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## **Post-Operative Rehabilitation Guidelines for Meniscal Root Repair**

### 0-4 Weeks:

- NWB in brace in extension with crutches
- Brace in extension for sleeping 0-2 wks
- Active/Passive ROM 0-90 degrees
- Quad sets, SLR, Heel Slides
- Patellar Mobilization
- \*\*Medial meniscal root repairs need a medial unloader brace**

### 4-6 Weeks:

- Advance to FWBAT by 6 weeks
- May unlock brace
- Progress with ROM until full
- No weight bearing with knee flexion past 90 degrees
- \*\*for medial root repair continue medial unloader until week 8**

### 6-8 Weeks:

- WBAT with brace unlocked
- D/C brace when quad strength adequate (typically around 6 weeks)
- \*\*for medial root repairs continue medial unloader until week 8**
- D/C crutches when gait normalized
- Wall sits to 90 degrees

### 8-12 Weeks:

- WBAT without brace
- Full ROM
- Progress with closed chain exercises
- Lunges from 0-90 degrees
- Leg press 0-90 degrees
- Proprioception exercises
- Begin Stationary Bike

### 12-16 Weeks:

- Progress Strengthening exercises
- Single leg strengthening
- Begin jogging and progress to running
- Sports specific exercise