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Hip flexors tendonitis

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<ul> <li>Physical Therapy Prescription: Hip Arthroscopy</li> <li>Diagnosis: Gluteus Medius Tear, Labral Tear, CAM / Pincer</li> <li>Procedure: Gluteus Medius Repair, CAM / Pincer Decompression, Labral refixation / Capsular Shift</li> <li>RX: Evaluate / Treat, and follow attached protocol</li> </ul>			
		Signature:	
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		General Guidelines:	
Normalize gait pattern with brace and crutches			
Weight-bearing: 20 lbs for 6 weeks			
Continuous Passive Motion Machine  •4 hours/day or 2 hours if on bike			
Rehabilitation Goals/ Frequency:			
– Seen post-op Day 1			
Seen 1x/week for 6 weeks			
Seen 2x/week for 6 weeks			
Seen 2-3x/week for 6 weeks			
Precautions following Hip Arthroscopy:			
Weight-bearing will be determined by procedure			

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Trochanteric bursitis

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Synovitis

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Manage scarring around portal sites

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Increase range of motion focusing on flexion

•No active abduction, IR, or passive ER, adduction (at least 6 weeks)

### **Guidelines:**

## Weeks 0-4

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CPM for 4 hours/day

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Bike for 20 minutes/day (can be 2x/day)

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Scar massage

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Hip PROM

- •Hip flexion to 90 degrees, abduction as tolerated
- •No active abduction and IR
- •No passive ER or adduction (6 weeks)

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Quadruped rocking for hip flexion

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Gait training PWB with assistive device

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Hip isometrics -

•Extension, adduction, ER at 2 weeks

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Hamstring isotonics

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Pelvic tilts

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NMES to quads with SAQ

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Modalities

### Weeks 4-6

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Continue with previous therapy

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Gait training PWB with assistive device

•20 pounds through 6 weeks

Progress with passive hip flexion greater than 90 degrees

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Supine bridges

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Isotonic adduction

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Progress core strengthening (avoid hip flexor tendonitis)

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Progress with hip strengthening

- •Start isometric sub max pain free hip flexion(3-4 wks)
- Quadriceps strengthening

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Scar massage

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Aqua therapy in low end of water

#### Weeks 6-8

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Continue with previous therapy

- Gait training: increase WBing to 100% by 8 weeks with crutches

Progress with ROM

- •Passive hip ER/IR
  - •Supine log rolling →Stool rotation→Standing on BAPS
- •Hip Joint mobs with mobilization belt (if needed)
  - •Lateral and inferior with rotation
  - •Prone posterior-anterior glides with rotation

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Progress core strengthening (avoid hip flexor tendonitis)

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### **Weeks 8-10**

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Continue previous therapy

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Wean off crutches  $(2\rightarrow 1\rightarrow 0)$ 

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Progressive hip ROM

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Progress strengthening LE

- •Hip isometrics for abduction and progress to isotonics
- •Leg press (bilateral LE)
- •Isokinetics: knee flexion/extension

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Progress core strengthening

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Begin proprioception/balance

•Balance board and single leg stance

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Bilateral cable column rotations

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Elliptical

### Weeks 10-12

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Continue with previous therapy

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Progressive hip ROM

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Progressive LE and core strengthening

- •Hip PREs and hip machine
- Unilateral Leg press
- Unilateral cable column rotations
- Hip Hiking
- Step downs

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Hip flexor, glute/piriformis, and It-band Stretching – manual and self

Progress balance and proprioception

•Bilateral →Unilateral →foam →dynadisc

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Treadmill side stepping from level surface holding on progressing to inclines

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Side stepping with theraband

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Hip hiking on stairmaster (week 12)

#### Weeks 12 +

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Progressive hip ROM and stretching

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Progressive LE and core strengthening

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Endurance activities around the hip

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Dynamic balance activities

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Treadmill running program

Sport specific agility drills and plyometrics

## 3-6 months Re-Evaluate (Criteria for discharge)

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Hip Outcome Score

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Pain free or at least a manageable level of discomfort

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MMT within 10 percent of uninvolved LE

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Biodex test of Quadriceps and Hamstrings peak torque within 15 percent of uninvolved

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Single leg cross-over triple hop for distance:

•Score of less than 85% are considered abnormal for male and female

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Step down test