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MICROFRACTURE / BIOCARTILAGE OF FEMORAL CONDYLE REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

	WEIGHT BEARING	BRACE	ROM	EXERCISES
PHASE I 0-6 weeks	Non-WB	0-2 week: Locked in full extension at all times Off for CPM and exercise only Discontinue after 2 wks	0-6 weeks: Use CPM for 6 hours/day, beginning at 0-40°; advance 5-10° daily as tolerated	0-2 weeks: quad sets, SLR, calf pumps, passive leg hangs to 90° at home 2-6 weeks: ROM/AAROM to tolerance, patella and tibiofibular joint mobs, quad, hamstring, and glut sets, SLR, side-lying hip and core
PHASE II 6-8 weeks	Advance 25% weekly until full	None	Full	Advance Phase I exercises
PHASE III 8-12 weeks	Full	None	Full	Gait training, begin closed chain activities: wall sits, shuttle, mini-squats, toe raises Begin unilateral stance activities, balance training
PHASE IV 12 weeks – 6 months	Full	None	Full	Advance Phase III exercises; maximize core/glutes, pelvic stability work, eccentric hamstrings May advance to elliptical, bike, pool as tolerated
PHASE V 6-12 months	Full	None	Full	Advance functional activity Return to sport-specific activity and impact when cleared by MD after 8 mos