GALLAND/KIRBY MEDIAL COLLATERAL LIGAMENT
REPAIR / RECONSTRUCTION POST-SURGICAL
REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

POST-OP DAYS 1 – 14

• Dressing:
  – POD 1: Debulk dressing, TED Hose in place
  – POD 2: Change dressing, keep wound covered, continue TED Hose
  – POD 7-10: Sutures out, D/C TED Hose when effusion resolved

• Brace x 8 weeks – Locked in extension for ambulation
• Crutches – Partial weight bearing (PWB) in brace (no more than 50% of body weight)
• Patellar mobilization (teach patient)
• Calf pumping
• AAROM, AROM 0-90 degrees
• Passive extension with heel on bolster or prone hangs
• Electrical stimulation in full extension with quad sets and SLR
• Quad sets, Co-contractions quads/hams
• Straight leg raise (SLR) x 3 on mat in brace – No ADD
• Short arc quads
• No stationary bike x 6 weeks
• Ice pack with knee in full extension after exercise

GOALS

• Pain/effusion control
• Good quad control

Weeks 2 - 4

• Brace x 8 weeks – Open to 0-45 degrees
• Crutches – PWB in brace
• Continue appropriate previous exercises
• Scar massage when incision healed
• AAROM, AROM 0-90 degrees only
• Total Gym for ROM (level 1-3)
- Passive flexion to 90 degrees (push up with opposite leg)

- SLR x 3 on mat, no brace if good quad control – **No ADD**
- Double leg heel raises
- **No stationary bike x 6 weeks**
- Stretches – Hamstring, Hip Flexors, ITB

**GOALS**
- ROM 0-90 degrees
- No extensor lag

**WEEKS 4 - 6**
- Brace x 8 weeks – Open to 0-90 degrees
- Crutches – PWB in brace
- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- AAROM, AROM 0-120 degrees
- Standing SLR x 3 with light Theraband bilaterally
  - May begin Hip ADD with Theraband if good LE control in full extension
- Total Gym (level 3-5)– Mini squats 0-45 degrees
  - Passive flexion to 90 degrees (push up with opposite leg)
- Leg press 0-45 degrees with resistance up to ¼ body weight
- Hamstring curls 0-45 degrees – Carpet drags or rolling stool (closed chain)
- **No stationary bike x 6 weeks**

**GOALS**
- ROM 0-120 degrees
- No effusion

**WEEKS 6 - 8**
- Brace – Open to full range
- Crutches – Weight bearing as tolerated (WBAT), D/C crutch when gait is normal
- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- PROM, AAROM, AROM to regain full motion
- Standing SLR x 4 with light Theraband bilaterally
- Wall squats 0-45 degrees
- Leg press 0-60 degrees with resistance up to ½ body weight
- Hamstring curls through full range – Carpet drags or rolling stool
- Forward, lateral and retro step downs in parallel bars
  - No knee flexion past 45 degrees (small step)
• Proprioceptive training – Single leg standing in parallel bars
  – Double leg BAPS for weight shift
• Single leg heel raises
• Treadmill – Forwards and backwards walking
• Stationary bike – Progressive resistance and time
• Elliptical trainer

GOAL
• Full ROM

WEEKS 8 - 12
• D/C Brace
• Continue appropriate previous exercises with progressive resistance
• Leg press 0-90 degrees with resistance as tolerated
• Hamstring curls on weight machine
• Knee extension weight machine
• Forward, lateral and retro step downs (medium to large step)
• Proprioceptive training – Single leg BAPS, ball toss and body blade, Grid exercises
• Treadmill – Walking progression program
• Stairmaster – Small steps
• Pool therapy

GOAL
• Walk 2 miles at 15 min/mile pace

MONTHS 3 - 4
• Continue appropriate previous exercises
• Fitter
• Slide board
• Functional activities – Figure 8s, gentle loops, large zigzags
• Treadmill – Running progression program
• Pool therapy – Swimming laps
• Quad stretches

GOAL
• Run 2 miles at easy pace
MONTHS 4 - 6

- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- Agility drills / Plyometrics
- Sit-up progression
- Running progression to track
- Transition to home / gym program

GOAL

- Return to all activities

*NO CONTACT SPORTS UNTIL 6 MONTHS POST-OP*
KNEE POST-OP PHASE I

Perform exercises below frequently: 30 reps, 3 – 5x a day

Quad Isometrics

Heel Slides

Active Assisted Motion

Ice Position 15 minutes 2-3 x per day