

REHAB PROTOCOLS

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MCL GRADE III SPRAIN

Phase I: 0-4 wks	Phase II: 4-6 wks	Phase III: 6 wks+
ROM: Drop lock brace	ROM: Drop lock brace	ROM: Double upright brace 10
wk 0-2: 30-90	wk 4-5: 0-120	deg stop, remove stop at 8 wks
wk 2-3: 20-110	wk 5-6: Switch to double upright	8 wks D/C brace for ADL's,
wk 3-4: 10-110	brace with 10 ext stop	Full ROM with no limitations
Progression may be modified	•	Goal of full ROM by 6-8 wks
based on end feel to valgus tests		
WB: wk 0-1: NWB wk 1-2: 25%	WB: wk4: D/C crutches if good	WB: Full with no limitations
wk 2-3: 50%-75%	quad control / normal gait pattern	
wk 3-4: 100% with crutches	quant common message gan person	
Modalities: Cryotherapy	Modalities: Cryotherapy	Modalities: Cryotherapy
Pulsed US	Pulsed US	
IFC for pain/effusion	IFC for pain/effusion	
NMES quadriceps	NMES quadriceps	
RX: Recommendations:	RX: Recommendations:	RX: Recommendations:
Exercises in ROM guidelines to	Exercises in ROM guidelines to	Bike with resistance
allow healing of MCL	allow healing of MCL	Elliptical Runner / Stairmaster
<u> </u>		Flexibility exercises
Bike w/ no resistance per ROM	Bike with resistance	Isotonic quadriceps/hamstrings
•	5 wks Elliptical Runner	Isokinetic quadriceps/hamstrings
Flexibility exercises	•	Hip strengthening
PROM / AAROM / AROM per	Flexibility exercise	Heel raises
tolerance per ROM guidelines	PROM / AAROM / AROM per	CKC exercises
Encourage BOM activities to	tolerance per ROM guidelines	Total leg strengthening
Encourage ROM activities to	·	Functional strengthening
facilitate scar remodeling	Biofeedback SLR, CKC knee	Balance/Proprioception/Perturbation
Cross friction massage	extension per ROM	·
Biofeedback QS, SLR, CKC	Hamstring isotonics per ROM	6 wks Lateral movements –
knee extension per ROM	Quadriceps isotonics per ROM	sideshuffles, euroglide
M <i 30,="" 50,="" 70,<="" hams="" quads="" td=""><td>Isokinetic quadriceps/hamstrings</td><td>8 wks Return to running if 75%</td></i>	Isokinetic quadriceps/hamstrings	8 wks Return to running if 75%
90 deg	Hip 4 way SLR (proximal pad	strength
Hamstrings isotonics per ROM	placement for Hip	10 wks Plyometrics / Agility and
Quadriceps isotonics per ROM	Adduction)	Sport-specific exercises
Total leg strengthening	Heel raises	if 75% strength
Hip 3 way SLR (avoid	CKC exercises – leg press, step-	CV conditioning / Core stability
adduction)	ups, squats, partial forward	Testing
,	lunges	8-12 wks Linea / Biodex Test
CKC exercises per WB -	Total leg strengthening	FXN Test when appropriate
sub-max leg press, CKC	Functional strengthening	
knee extension per ROM		Return to Work/Sport
	Balance / Proprioception per WB	No pain or effusion
Balance / Proprioception per WB	gradual frontal plane stresses	Full ROM
avoid frontal plane stresses	Perturbation training	Isokinetic Strength- 90%
		Functional Tests – 90%
CV conditioning	CV conditioning	MD approval
Core stability training	Core stability training	Brace for athletics/ vocational
Upper body exercises		activities until 12-16 wks