Total Knee Arthroplasty Dr. LT Fleske & Dr. Randall Hildebrand



0-14 days:

Home Exercise Program:

- 1. Quad Sets
- 2. Straight Leg Raise (goal of no extension lag)
- 3. Hip Isotonics (abduction, extension)
- 4. Knee flexion: (ball rolling, heel slides, chair slides)
- 5. Knee extension: (prone hangs, sustained knee extension stretches)

Goals:

- 1. 0 -90 degrees
- 2. Straight Leg Raise w/o extension lag

Clinic Activities:

- 1. Manual Therapy (mobilizations to promote flexion, extension)
- 2. Gait activities to decrease antalgic gait
- 3. Closed Kinetic Chain hip, knee, and LE strengthening (total gym squats, standing hip abduction/extension, calf raises, standing hamstring curls, etc)
- 4. Modalities: Russian stimulation for quadriceps recruitment, electrotherapy/ cryotherapy for swelling reduction

Weeks 2 - 4:

Home Exercise Program:

- 1. Cardiovascular exercise: stationary bicycle (10-20 min. per day)
- 2. Walking program: 5-10 min per day
- 3. Flexion/extension: continue per progress as needed
- 4. Single leg balance activities, balance activities

Goals:

- 1. 0 110 degrees
- 2. Non-Trendelenburg gait cycle
- 3. Improved sleep, swelling, and pain

Clinic Activities:

- 1. Balance and proprioception activities (ladder, dynamic stability, visual stimulation)
- 2. Manual therapy to progress Range of Motion (contact Physician if complications)
- 3. Upper level strengthening: closed and open kinetic chain exercises
- 4. Resisted walking
- 5. Cardio: bike, treadmill

Weeks 4 - 6:

Home Exercise Program:

- 1. Cardiovascular exercise: 20+ min/day of combination of exercise (walking, biking, swimming)
- 2. Stretching: general LE stretches (hamstrings, quadriceps)

Goals:

- 1. Independent with fitness program/Home exercise program
- 2. 5/5 with hip manual muscle tests, 4+/5 quadriceps strength
- 3. Reciprocating stairs (6-8")
- 4. Return to work or full ADL's at home

Clinic Activities:

- 1. Upper level balance, proprioception, single and double LE's
- 2. Squats and full body weight activities (open and closed kinetic chain)
- 3. Manual therapy: push into full flexion/extension
- 4. Set up on final home exercise program to focus on weaknesses
- 5. Work on proper body mechanics with squatting, lifting, etc.