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ARTHROSCOPIC MICROFRACTURE SURGERY REHABILITATION PATELLAR/TROCHLEAR DEFECTS

	Weight Bearing	Brace	ROM	Therapeutic Exercise
Phase I 0-8 Weeks	WBAT with brace	ROM 0-30 when ambulating	CPM 6-8 hours / day: begin at 1 cycle / minute, ranging from 0-40 degrees If CPM not available, instruct on ROM exercises for daily HEP	Passive stretching Quad and hamstring isometrics Closed chain exercises without resistance at week 4 (ie stationary bike)
Phase II 8-16 Weeks	Progressive to WBAT with brace open and discontinue	None	Full ROM CPM discontinued at 8 weeks	Progressive closed chain strengthening Bike No impact exercises
Phase III 16 weeks and beyond	Full	None	Full and pain free	Begin open kinetic chain exercises May begin elliptical machine 6-7 months: initiate impact activities 8-12 m: gradual return to high impact

• CPM may not be available due to cost or insurance coverage. It is critical for patient to do home program for range of motion.