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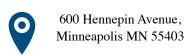
MENISCAL REPAIR, INSIDE OUT

Rehab Protocol

	WEIGHT BEARING	BRACE	ROM	EXERCISES
PHASE I 0-2 weeks	Partial weight bearing with crutches***	Locked in full extension for sleeping and all activity*	0-90° when non- weight bearing	Heel slides, quad sets, patellar mobs, SLR, SAQ** No weight bearing with flexion >90°
		Off for exercises and hygiene		
PHASE II 2-8 weeks	2-4 weeks: 50% WB with crutches	2-6 weeks: Unlocked 0-90°	As tolerated	Addition of heel raises, total gym (closed chain), terminal knee extensions**
	4-8 weeks: Progress to full WB	Off at night		
		Discontinue brace at 6 weeks		Activities w/ brace until 6 weeks; then w/o brace as tolerated
				No weight bearing with flexion >90°
PHASE III 8-12 weeks	Full	None	Full	Progress closed chain activities
				Begin hamstring work, lunges/leg press 0-90°, proprioception exercises, balance/core/hip/glutes
				Begin stationary bike
PHASE IV 12-20 weeks	Full	None	Full	Progress Phase III exercises and functional activities: single leg balance, core, glutes, eccentric hamstrings, elliptical, and bike
				Swimming okay at 16 wks
PHASE V > 20 weeks	Full	None	Full	Advance to sport-specific drills and running/jumping once cleared by MD

^{*}Brace may be removed for sleeping after first post-operative visit (day 7-10)







^{**}Avoid any tibial rotation for 8 weeks to protect meniscus

^{***}Weight bearing status may vary depending on nature of meniscus repair. Please refer to specific PT Rx provided to patient for confirmation of WB status