

## **ORIF ANKLE FRACTURE REHABILITATION PROTOCOL**

(TO BE GIVEN TO YOUR PHYSICAL THERAPIST)

	WEIGHT BEARING	SPLINT/BRACE	ROM
<b>PHASE I:</b> 0-2 weeks	• NWB on the operative extremity	• On at all times	<ul><li> ROM at the knee and hip as tolerated</li><li> Focus on elevation of extremity when able</li></ul>
PHASE II: 2-6 weeks	• NWB on the operative extremity	<ul> <li>Transition from post- op splint into a CAM walker boot</li> <li>On at all times except for hygiene and exercises</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Begin active and passive ankle ROM for dorsiflexion and plantar flexion</li> <li>Air alphabet</li> <li>Continue knee and hip ROM</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE III:</b> <i>Post-op week 6</i> +	• Progress to WBAT on the operative extremity	• Wean out of CAM walker boot over 2-4 weeks	<ul> <li>Full AROM and PROM</li> <li>Proprioception</li> <li>Gait/balance training</li> <li>May begin strengthening as tolerated</li> </ul>