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#### ARTHROSCOPIC HAMSTRING REPAIR

Phase I: 0-6 weeks

# Requirements to progress to Phase II:

- 1. Follow-up with Dr. Wong at 2 weeks
- 2. Appropriate healing from surgery
- 3. ROM guidelines met but not exceeded
- 4. Pain control within allowed ROM

#### **Restrictions/Precautions for Phase II:**

- X Remain in brace (include sleeping); remove only for showering and ROM exercises
- X No driving for 6 weeks, at minimum
- X No active motion(AROM) of hip extension/knee flexion (No active hamstrings)
- X Do not over stress hamstring with stretching within first 6 weeks
- X No joint mobilizations (arthrokinematics)/manipulations/traction to GHJ
- X Avoid Active Release Techniques
- X No lifting/pushing/pulling objects with legs
- X No leg use beyond ROM guidelines/restrictions
- X PROM up to 90° hip flexion as long as knee is  $\geq 90^{\circ}$  flexed

#### **Short Term Goals of Phase II:**

- ✓ Education: posture, joint protection, positioning, hygiene, restrictions,
- ✓ Crutches and knee/hip brace to protect surgical procedure (Non-weightbearing during gait)
- ✓ Minimize pain and inflammatory response
- ✓ Maintain/restore ROM of uninvolved joints
- ✓ Achieve recommended ROM through gentle and painfree ROM activities
- ✓ Prevent post-operative stiffness
- ✓ Normalize lumbopelvic position and mobility

Special considerations:

# DR I. WONG HAMSTRING REPAIR REHAB PROTOCOL 0-6 weeks

# **ACTIVE EXERCISE PROGRAM (DAILY)**

- ☐ Prone Lying 20 minutes twice/day (A)
- ☐ Transverse Abdominus with pelvic tilt (B)
- ☐ Ankle pumping (Several times daily) (C)
- ☐ CIRUMDUCTION/PENDULUM ROTATION (D)
  - @ 70° hip flexion (knee ≥ 90° flexed)
- ☐ Gentle sciatic nerve flossing (ensure not in hamstring stretch position)
  - \*sit with bent knee, ankle dorsiflexion with C/S neutral ---> ankle plantarflexion with C/S flexion









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Phase III (Neuromuscular Retraining): 6-12 weeks

## **Requirements to progress to Phase III:**

- 1. Follow-up with Rehab team and Dr. Wong at 6 weeks
- 2. Compliant with recommendations/restrictions to ensure appropriate healing from surgery
- 3. ROM guidelines met but not exceeded
- 4. Pain control within allowed ROM

## **Restrictions/Precautions for Phase III:**

- X Brace removed at 6 weeks
- X Continue to avoid any pain or apprehension with stretching. Mobilize shoulder gently being respectful of end range resistance and surgical site.
- X Avoid exercises that promote hyper-extension, anterior translation and shoulder impingement
- X No mobilizations (arthrokinematics)/manipulations/traction to GHJ
- X No lifting/pushing/pulling objects with operative shoulder

## **Short Term Goals of Phase III:**

- ✓ Education: restrictions
- ✓ Eliminate pain and inflammation
- ✓ Restore full active shoulder mobility with correct movement patterns/motor recruitment
- ✓ Improve scapular awareness and stability
- ✓ Improve neuromuscular control and endurance of rotator cuff musculature
- ✓ Increase endurance of cervical spine stabilizing musculature (if applicable)

Special considerations:

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Phase IV (Strength and Function): 12<sup>+</sup> weeks

## **Requirements to progress to Phase IV:**

- 1. Follow-up with rehab team and Dr. Wong at 12 weeks
- 2. Compliant with recommendations/restrictions to ensure appropriate healing from surgery
- 3. Full active shoulder mobility within correct movement patterns
- 4. Improved neuromuscular control and stabilization of scapula
- 5. Improved neuromuscular control and recruitment of rotator cuff musculature

## **Restrictions/Precautions for Phase IV:**

- X No manipulations to GHJ
- X Light-to-moderate lifting/pushing/pulling objects with operative shoulder
- X Plyometric retraining must be cleared by Dr. Wong

## **Short Term Goals of Phase IV:**

- ✓ Increase strength and endurance of rotator cuff musculature (OKC & CKC), particularly overhead
- ✓ Improve functional strength of shoulder girdle
- ✓ Introduce return to work retraining
- ✓ Introduce sport-specific retraining (approx. 16<sup>+</sup> weeks post-op)

Special considerations: