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General Ankle Rehab Protocol

Phase I:

Goals:

Decrease pain.,

Decrease edema and inflammation

Increase pain-free range of motion and stimulate collagen alignment Prevent kinesthetic` shut down

Patient education

Plan:

Modalities as needed: ice;' electrical stimulation; phonophoresis;

Ionotophoresis/electrical stimulation

ROM: stretching, self-assisted stretches, joint mobilization/ PROM, AROM Strengthening: isometrics, T-Band, manual resistive exercises

Initiate balance and proprioceptive exercise in non-weight bearing positions: -sitting BAPS drills Aquatic therapy

Stationary bike as able

Phase II:

Goals:

Increase to full range of motion and diminish swelling Increase strength to good-normal

Normalize gait and progress to weight bearing exercise Improve kinesthetic and neuromuscular control

Plan:

Modalities PRN

Stretching in weight bearing and non-weight bearing positions
Strengthening: advance with Phase I: calf strengthening with weight and in weight
bearing positions. BAPS sitting and standing, progressive trampoline (weight shifting and balance
activities), initiate hip and knee strengthening Proprioceptive exercise
Stationary bicycle, advance to EFX, treadmill

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Phase III:

Goals:

Increase strength Increase proprioception Increase endurance

Plan:

Continue advance strengthening: progressing weights

Begin plyometric drills

Advance proprioception: trampoline drills, jumping

Agility drills: side stepping, cariocas, backpedaling, circle running, and figure eights sports cord

Stairmaster, treadmill, walk-run, interval training

Sport specific activities (i.e. soccer drills)