

## Rehabilitation Following Hip Labral Repair

### Precautions:

- Partial Weight Bearing (50%) six weeks with crutches
- Encourage but limit hip flexion to 90 deg
- Avoid external rotation for approx 6 wks

### I. **Phase I – Immediate Postoperative Phase Protective Phase (Day 1 to Week 6)**

**Goals:** Gradually restore ROM & Flexibility  
Diminish pain and inflammation  
Restore muscular strength

#### **Week 1 :**

- Crutches to control weight bearing **forces (PWB 50% with crutches for 6 weeks)**
- Perform knee to chest stretch (easy & painfree- 5x hourly)
- Ankle pumps
- Gluteal sets
- Quad sets
- Heel slides
- AAROM Hip, PROM Hip & Knee
- Pelvic tilts
- Double leg bridges
- Prone positioning – Prone on elbows, prone knee flexion
- Stationary bike @ 3 days post-op
- Standing abduction, adduction, extension, flexion without resistance
- Seated knee extensions
- UBE & upper body strengthening
- Pain dominant joint mobilizations (Grade I & II)

#### **Week 2:**

- Supine marching (90 deg)
- Seated heel raises
- Supermans
- Stationary bicycle (high seat & minimal resistance) flexion less than 90 deg
- 4-way T-band on affected side (low resistance)
- Isometric abduction
- Ankle pumps
- Joint mobilizations (Grades I & II)

#### **Week 3:**

- Continue all exercises listed above
- Continue to perform AAROM & PROM exercises
- Straight leg raises – abd, add, ext
- Seated on stability ball (knee extensions, pelvic control exercises)
- Hip ER/IR with Theraband seated limited range

**II. Phase II – Intermediate Phase: Moderate Protection Phase (Weeks 4-6)**

**Goals:** Protect integrity of repaired labrum  
Restore ROM within precautions  
Diminish pain and inflammation  
Prevent muscular inhibition  
Normalize gait cont. 50% WB

**Criteria for progression to Phase II**

- 1) minimal pain with phase 1 exercise
- 2) 90 deg of pain-free flexion
- 3) Minimal ROM limitations with IR, extension and abduction
- 4) Normalized gait with crutches 50% WB

**Weeks 4-5:**

- Gradually increase resistance on stationary bike
- Ant/post and med/lat weight shifts
- Pool program – flutter kick swimming, 4 way hip with water weights
- Continue all ROM, flexibility & stretching exercises

**Week 6:**

- Wean off crutches
- Clamshells
- PROM
  - ER 20 deg
  - Flexion 105 deg
- Manual PNF
- Superman in quadruped
- ¼ squats, mini wall squats
- Standing resisted 4 way hip
- Single leg bridges
- Initiate elliptical
- Leg press

**III. Phase III – Advanced Exercise Phase (Weeks 7-8)**

**Goals:** Protect integrity of repair  
Increase ROM  
Normalize gait without crutches  
Progressively increase muscle strength and endurance

**Criteria to enter Phase III:**

- 1) 105 deg flexion, 20 deg ER
- 2) Pain free normal gait
- 3) Hip flexion strength >60% of uninvolved side
- 4) Hip abduction, extension, IR and ER strength >70% of uninvolved side

**Week 7:**

- Continue all stretching & flexibility exercises
- Restore full PROM
- Single leg stance with perturbation
- Physioball hamstring lifts

- Knee extensions
- Sidestepping with sport cord
- BOSU squats

**Week 8:**

- Full squats
- Single leg bridges
- Step ups
- Lunge progression single plane → triplanar
- Forward/lateral cone walks with sport cords
- Single leg body squats

**IV. Phase IV – Return to Activity Phase (Weeks 9>)**

**Goals:** Restoration of muscular endurance/strength  
Restoration of cardiovascular endurance  
Optimize neuromuscular control/balance/proprioception  
Gradually increase demands on hip

**Criteria to enter Phase IV:**

- 1) Hip flexion strength >70% of the uninvolved side
- 2) Hip abduction, adduction, extension, IR and ER >80% of uninvolved side
- 3) Cardiovascular fitness equal to pre-injury level
- 4) Demonstration of initial agility drills with proper body mechanics
- 5) No pain or tenderness with functional drills &/or activities

**Weeks 9-11:**

- All phase 3 exercises
- Pool running → Treadmill (walk/run intervals)
- Functional agility drills
  - Backward running
  - Side slides
  - Fast feet drills
  - Cone step overs
- Plyometric double and single leg jumps

**Weeks 12+:**

- Running progression
- Sports specific drills
- Traditional weight training

**Criteria to Return to Competition:**

- Full painfree ROM & flexibility
- Hip strength equal to opposite side
- Single leg pick up with level pelvis
- Ability to perform sport specific drills at satisfactory level & without pain
- Satisfactory Clinical Exam
- Approval by Physician