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Principal Direction

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									25 – 35 Moderat	e Risk for Slip Po	tential
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90 degree	73	72	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	Low	
					Classifica	tion of 3	B Direct	ions	<u>68 PTV</u>	Low Risk	
Wet											
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45 degree	57	56	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	Low	
90 degree	60	59	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	Low	
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