

Meniscus Repair All-Inside Protocol

	Weight-bearing	Brace	Range of Motion	Exercises
Phase 1 0-2 weeks	Full with brace locked in extension only	Locked in full extension at all times Off for hygiene and home exercise only	Gentle passive 0-90°	Calf pumps, patellar mobilization, quadriceps tightening sets and SLR in brace No weight-bearing motion.
Phase 2 2-6 weeks	2-4 weeks: Full with brace unlocked 0-90° 4-6 weeks: Full without brace	2-6 weeks: Unlocked 0-90° Off at night Discontinue brace at 6 weeks	Advance motion to regain full passive motion	Add side-lying hip and core, advance quad set and stretching (a) In brace: Addition of heel raises, total gym (closed chain), gait normalization, eccentric quads, eccentric hamstrings Advance core work with hip, gluteal and core strengthening No weight-bearing with flexion >90°
Phase 3 6-12 weeks	Full	None	Full	Progress closed chain activities Advance hamstring exercises, proprioception & balance exercises, lunges & leg press 0- 90° only Advance core work with hip, gluteal and core strengthening Begin Stationary Bike at 6 weeks
Phase 4 3-5 months	Full	None	Full	Progress Phase III exercises and functional activities: walking lunges, planks, bridges, Swiss ball, half-Bosu exercises

				Advance core work with hip, gluteal and core strengthening Swimming allowed at 12 weeks Advance to running/jumping and sport specific drills at 16 weeks
CPM – continuous passive motion machine; SLR – Straight-leg raise (a) Avoid tibial rotation for first 6 weeks.				