REHABILITATION GUIDELINES FOR TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY

Mepilex Dressing stays in place for 7 days. Prineo may be removed after 3 weeks.

Limit aggressive hip flexion for 6 weeks

Appointments	Physical therapy 2-3X/week
Rehabilitation Goals	 Control pain and swelling immediately post-op Restore functional independence Protection of postsurgical hip and incision Independent movement with assistive device as appropriate
Precautions	 WBAT with assistive device initially No aggressive hip flexion Avoid long axis leg distraction
Therapeutic exercises	 ROM in all planes, avoiding painful end range extension Progress from NWB to WB exercise as appropriate for patient skill level and goals Progress program per PT discretion