VMO protocol

2 Days post op
- wound care- remove dressings to steri-strips, continue Ace wrap, and 4x4 over incision.
- No ointment, betadine or topical Rx on wounds. Keep clean and dry (cover for showers) for 10-14 days until follow up with MD.

Strength
- Isometric hip and hamstrings, work on quads but pain will limit.
- Wear brace for protection first 3-4 weeks all the time. Locked at 0 degrees at first, gradually open as physical therapist allows.
- Leg lifts for hip extension and lateral – no Straight leg raise first 3-4 weeks.
- Russian stimulation may be needed for quad stimulation.

ROM
- Full extension- flexion then comfortable range- 90-degree flexion by 4 weeks.
- 120 degree flexion by 6 weeks

3 Weeks

Wound care
- begin scar massage, patellar mobilization as needed.
- FWB with brace locked at 0 degrees if non-painful. Most patients may need 1 crutch until 4 weeks postop.

ROM
- Should be approaching 90 degrees. Bike easy for range- don’t force past 90 degrees.

Strength
- Should have good seated and standing quad with weight shift-standing Terminal knee extension. Begin working towards Straight leg raises as pain permits- Patient should be able to do by 4 weeks postop.
4-6 Weeks

Wound-
-Should be doing patellar mobilization and scar massage.

Weight Bearing
-FWB- brace to protect if needs (0-90 degrees)

ROM
-Should be approaching 120 degrees.

Strength
-Leg raises in a planes
-standing terminal knee extension with weight shift.
-step ups 2” height/ step outs, ¼ squats
-total gym-50 % body weight.
-No active extension until beyond 6 weeks.

6-12 weeks

Weight
-No brace, FWB, no running

ROM
-Work to full ROM (155 degrees), start modalities and quad stretch.

Strength
-Leg press FWB
-step ups/ step downs 2-4 “
-pain free SAQ- no weight
-balance- ball toss front and side
-agility ladder- no jumps

12 weeks/ 3 months

-Full ROM
-Strength- continue leg press
-step ups/ step downs
-jumps agility ladder
-running- start ¼ mile- increase ¼ mile weekly at half speed to 2 miles max.