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A 16-year-old Alexandria High School athlete, Doyle participated in several sports prior to his injury. Unfortunately, a collision with an opponent caused a patellar dislocation (the kneecap came completely out of its groove), and left Doyle with a tough road of treatment and rehabilitation ahead.

The experts of Heartland Orthopedic Specialists consistently present nonsurgical options to help

relieve pain and restore well-being prior to making other recommendations. Fortunately for Doyle, a nonsurgical approach was available to rehabilitate his knee.

In addition to his rehabilitation efforts, Doyle participated in the multifaceted S.W.E.A.T. program that Heartland Orthopedic Specialists has offered for the past 10 years. Focused primarily on preventing knee injuries using speed, weights, endurance, agility and technique (S.W.E.A.T.), the program is also praised for helping return injured athletes to competitive play.

"By focusing on proper technique in movements such as jumping and landing, in addition to weight training and endurance exercises," said Dr. Jefferson C. Brand, sports medicine specialist at Heartland Orthopedic Specialists, "athletes are trained how to avoid injury."

After seeing an influx of young athletes in the Alexandria-area suffering from knee injuries relating to organized sports, the sports medicine experts of Heartland Orthopedic Specialists saw the need to provide a prevention and rehabilitation program.

After significant research on multiple programs, the decision was made to utilize the Sportsmetrics model, S.W.E.A.T. Founded by the Cincinnati Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in Ohio, S.W.E.A.T. was created in response to the high level of ACL (anteriorcruciate ligament) injuries suffered by young male and female athletes in high impact sports such as basketball, soccer, football and volleyball.

S.W.E.A.T. is offered in individual and team sessions. The program includes gymnasium work, core strength training and weightlifting.

For more information on the S.W.E.A.T. program, visit www.DCSweat.com or call the Sports Medicine Center at Heartland Orthopedic Specialists – A Department of Douglas County Hospital at (320) 335-6078.

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