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Patient Flow Sheet

# **MCL Repair**

## Phase 1 – MOTION AND MOBILITY/PROTECTION

Week 0-6 Patellar mobilizations, including quad & patellar tendon

Quad set progressing to SLR (with NMES, biofeedback) ROM: emphasize full extension, heel/wall slides for flexion

Bike for motion

**ROM:**  $0-30^{\circ}$  (week 0-3)

0-45° (week 4) 0-60° (week 5)

0-90° (week 6)

**Brace:** None or unlocked 0-90° (per surgeon discretion) **Weight-bearing:** PWB with crutches for 4 weeks

#### **Phase 2 – ENDURANCE**

Week 7-12 Ensure full knee extension is maintained prior to and during progression of closed-chain activities

Closed-chain progression (+/- including squat, lunge, step-up, bridge)
Progress from double leg to single leg; from stable to unstable surfaces

Balance progression

Bike for cardiovascular fitness/quad endurance Gradual initiation of frontal plane exercise

ROM: Progress to full ROM
Weight-bearing: Progress to FWB

\*Note: Non-athletes may be appropriate for discharge to independent home program at this time if able to complete work and life demands. Check for safety with stair negotiation and ambulation on uneven surfaces.

## **Phase 3 – STRENGTH**

Week 13-20 Increase sets/duration of closed-chain strengthening in varied proprioceptive environments

Initiate squat jump progression from shuttle to gravity dependent position

Advance plyometrics from bilateral to unilateral as patient demonstrates knee control

Emphasize deceleration and eccentric control

## Phase 4 – AGILITY, POWER, RETURN TO SPORT

Week 20+ Sport-specific movement patterns practiced in supervised and controlled environment

Graded re-integration into sport activities with MD and PT clearance

**Return to Activities** See functional criteria

Running: 4-5 months when functional criteria are met

Golf: Short irons at 5 months, full swing with long irons at 6 months. Delay 4-6 weeks if lead leg.

Pivoting/cutting sport: When functional criteria are met and cleared by surgeon, typically 6 months at earliest

#### **Surgeon Comments:**