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## **ORIF Humerus Shaft Rehabilitation Protocol**

Phase / Goals	Immobilization	ROM	Therapeutic Exercises
Phase 1 (week 0-2) Goals:  Protect bone and soft tissue repair Pain and edema control	<ul> <li>Sling when ambulating, otherwise as needed for comfort</li> <li>No lifting &gt;1lbs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shoulder 4 quadrant AAROM</li> <li>Full elbow, wrist and hand ROM</li> </ul>	Modalities as needed     Wall climbs, table slides, pulleys, supine wand exercises in all planes     Rhomboid and periscapular isometrics
Phase 2 (week 2-6) Goals:  • Advance ROM	<ul><li>Wean from sling</li><li>No lifting &gt;1lbs</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Full A/PROM</li> <li>No aggressive or forced PROM</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue as above</li> <li>Advance to passive multi-plane pulley when 120 degrees of flexion is achieved</li> <li>Submaximal isometrics in all planes except IR and ER</li> </ul>
Phase 3 (week 7-12) Goals:  Increase endurance and strength	No lifting >5lbs	Full A/PROM	<ul> <li>Continue as above</li> <li>Initiate rotator cuff strengthening</li> <li>Advance periscapular strengthening</li> <li>Begin light Theraband resistance for IR, ER, flexion, abduction, biceps and triceps and advance as tolerated</li> </ul>
Phase 4 (week 13+) Goals:  Improve strength and power  Return to play	No lifting restrictions	<ul> <li>Full A/PROM</li> <li>Capsular stretching as needed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent home exercise program</li> <li>Advance cuff strengthening</li> <li>Initiate sports specific strengthening</li> </ul>