

Patellar Tendon Repair Protocol

	Weight-baring	Brace	Range of Motion	Exercises
Phase 1 0-2 weeks	As tolerated in brace locked in extension with crutches	Locked in full extension at all times including sleeping in activity Off for hygiene and exercises	0- 30° when NWB VS conservative protocol if checked below	Calf pumps, quadriceps tightening sets and SLR in brace, heel slides and patellar mobilization out of brace, modalities
Phase 2 2-8 weeks	As tolerated in brace	2-4 weeks: Locked in full extension at all times 4-6 weeks: Off at night; locked in full extension during day 6-7 weeks: Unlocked 0-45° 7-8 weeks: Unlocked 0- 60°	2-3 weeks: 0-60° 3-4 weeks: 0-90°	Progress non-weight-bearing flexibility Begin side-lying core, hip and gluteal strengthening No weight-bearing with flexion greater than 90°
Phase 3 8-12 weeks	Full	None	Full	Progress closed chain quadriceps strengthening, progress balance, core/pelvic and stability work, lunges, and leg press to 90° Begin stationary bike under PT supervision
Phase 4 3-5 months	Full	None	Full	Glutes/ pelvic stability/core + closed-chain quad program Swimming permitted at 12 weeks Advance to sport specific drills and impact activity after 5 months when cleared by M.D.

Conservative ROM: 0 degrees x2 weeks, 0-30 after 2 weeks, 0-60 after 4 weeks, 0-90 after 6 weeks

