## **MPFL Repair Rehabilitation Protocol**

# I. IMMEDIATE POST-OPERATIVE PHASE (Week 1)

Use Long Knee Brace (walking & Sleeping) – for 6 weeks Walk Non Weight Bearing (3<sup>rd</sup> Day) Static Quads Ankle Pump

### II. ACUTE PHASE (Week 2-6) - Use Ice Packs for swelling

Gradual Weight bearing from 10<sup>th</sup> days post operation

Weight Bearing: Discontinue crutches when appropriate. (by 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week end)

Range of Motion:

At least 20 degrees flexion (Week 2)

At least 60 degrees flexion (Week 4)

90 + (Week 6-8)

Muscle Retraining: Electrical muscle stimulation to quads

Quad Setting Isometrics Theraband VMO in supine Straight Leg Raises (standing) Isometric Hams

Hip Adduction

#### III. SUBACUTE PHASE - MODERATE PROTECTION (Week 6-12) - Use Ice Packs for swelling

# Start using Flexible open Patella Brace

Knee Extension 60-0 degrees, painfree arc

**Proprioception Training** 

Closed Chain Quads / Hip muscle training

Functional exercise movements

Exercises: Continue muscle stimulation to quadriceps (if needed)

Quadriceps setting isometrics

Squats against wall (0-60 degrees)\*

Knee Extension (90-0 degrees), painfree arc

Bicycle

Pool Program (walking, strengthening, running)\*

Proprioceptive Training.