



Hip Arthroscopy/Labral Repair Rehab Protocol Dr. Erickson

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I (Day	Precautions:	 Protect the repair
of surgery – 3	 Ambulate with crutches 	 Limit weight bearing to
weeks after	 TTWB for 2 weeks, then wean off of crutches and 	toe touch weight
surgery)	advance to WBAT	bearing (TTWB) for first
	 Avoid exercises that engage the iliopsoas during 	2 weeks after surgery
	the first several weeks after surgery	 Progression Criteria: 3
	Iliopsoas tendinitis is a known side effect	weeks after surgery
	after hip arthroscopy, but can be	
	minimized by avoiding exercises that	
	stress the iliopsoas. (Avoid straight leg	
	raises, clam exercises and resisted hip	
	flexion)	
	 Avoid hyper-extension for 6 weeks 	
	 Avoid extremes of ROM 	
	 Suggested Exercise: 	
	 Quad and gluteal sets 	
	 Hip IR/ER isometrics 	
	 Bridging 	
	 Seated knee extension 	
	 Gentle prone hip internal rotation 	
	 Work on active and passive ROM from 0-90 	
	degrees	
Phase II (3-8	Precautions:	Normalize gait with
weeks after	 No forced stretching 	WBAT
surgery)	 No impact activities 	Single leg stance control
	 Be cautious with repetitive hip flexion activities 	 Can begin stretches
	such as treadmill and Stairmaster	such as hip ER/butterfly,
	Suggested Exercise:	standing hip flexor
	 Stationary bike 	stretches, adductor
	 Standing hip abduction 	stretches at 6 weeks
	 Split squat 	post op
	 Single leg bridge 	Progression Criteria: 8
	 Side planks 	weeks after surgery
	 ROM exercises 	

Phase III (8 weeks after surgery)	 Precautions: Be cautious with forceful hip flexion activities such as kicking and sprinting Post activity soreness should resolve within 24 	Improve muscular strength and endurance
	hours Suggested Exercise: Strengthening	
	 Balance Work in impact exercises gradually Work in sport specific activities based on progression 	