

FAI post op Physical Therapy Protocol

Date of Surgery:_____

Surgeon:_____

Brace wear: ____2 wks _____4 wks

CPM use: ____2wks 4-6 hours/day ____2 wks 8 hours/day ____6 wks 8 hours/day

Weightbearing: Flat foot WB (20#) with bil crutches 3 wks

ROM Restrictions:

Flexion 90 for 10 days

Extension 0 for 3 wks

Abduction 25 for 3 wks

ER 0 for 3 wks

IR limited by pain only

Prone Lying: _____ 1-2 hours 2-3x/day _____None

	Intervention	Milestones
Wk 1	PROM small arc gentle circumduction (for 6 wks)	Good pain control
	• Ankle pumps, glute sets, TA progression, isometrics, passive quad	
	stretch	
	Stat bike no resistance	
	Establish diaphragmatic breathing patterns	
Wk 2	Continue with above and add	Ensure FFWB (20%)gait
	Quadruped rocking, standing hip IR, prone hip IR	
	Soft tissue to glute prn	
Wk 3	Formal PT starts in clinic	
	Continue with above and add	
	Small arc gentle circumduction passive ROM and continue until	
	this until 6 wks post op	
	Passive log roll IR	
	 core progression with emphasis on diaphragmatic breathing 	
	 Crutch weaning- generally go to WBAT 1-2 crutch at wk 3 	
Wk 4	Continue crutch weaning WBAT	Non antalgic gait
	PROM add extension	without AD
	• Add prone active hip ER/IR, quadruped knee extension ->bird dog	
	and gentle passive extension	
Wk 5	Add leg press limited weight, 1/3 squat	Painfree adl's
	Light resistance prone ER IR	
	Clamshell	
	Isometric hip flexion sub max	
Wk 6	Add sidestepping and SLR ensuring TA early activation	Closed chain ankle DF
	 Modified Thomas stretch (on table) for hip flexor 	>35 degrees
	• Progress to eccentric SLR -> SLR as tolerated w emphasis on trunk	
	control (should be painfree)	
	Standing hip IR ER (knee on stool)	
	Can add gentle belt mobilizations prn	
	Bike with resistance as tol	
Wk 7	Tall kneeling and half kneeling trunk and hip stability ex	
	Sit to stand	
Wk 8	• Standing ex in sagittal plane only- limit lunge/hip hinge and squat	Double leg squat to high
	step up/down depth – do not allow patient to get to 90 degrees of	box with good hip knee
	hip flexion	trunk control
	Stair climber/elliptical	
	• Hip flexor stretching- ensure they aren't stretching the anterior	
	capsule	

Wk 9-10	 Progress loads as tolerated in sagittal planes (ie: deadlift, loaded box squats, bulgarian split squats, single leg RDL, 1/3 single leg squat, forward/backward lunges) 	Single leg lateral step down with no valgus and neutral pelvis Y- balance 85%
Wk 11	 Add frontal plane movement and strengthening -slider lunges and multidirectional lunges 	
Wk 12- 13	 Plyometric progression sagittal plane/double leg hop cycle Add rotational ex- chops/lifts, med ball toss/slam Progress depth of squat/lunge etc to tolerance 	-No increase in symptoms with plyometrics and good control single leg
Wk 14- 16	 Progress to single leg hop cycle Initiate run progression when they pass return to run criteria Progress power in sagittal, frontal and transverse planes* 	Y- balance 95% Single leg squat with good control
Wk 17+	 Running progression Progress single leg power RTS testing earliest at 5 mos post op Agility drills Golf/skating progression, sports specific drills 	Pass appropriately selected RTS functional tests

plans/power-progression-lower-extremity/phase-1 for power progressions

Recommend patients reach milestones prior to progression to next phase

Anticipated return to sport timeline 9 mos post op