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**Physical Therapy Prescription:** Hip Arthroscopy

Diagnosis: Labral Tear, Internal Snapping Hip, CAM / Pincer

<u>Procedure:</u> Partial Psoas Release with CAM / Pincer Decompression and Labral refixation / Capsular Shift

**<u>RX:</u>** Evaluate / Treat, and follow attached protocol

Signature:

Patrick Birmingham, MD

Date

## **General Guidelines:**

No active external rotation for 4 weeks

Normalize gait pattern with brace and crutches

Weight-bearing as per procedure performed

Continuous Passive Motion Machine
4 hours/day or 2 hours if on bike

## **Frequency of Visits:**

Seen post-op Day 1 -Seen 1x/week for first month -Seen 2x/week for second month -Seen 2-3x/week for third month

# Precautions following Hip Arthroscopy/FAI: (Refixation/Osteochondroplasty)

Weight-bearing will be determined by procedure – Hip flexors tendonitis – Trochanteric bursitis – Synovitis Patrick Birmingham, MD Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery 9200 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53226 Tel: 414-805-9575 Fax: 414-805-7499 www.patrickbirminghammd.com

Manage scarring around portal sites and hip flexor region

Increase range of motion focusing on flexion, careful of external rotation, and aggressive extension

### **Guidelines:**

### Weeks 0-2

NO EXTERNAL ROTATION > 20 degrees CPM for 4 hours/day Bike for 20 minutes/day (can be 2x/day) Scar massage Hip PROM as tolerated (No ER) Supine hip log rolling for internal rotation Progress with ROM •Introduce stool rotations (AAROM hip IR) Hip isometrics - NO FLEXION •Abduction, adduction, extension, ER Pelvic tilts Stool rotations for IR Supine bridges NMES to quads with SAQ Quadruped rocking for hip flexion Sustained stretching for psoas with cryotherapy (2 pillows under hips) Gait training PWB with assistive device

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#### Modalities

#### Weeks 2-4

Continue with previous therex

Progress Weight-bearing (week 3)

Week 4: wean off crutches  $(2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0)$ 

Progress with hip ROM

- Bent knee fall outs (week 4)
- Stool rotations for ER (week 3-4)

Glut/piriformis stretch

Progress core strengthening (avoid hip flexor tendonitis)

Progress with hip strengthening – isotonics all directions except flexion •Start isometric sub max pain free hip flexion(3-4 wks)

Step downs

Clam shells→isometric side-lying hip abduction

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Hip Hiking (week 4)

Begin proprioception/balance training • Balance boards, single leg stance

Bike / Elliptical

Scar massage

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Bilateral Cable column rotations (week 4)

Treadmill side stepping from level surface holding on  $\rightarrow$  inclines (week 4)

Aqua therapy in low end of water

Weeks 4-8

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Continue with previous therex

Progress with ROM

•Standing BAPS rotations

•External rotation with FABER

•Hip Joint mobs with mobilization belt

•Lateral and inferior with rotation

• Prone posterior-anterior glides with rotation

•Hip flexor, glute/piriformis, and It-band Stretching - manual and self

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Progress strengthening LE

•Introduce hip flexion isotonics (Be aware of hip flexion tendonitis)

•Multi-hip machine (open/closed chain)

- •Leg press (bilateral→unilateral)
- •Isokinetics: knee flexion/extension

Progress core strengthening (avoid hip flexor tendonitis)

•Prone/side planks

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Progress with proprioception/balance •Bilateral→unilateral→foam→dynadisc

Progress cable column rotations –unilateral  $\rightarrow$  foam

Side stepping with theraband

Hip hiking on Stairmaster

### Weeks 8-12

Progressive hip ROM

Progressive LE and core strengthening

Endurance activities around the hip

Dynamic balance activities

Weeks 12-16

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Progressive LE and core strengthening

Plyometrics

Treadmill running program

Sport specific agility drills

## 3,6,12 months Re-Evaluate (Criteria for discharge)

Hip Outcome Score

Pain free or at least a manageable level of discomfort

MMT within 10 percent of uninvolved LE

Biodex test of Quadriceps and Hamstrings peak torque within 15 percent of uninvolved

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Single leg cross-over triple hop for distance:

•Score of less than 85% are considered abnormal for male and female

Step down test