

	WEIGHT BEARING	BRACE	ROM	EXERCISES
PHASE I 0-6 weeks	Full w/ brace	0-1 week : Locked in full extension at all times Off for CPM and exercise only	0-6 weeks : Use CPM for 6 hours/day, beginning 0-30° for 0-2 weeks	 0-2 weeks: Quad sets, SLR, calf pumps, passive leg hangs to 45° at home 2-6 weeks: PROM/AAROM to tolerance, patella and tibiofibular joint mobs, quad, hamstring, and glute sets, SLR, side-lying hip and core
		1-4 weeks : Unlocked and worn daytime only	2-4 weeks: 0-60°	
		Discontinue when quads can control SLR w/o extension lag	4-6 weeks: 0-90°	
PHASE II 6-8 weeks	Full	None	Full	Advance Phase I exercises
PHASE III 8-12 weeks	Full	None	Full	Gait training, begin closed chain activities: wall sits, mini- squats, toe raises, stationary bike
				Begin unilateral stance activities, balance training
PHASE IV 12 weeks – 6 months	Full	None	Full	Advance Phase III exercises; maximize core/glutes, pelvic stability work, eccentric hamstrings
				May advance to elliptical, bike, pool as tolerated
PHASE V	Full	None	Full	Advance functional activity
6-12 months				Return to sport-specific activity and impact when cleared by MD (> 8 mos)

CPM - continuous passive motion machine; SLR - Straight-leg raise;

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