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Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty (w/Subscapularis Repair) Protocol

Phase / Goals	Immobilization	ROM	Therapeutic Exercises
Phase 1 (week 0-2) Goals: Pain and edema control. PROM full FF and ABD, no ER >30 x 2 weeks	Sling use full time x 4 weeks	 PROM ER: 0-30 x 2 wks IR to belt FF: full ABD: full Modalities: IFC & ice x 20 mins 	 Pendulums Cervical, elbow, wrist and hand ROM Strength: Wrist and grip only
Phase 2 (week 3-4) Goals: Passive ROM to limits outlined	Sling use full time x 4 weeks	PROM ER: 0-60 IR: full FF: full ABD: full AAROM: within limits above	 Scapular retraction-depression Pendulums Begin isometrics wk 4 for ER No resisted elbow flexion x 6 wks Avoid reaching behind back x 6 wks
Phase 3 (week 5-6) Goals: • Full PROM by 6 week mark	DC Sling	Progress to full P/AAROMBegin AROM	 Scapular retraction-depression Pendulums Isometrics Open chain proprioception Begin low load prolonged stretches No resisted elbow flexion x 6 wks

Phase 4 (week 7-12) Goals: • Full range of motion • 4/5 strength (rotator cuff and scapula stabilization)	D/C sling	• Full A/PROM	Strength: Begin rotator cuff endurance Begin light therabands Posture control Aerobic: May start elliptical, treadmill at incline and progress to walk run x 30 mins Start UBE w/o resistance
Phase 5 (week 13-18 wks) Goals: Full range of motion Full strength	• None	Continue full A/PROM	Strength: Begin push-up progression Body blade at multiple angles Unrestricted therabands in all planes Continue rotator cuff strengthening Can return to full activity 4-6 months Aerobic: Continue progression to running on treadmill Rowing machine, Versiclimber

RETURN-TO-SPORT CRITERIA:

• Functional pain-free active range of motion, maximized strength, proper scapulothoracic mechanics

PRECAUTIONS:

• No repetitive lifting heavier than 50 lbs, no contact sports, only light-weight lifting