



Total Knee Arthroplasty Dr. Nessler

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Post-Op Day	 Instruction in signs and symptoms of infection Instruction in cryotherapy Instruction in HEP including quad sets, heel slides, SLR, SAQ, ankle pumps and leg extension stretch 	 Independent in HEP ROM 0-100° Independent in cryotherapy
Phase I (1-4 weeks)	 Remove dressing 1 week from surgery Frequency 3x/week Work aggressively on full extension and maximize flexion Promote edema control and cryotherapy Scar tissue mobilization at 2 weeks post-op depending on healing rate of incision Begin functional rehabilitation as tolerated Progress biking and lower extremity closed and open chain exercises as tolerated Progression of normal gait pattern with least restrictive assistive device 	 Progression of HEP as tolerated ROM 0-120° Progression on assistive devices depending on quad function and non-antalgic gait
Phase II (4-6 weeks)	Frequency is 2-3/week until ROM and strength are approaching WFL	 Non-antalgic gait ascending/descending stairs No assistive device Independent in ROM and functional LE strengthening exercises