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Name:	Date:
Diagnosis:	Date of Surgery:

Rehabilitation Protocol: Microfracture of the Femoral Condyle

Phase I (Weeks 0-8)

Weightbearing: Touchdown weightbearing (20-30% of body weight max) for 6-8 weeks – No Bracing Required

Range of Motion – Continuous Passive Motion (CPM) Machine for 6-8 hours per day for 6-8 weeks

- o Set CPM to 1 cycle per minute starting at level of flexion that is comfortable
- o Advance 10° per day until full flexion is achieved
- o Passive Range of Motion and stretching under guidance of PT

Therapeutic Exercises

- o Quadriceps/Hamstring isometrics
- Heel slides

Phase II (Weeks 8-12)

Weightbearing: Advance to full weightbearing as tolerated -- discontinue crutch use **Range of Motion** – Advance to full/painless ROM

Therapeutic Exercises

- Closed chain extension exercises
- Hamstring curls
- Toe raises
- o Balance exercises
- o Begin use of the stationary bicycle/elliptical

Phase III (Months 3-6)

Weightbearing: Full weightbearing **Range of Motion** – Full/Painless ROM

Therapeutic Exercises

- Advance closed chain strengthening exercises, proprioception activities
- Sport-specific rehabilitation

Gradual return to athletic activity as tolerated – including jumping/cutting/pivoting sports Maintenance program for strength and endurance.