

Arthroscopic Anterior and Posterior Capsular Shift/Plication Post-Operative Rehabilitation Protocol

There is no subscapularis involvement

BICEPS TENODESIS PRECAUTIONS:

- 1. No Resisted elbow flexion for 8 weeks
- 2. No Resisted shoulder flexion for 8 weeks
- 3. No Lifting of anything over 1 to 2 pounds for 8 weeks.

I. Phase I - Protection Phase (Week 0 - 6)

Goals: Protect surgical site

Only

follow if

Initiate ROM to prevent adhesions and increase circulation Initiate muscle contraction to enhance dynamic stability Decrease pain/inflammation

General considerations:

- 1. Wear sling for 4-6 weeks and sleep in immobilizer for 4 weeks
- 2. No overhead activities for 4 weeks
- 3. No active or passive extension for 4 weeks
- 4. No internal rotation PROM
- 5. Avoid passive flexion greater than 90 degrees for 4 weeks
- 6. Provide support during flexion to prevent gravity assisted posterior humeral head translation
- 7. No passive or active extension for 4 weeks

A. Week 0-2

- 1. Pendulum exercises (gentle: goal is not motion)
- 2. PROM / AAROM (**No IR**)
 - a. Shoulder flexion in **Side-lying** to 90 degrees***
 - *Be sure to support so humeral head does not stress posterior capsule
 - b. ER (at 20° ABD) to 30°
- 3. Wrist, elbow, and cervical spine AROM
- 4. Grip and wrist strength
- 5. Submaximal isometrics at 0° ABD with towel roll Shoulder ER, IR, Ext., flex, and ABD
- 6. Scapular retractions and depression (**no extension**)
- 7. Cryotherapy



B. Week 3-4

- 1. PROM and AAROM
 - a. Shoulder flexion in prone or side-lying to <u>90 degrees</u>***
 *Be sure to support so humeral head does not stress posterior capsule
 - b. ER to 45° in scapular plane
 - c. Shoulder horizontal ABD/ADD (gentle)
- 2. AAROM (Cane and pulley exercises within ROM limits)
- 3. Scapular retractions and depression
- 4. Gentle joint mobilization (GH, SC, and scapulothoracic)
- 5. Multi-angle isometrics progressive resistance
- 6. Scapular PNF
- 7. Cryotherapy and modalities as needed

C. Week 5-6

- 1. PROM and AAROM
 - a. Shoulder flexion to 130 starting at week 5 (160° by week 6)
 - b. Shoulder extension to 30° by week 6
 - c. ER to tolerance.
 - d. IR to 60° at week 5 / IR to tolerance at 6 weeks (Not before)
- 2. AROM: Standing flexion and ABD to tolerance (no hiking)
- 3. Supraspinatus progress full can within ROM limits
- 4. Theraband IR/ER
- 5. Closed kinetic chain exercises (prone on elbows, quadruped, etc.)
- 6. Posterior capsular stretching
- 7. Grade II and III joint mobilizations posterior and inferior
- 8. Progress stabilization and neuromuscular control exercises
- 9. Initiate light resistance isotonics
 - a. Biceps / triceps
 - b. Controlled midrange serratus punches
 - c. Prone Rowing and extension (to neutral)

II. Phase II – Intermediate Phase (Week 6-12)

Goals: Full non-painful ROM by week 8

Normalize arthrokinematics

Increase strength

Improve neuromuscular control

A. Week 6 - 8

- 1. AAROM/PROM progress to full ROM by week 8:
 - a. ER at 90° ABD to 90 100°
 - b. IR at 90° ABD to $70 75^{\circ}$



- 2. Continue joint mobilizations and capsular stretches
- 3. Isotonic dumbbell program

Supine and Sidelying IR/ER, Shoulder ABD, Biceps/triceps, Serratus punches

- 4. Supine IR/ER theraband up to 90 degrees ABD
- 5. Rhythmic stabilization for IR/ER at 45° ABD
- 6. PNF D2 diagonals light manual resistance
- 7. Upper body ergometer (UBE) light resistance
- 8. Wall push-ups (elbow to thorax)
- 9. Quadruped rhythmic stabilization
- 10. Prone ER with 90 degrees ABD and 90 degrees elbow flex
- 11. Bodyblade (start with arm down by side)

B. Week 9 -12

- 1. Continue all above exercises
- 2. Prone extension, lower trap, and horizontal ABD (thumb up and down)
- 3. Aggressive stretching and joint mobilization, if needed
- 4. Double hand plyometrics (chest, overhead, and diagonals) (10 wks)
- 5. Latissimus pulldowns in front of body
- 6. Progress to one hand plyometrics (ball toss, ball on wall) (close to 12 wks)
- 7. PNF progress from manual resistance to theraband

III. Advanced Strengthening Phase (Week 12-20)

A. Week 12 – 16

- 1. Continue self capsular stretches
- 2. Theraband IR/ER in 90/90 position (slow and fast)
- 3. Continue all isotonic strengthening
- 4. Progress to floor push-ups (plus) with BOSU
- 5. Progress neuromuscular control exercises
- 6. Throwing into plyoback (1#)

B. Week 16 -20

- 1. Continue all above exercises
- 2. Initiate interval sports program
- 3. Progress plyometrics
 - a. ER and IR at 90° ABD
 - b. D2 extension plyometrics
 - c. Plyoball and Deceleration tosses
- 4. Bench press (do not allow arm below the body)