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TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

Phase	Restrictions	Therapeutic Exercises
Phase 1: Weeks 0-2	-Simple sling always except PT, hygiene, and dressing	-Passive range of motion 0-90 degrees flexion and
	-No lifting greater than 5lbs with affected extremity	abduction, and external rotation to neutral
Goals: Reduce swelling and edema, minimize pain, retard	-No strengthening	-Unrestricted elbow, wrist, and hand range of motion
muscle atrophy, protect the surgical repair, and avoid		with the arm at the side
shoulder stiffness		-Wall slides, pendulums
		-Putty squeezes
		-Scapular Retraction
		-Cervical stretching and range of motion
		-Modalities PRN
Phase 2: Weeks 3-6	-May wean from simple sling during the day	-Progress to full passive range of motion, but continue
	-Avoid external rotation	external rotation to neutral until week 6
Goals: Progress range of motion, minimize pain, retard	-Sleep in the sling until week 4	-Once full passive range of motion is achieved, progress
muscle atrophy, protect the repair, and begin	-No lifting greater than 5lbs	to full active range of motion except external rotation
neuromuscular control		-Rotator cuff isometric strengthening
		-Periscapular low rows, serratus punches
		-Light bicep curls, triceps motor control exercises
		-Rhythmic stabilization
		-Side lying horizontal adduction
Phase 3: Weeks 7-12	-Discontinue sling	-Full range of motion in all planes
	-No lifting greater than 10lbs	-Progress rotator cuff strengthening as tolerated
Goals: Full range of motion, minimal pain, begin muscular	-Full range of motion in all planes	-Push-up plus, resistance bands, prone shoulder
activation and strengthening, protect the repair		extensions, forward punches
		-UBE with resistance
		-PNF patterns with resistance bands, wall-slides with
		resistance
Phase 4: Weeks 13-18	-Clearance from MD and all milestones achieved by week 18	-Continue all strengthening exercises
	-No heavy weightlifting until 16 weeks	-Maintain full range of motion
Goals: Progression of functional activities, advanced sport		-External rotation strengthening
and recreational activity per surgeon	Criteria for Discharge:	-Periscapular T's & Y's
	-<10% strength deficit	-Progressive ball stabilization on the wall, and wall ball
	-Limb similarity index of 90% or greater	dribbles
	-45/50 on biomechanical functional tests (if performed)	
	-No pain or complaints of instability	