Initial Assessments

Assessment of suitability for physical and occupational therapy by medical team
Functional evaluation by PT/OT to assess level of activity

Preparation for Physical Therapy

Secure all intravenous lines, remove extraneous connections
Ensure adequate portable oxygen supply (respiratory therapist as needed)
Ensure hemodynamic monitoring available throughout treatment
Inspect extracorporeal circuit
• Ensure adequate tubing slack to allow safe movement of patient without undue strain on circuit
• Tighten all connections
• Assess for leaks and thromboses within tubing
Assemble and brief the team (PT, OT, nurse, perfusionist, nurse practitioner)

Initiation of Physical Therapy

Responsibilities:
• Monitoring vital signs: PT, OT, and nurse
• Monitoring circuit integrity: perfusionist
• Assisting the patient and providing contact guard: PT, OT