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Procedure:

■ Weeks 0-2

- Weightbearing:
 - Non-weightbearing with brace locked in full extension
- o Brace:
 - All the time, unless in therapy
- o ROM:
 - Passive:
 - 0-30
 - Active:
 - 0
- Exercises:
 - Hip girdle and thigh isometrics, including gluteal and quadriceps sets, SLRs
 - Lower leg isometrics and ankle pumps

Weeks 2-4

- O Weightbearing:
 - Non-weightbearing with brace locked in full extension
- Brace:
 - All the time, unless in therapy
- o ROM:
 - Passive:
 - 0-60
 - Active:
 - 0-60
- Exercises:
 - Gentle patella mobilization
 - Hip girdle and thigh isometrics, including gluteal and quadriceps sets, SLRs
 - Gentle hamstring activation exercises
 - Core activation and strengthening
 - Lower leg isometrics and ankle pumps

Weeks 4-8

- Weightbearing:
 - Transition from partial to WB as tolerated with brace unlocked, if adequate quadriceps activation is achieved (able to SLR without lag).
- o Brace
 - Only during ambulation, can remove for sleep
- > **ROM**:
 - Passive:
 - 0-120 (15 degree increments per week)
 - Active:
 - 0-120 (15 degree increments per week)



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o Exercises:

- Gentle patella mobilization
- Can transition from isometricsto more hip/quadriceps/hamstring sets
- Core activation and strengthening
- Lower leg isometrics and ankle pumps

Weeks 8-12

- Weightbearing:
 - As tolerated without brace if adequate quadriceps activation is achieved (able to SLR without lag).
- o ROM:
 - Passive:
 - Full
 - Active:
 - Full
- o Exercises:
 - Closed chain exercises
 - Toe raises
 - Side-lying hip and core
 - Balance training

Weeks 12-6 mos

- Weightbearing:
 - As tolerated without brace
- o ROM:
 - Passive:
 - Full
 - Active:
 - Full
- Exercises:
 - Closed chain exercises
 - Balance and stability training of core/hip girdle
 - Lower leg/ankle strengthening