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Shoulder Posterior Labral Repair Rehabilitation Protocol

Phase / Goals	Immobilization	ROM	Therapeutic Exercises
Phase 1 (0-2 weeks)	Ultra-sling in neutral rotation for 6 weeks	 Codman exercises, elbow and wrist A/PROM NO IR for 6 weeks Passive flexion to 120 deg, ABD to 90 deg 	Strength
Phase 2 (3-4 weeks)	Ultra-sling in neutral rotation for 6 weeks	 Passive and gentle active assisted ROM with adducted arm NO Internal rotation x 6 weeks Passive ABD to 100 deg, passive flexion to 120 deg 	 Internal – external strengthening with arm at low abduction angles (less than 30 degrees), only under full supervision Avoid posterior capsular stress
Phase 3 (5-6 weeks)	Ultra-sling in neutral rotation for 6 weeks	 Limit IR to neutral, abduction to 160 degrees, flexion to 160 degrees Shrugs Horizontal abduction exercises Open-can exercises Begin full AROM 	Start rotator cuff strengthening in plane of scapula Strength Deltoid isometric exercises at less than 30 deg ABD Thera-bands with elbow at patients side
Phase 4 (7-12 weeks)	D/C ultra-sling	 Restore terminal external rotation. May increase abduction angle to 90 degrees to work on ER and IR in 90 degrees abduction Restore full ROM in all planes 	Strength Plyometric exercises Sport-specific motion using pulley, wand, or manual resistance Begin proprioceptive training and feedback Okay for overhead activity week 10 No lifting >5 pounds until week 10, then progress as tolerated with PT

Phase 5 (13-16 weeks)	• N/A	Full A/PROM Advance lifting with PT and advance overhead use as tolerated	 Strength Eliminate strength deficits and maintain flexibility Isokinetics and Conventional weight-training Sport-specific Orient for return to sport Continue with endurance activities May start throwing and racquet program near 15-16 weeks
Phase 6 (>16 weeks)	• N/A	Full A/PROM	 Isokinetic testing Return to full contact only when abduction and ER strength are symmetrical to non-operative side Return to non-contact play between 4-5 months 5-6 months for contact sports Throw from pitching mound at 6 months