

NewportCare® MEDICAL GROUP

Rehabilitation Protocol: Arthroscopic Posterior Shoulder Stabilization

Phase I (Weeks 0-6)

• Sling immobilization at all times (in flexion, abduction and 0° of rotation) except for showering and rehab under guidance of PT

• Range of Motion – None for Weeks 0-3

o Weeks 3-6: Begin passive ROM - Restrict motion to 90° of Forward Flexion, 90° of Abduction, and 45° of Internal Rotation

• Therapeutic Exercise

- o Elbow/Wrist/Hand Range of Motion
- o Grip Strengthening
- o Starting Week 3: Begin passive ROM activities: Codman's, Anterior
- Capsule Mobilization
- Heat/Ice before and after PT sessions

Phase II (Weeks 6-12)

- Sling immobilization for comfort only
- Range of Motion Begin AAROM/AROM
 - o Goals: 135° of Forward Flexion, 120° of Abduction, Full External Rotation
- Therapeutic Exercise
 - o Continue with Phase I exercises
 - o Begin active-assisted exercises Deltoid/Rotator Cuff Isometrics

o **Starting Week 8:** Begin resistive exercises for Rotator Cuff/Scapular Stabilizers/Biceps and Triceps (keep all strengthening exercises below the horizontal plane during this phase – utilize exercise arcs that protect the posterior capsule from stress)

• Modalities per PT discretion

Phase III (Weeks 12-16)

- Range of Motion Progress to full AROM without discomfort
- Therapeutic Exercise Advance Phase II exercises

o Emphasize Glenohumeral Stabilization, External Rotation and Latissimus eccentrics

- o Begin UE ergometer/endurance activities
- Modalities per PT discretion

Phase IV (Months 4-6)

- Range of Motion Full without discomfort
- Therapeutic Exercise Continue with strengthening

o Sport/Work specific rehabilitation – Plyometric and Throwing/Racquet Program

- o Continue with endurance activities
- o Return to sports at 6 months if approved
- Modalities per PT discretion

Comments:

Frequency:	times per week	Duration:	weeks
Signature:		Date:	

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Diagnosis

Name

Date

Date of Surgery