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Physical Therapy Prescription for:

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Diagnosis: ACL reconstruction w/ IT Band

**Date of Surgery:** 

**Treatment:** See attached ACL Rehabilitation Protocol

Weight bearing status: TDWB w/ crutches for 6 weeks

## **Brace:**

First six weeks post-op:

- > ACL hinged knee brace for weight bearing activities:
  - Locked when ambulating, unlocked when working on ROM (only when nonweight bearing)
  - o May unlock for ambulation as soon as quad control returns
- ➤ Brace range: 0 to 30 degrees x 2 weeks, then 0-90 degrees
- ➤ Brace locked at 0 degrees for sleep for first 2 weeks (or longer if hasn't achieved symmetric terminal extension)

## Weeks 6 to 12:

➤ 1-2 week transition out of brace, provided good quad control

## Weeks 12 to 14:

- No brace needed
- > Focus on strengthening
- ➤ HAMSTRINGS!
- > If cleared by therapist, ok to start a return to run program
- ➤ Alternate 10 min brisk walk 10 min jog 10 min brisk walk. Can increase jog portion each week by 2-3 minutes if tolerates well

## Additional Instructions:

- > SEE ATTACHED PHYSICAL THERAPY PROTOCOL
- > Patella mobilizations important
- > Scar massage beginning 3 weeks post-op

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