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Protocols
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Rehabilitation Guidelines for Quadriceps or Patellar Tendon Repair

The intent of this protocol is to provide the clinician with a general guideline of the post-operative course of the patient that has undergone the above stated procedure. It is by no means intended to substitute for one's clinical decision making regarding the progression of a patient's post-operative course based on their physical exam findings, individual progress, and/or the presence of possible post-operative complications. If a clinician requires assistance in the progression, please contact the referring surgeon's office.

0-6 Weeks:

- WBAT, Brace locked in extension all times except with therapy.
- ROM:
 - 0-30° Weeks 0-2
 - 0-60° Weeks 2-4
 - 0-90° Weeks 4-6
- Patella mobilization
- SLR supine with brace locked at 0 degrees, Quad Sets
- Ankle Pumps

6-12 Weeks:

- Unlock brace for ambulating. Wean from brace as tolerated.
- May D/C crutches when gait normalized.
- Normalize ROM. No limits.
- Begin short crank ergometry and progress to
- Standard (170mm) ergometry (if knee ROM > 115 degrees)
- Advance quad strengthening
- Mini Squats / Weight Shift

>12 Weeks:

- Normal gait, WBAT with no assist
- Full, Normal ROM
- Leg Press, Squats
- Initiate running/jogging
- Isotonic Knee Extensions (90-40 degrees, closed chain preferred)
- Agility exercises (sport cord)
- Versaclimber/Nordic Track
- Normalize quad strength