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TURF TOE

Post-Operative Protocol

Orthotic Progression

Weeks 0-2

Post op splint in 10-20 degrees plantarflexion

Isometric and open chain activity for quadriceps, glutes, hamstrings

Weeks 2-4

Non weight bearing in boot

- Continue open chain strengthening
- PROM and AROM of ankle week

Weeks 5-6

Progressive WBAT in boot

- · Gait training as tolerated
- · Closed-chain lower extremity strength
- AROM of MTPs
- Toe yoga
- 4 way ankle with resistance

Week 6

Carbon insert

- All activities should be performed with carbon insert
- Continue progressive resisted activities
- Proprioception

Week 16

Wean out of carbon insert

• Slowly incorporate 1st MTP extension and sport-specific activities

Return to Run Program

- 1. 12 weeks post-op, unless cleared by Dr. Wolf
- 2. 5/5 strength in all planes

Return to Sport Eligibility

- 1. 50 deg-60 deg painless passive dorsiflexion
- 2. 12-16 weeks post-op, unless cleared by Dr. Wolf

Return to Sport Activity

- Incline walking—at least 3% grade
- Reverse lunges and lunge lift-offs
- Triple extension
- Sled-pushes
- POGOs
- Heel raise progression
 - DL Concentrics
 - DL Eccentrics
 - SL consentrics
 - SL eccentrics
- Advanced proprioception activities
- Plyometrics and jumping—sports specific

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