		tolerated.
AROM, AAROM and PROM as	5 min	Goal 0-135°	Progress double leg	
tolerated, Goal 0-120°	Progress to: 10 sec on/20 sec off		balance/proprioception advance	
	for 10 minutes	Stationary Bike	to single leg	
Bed Mobility and Transfers				
	AROM, AAROM and PROM as	Mini Squats	Chair squats (add depth based on	
Gait training:	tolerated, Goal 0-120°		functional demands)	
WBAT (unless otherwise noted		Sportcord Knee Extension		
by MD) with assistive device.	Flexibility: Hamstrings, Calf		Wall sits	
		Total Gym (double leg; stress		
Stairs	Isotonic Hip Strengthening: stand, supine, side lying	symmetry)	Lunges	
Cryotherapy to control swelling		Double leg	Lateral Step Ups	
& inflammation	Overball Knee Extension	balance/proprioception		NOTE:
			Step Downs	**This protocol is specific
	Gait training:	Step Ups (4" - 6" step)		L L
	Assistive device to promote non-		Address functional activity	to original total knee
	antalgic gait.	Gait activation	demands.	arthroplasty surgery and
		- March		may differ if the knee has
	Cryotherapy & Modalities as	- Sidestep		decreased bone quality,
	appropriate	- Backwards		fracture, infection, or if
Any Questions? Please contact:				this is a revision of the
Northwoods Therapy Associates		Gait training: Progress. D/C		
Altoona, WI Chippewa Falls, WI		assistive device when gait is		arthroplasty.** Please
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