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Proximal Humerus Fracture ORIF Rehabilitation Protocol

Phase / Goals	Immobilization	ROM	Therapeutic Exercises
Phase 1 (0-2 weeks) Goals: Control pain and swelling Protect repair	Sling at all times x 3 weeks	 PROM FF:0-90 deg ER:0-35 deg Abd:0-65 deg Modalities PRN Soft tissue mobilization 	 Hand, wrist, elbow and cervical ROM Grip and wrist strengthening Pendulums (Codman) Scapular stabilization
Phase 2 (3-6 weeks) Goals: Frequent gentle exercises to prevent adhesions Increase ROM while protecting the fracture site	Wean from sling after week 3	PROMFullAAROMFull	 Isometrics FF and ER Pulley for flexion to tolerance Slide boards Scapular stabilization
Phase 3 (7-12 weeks) Goals: Full active ROM Muscular endurance	• None	AROM Full Begin gentle patient self- stretch	 Multi-angle isometrics Advance to Theraband for IR, ER, FF and Abd Biceps and triceps strengthening Closed chain stability

Phase 4 (13-16 weeks) Goals: Maintain Full A/PROM Muscular strength	 Full A/PROM Increase stretches Modalities PRN Deep tissue massage Cupping Graston 	 Increase Theraband in all directions Begin return to functional or sport exercises Final Xrays to demonstrate complete healing prior to return to sport
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