

Arthroscopic Meniscal Repair  
Rehabilitation Protocol  
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I. GOALS

1. Manage inflammation (Iceman, NSAIDs, etc.)
2. Controlled gains in range- of – motion
3. Early maintenance of strength
4. Immediate weight bearing in full extension
5. Brace- Extension Lock Brace (ELS)

II. 0-1 WEEK

- ROMs 0°- 90° non- weight bearing, patellar glides
- Weight Bearing NWB\*
- Strength Hip extension and flexion, calf raises

III. 1-4 WEEKS

- ROMs Achieve 0°-90°, patellar slides
- Weight Bearing NWB\*
- Strength Continue 0-1 weeks exercises

IV. 4-6 WEEKS

- ROMs Advance to normal ROMs, no flexion loading beyond 90°  
knee flexion
- Strength Quads- mini squats, closed chain exercise  
Hamstrings- start hamstring curls. Hip extension and flexion, and calf exercise

V. 6 Weeks

- ROMs Achieve normal ROMs
- Strength Continue 4-6 weeks protocol
- Weight Bearing Begin normal gait training,  
TWB 40°-50° 1<sup>st</sup> week 50°-70° 2<sup>nd</sup> week

\*\*\*No flexion loads beyond 90 flexion X6 months minimum (stresses the repair)\*\*\*

- VI. >6 WEEKS Home program
- VII 4 MONTHS Resume athletic activities
- VIII 6 MONTHS Allow hyper flexion and squatting at this time

WT bearing status may be determined by size of tear.  
- Contact our office