## **GUIDELINES FOLLOWING PCL RECONSTRUCTION**

PRE-OPERATIVE	KT 1000 Knee Ligament Examination Measure for Post-Operative Brace (Bledsoe) Crutch ambulation training Post-op exercise program
POST-OPERATIVE (1 <sup>ST</sup> Week)	CPM 0 - 60, progress to 70 degrees Ambulate TTWB with crutches (brace locked @ 0) Review / Instruct home therapeutic exercises Quad Sets, SLR, patella mobilization, Active extension, passive flexion Cryocuff PRN
1 – 6 Weeks Post-Op	Progress ROM 0-90degrees Quadriceps re-education (electrical stimulation / biofeedback) Quadricep Isometrics @ 70 degrees Patella Mobilization Hip PRE's Cryotherapy
6 – 8 Weeks Post-Op	Progressive weight bearing with brace set 0 - 50 degrees Gait training ( d/cœutches when gait non-antalgic ) Progress ROM 0 – 120 degrees Leg Press 90 - 20 arc S/C ergometer Standard ergometer Multiple angle Quad Isometrics 70 - 0 degrees KT 1000 @ 6 weeks
8 – 12 Weeks Post-Op	Functional exercise program emphasizing CKC Quadricep isotonics ( 90 - 30 arc ), eccentric first. Emphasis on endurance
12 – 20 Weeks Post-Op	Restore full ROM Advance functional exercise program Quad isotonics (full arc /pain free) Improve lower extremity flexibility KT 1000 @ 3 months
20 – 28 Weeks Post-Op	Begin running program Agility exercises Progress PRE's emphasizing Quads Start Isokinetic exercises KT 1000 @ 6 months
28 – 40 Weeks Post-Op	Progress running and agility program Plyometrics Isokinetic test Functional Test Assessment Return to full activity
SUMMARY	Protect the graft Altered Biomechanics QUADS Protect the patella Functional Progression