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Physical Therapy Prescription – Pediatric Tibial Spine/ACL Fracture fixation

 Name:
 Date of Surgery:

 Diagnosis: R / L Knee Tibial Spine Fixation
 **Special Considerations:

 Frequency: 2-3 times per week for _____ weeks
 weeks

PHASE I (week 0-6): Protection, decrease swelling, activate quadriceps muscle

 Weightbearing: POD 0: TTWB w/ crutches @2wks: Partial WBing @4wks→WBAT
 Brace: Week 0-3: Locked in full extension for ambulation and sleeping Week 4: brace off while sleeping. Week 6: Unlock brace in 30 degree increments Week 8: brace OFF
 Range of Motion: Active assist to Active ROM as tolerated. Expect: 0-90deg by 3 wks → 0-125deg by 6wks *STRONG FOCUS on maintaining FULL EXTENSION EARLY!
 Therapy Exercises: Patellar mobilization, straight leg raises in locked brace until quad activation returns, Quad sets/Heel slides, Modalities per therapist, Estim, U/S, Heat (before)/Ice (after)

PHASE III (week 7-12):

Range of Motion: Progress to Full and Painless
 Therapy Exercises: Advance closed chain strength and proprioception, Begin stationary bike
 12 weeks: straight forward/treadmill running permitted under PT supervision

PHASE IV (Week 13-18):

Mini-wall squats 0-60deg Lateral Lunges & Step ups Hip Abduction/Adduction Short-Arc Leg press Stair Master, Eliptical, Bike

PHASE V (5-6 Months): Gradual return to sport

Initiate Plyometric program appropriate for athletic goals Agility progression → side steps + Crossovers, Figure 8, Shuttle Runs Continue Running progression Sport Specific drills 6-8 months: consider functional assessment

Physician Signature: ____

Date:

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