Grant H Garcia, MD 2409 North 45th Street, Seattle, WA 98103 Wallingford: 206-633-8100 Ballard: 206-784-8833



Post-Operative Rehabilitation Guidelines for <u>Proximal Tibiofibular</u> Stabilization with Tightrope fixation

**this is not a reconstruction of the joint, if reconstruction was performed please see separate PT protocol

- 0-4 Weeks: TDWB for 2 week, Progress to WBAT by week 4 Brace locked at 0 degrees for ambulation and sleeping ROM: 0-90° with emphasis on full extension Patella mobilization SLR supine with brace locked at 0 degrees, Quad Sets Ankle Pumps Short crank (90mm) ergometry
- 4-6 Weeks: WBAT. Unlock Brace for Weight Bearing ROM: 0-125 degrees (Maintain full extension) Active knee extension to 40 degrees Standard (170mm) ergometry (when knee ROM > 115 degrees) Leg Press (80-0 degree arc) Mini Squats / Weight Shifts Proprioception training Initiate Step Up program Avoid Tibial Rotation until 6 weeks
- 6-12 Weeks: Progressive Squat program Initiate Step Down program Leg Press, Lunges Isotonic Knee Extensions (90-40 degrees, closed chain preferred) Agility exercises (sport cord) Versaclimber/Nordic Track Retrograde treadmill ambulation
- >12 weeks: Begin forward running (treadmill) program when 8" step down satisfactory Continue Strengthening & Flexibility program Advance Sports-Specific Agility Drills Start Plyometric program Return to Sport (MD Directed) Goal is 4 months