Mr Gupte's PCL & POSTEROLATERAL CORNER (PLC) REPAIR REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

	Post -op Week				Post-op Month			
	1-2wk	3-4wk	5-6wk	7-12wk	4-5m	6-9m	9-12m	
Brace Hinged P.O. ROM brace	0-70	0-70	0-70	FROM	FROM	FROM	FROM	
Weight-bearing (normal gait pattern ASAP)	See post –op instructions			FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	
ROM Goal	0 - 70	0 - 70	0 - 70	0-FULL	0-FULL	0-FULL	0-FULL	
ROM exercises (within set ROM)								
Active assisted knee flex/ext (foot sliding)	·	~	/	~				
Active knee flex/ext (foot sliding, NO resistance)	0-60	0-60	0-60	0-70				
Passive knee flex (proximal tibial force directed anteriorly)	~	~	V	~				
Oedema management (RICE)	~	~	~	As reqd	As reqd	As reqd	As reqd	
Stretching Hamstring, calf, ITB,	~	~	~	V	~	~	~	
Patella mobilisations	~	~	-	~	As reqd	As reqd	As reqd	
Strengthening Isometric quads/SLR	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	
Closed chain (gait re-ed, mini squats within ROM limits, toe	V	~	·	~	'	~	'	
standing,)								
Wall slides	0-30	0-45	0-60	0-60	V	V	/	
Open chain knee extension	70-0	70-0	70-0	70-0	70-0	90-0	90-0	
Hamstring curls					/	~	'	
Leg press				V	/	V	/	
Hip extn, abd, add (avoid stresses on knee)	~	~	·	~	·	~	V	
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Cardiovascular						
Stationary bicycle -no toe traps, seated.			/	~	~	V
Step machine /swimming straight leg kick – from				V	V	V
4-5months						
Running – straight line jog cn start from 6-9 months					~	'
(depends on rehab progression / strength and range of						
movement markers)						
Proprioception	V	~	/	V	V	~
(eg, weight transfers, balance board, mini tramp)						
Dynamic stability			~	V	~	'
(eg stepping on/off different surfaces and in all directions)						
Sport specific/agility drills					✓ *	'
(eg. Shuttle runs, cariocas, figure 8s)						
Plyometrics					✓ *	'
(eg bounding, hopping, jumping)						
Activities						
Work – sedentary	~	/	/	✓	~	'
Work - heavy			✓ **	✓ **	~	/
Driving			8/52	~	/	'
Sports						✓ *

* progressed within limits of pain, swelling and muscle control. **Dependent on type of employment / sport