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SHOULDER - SUPERIOR CAPSULAR RECONSTRUCTION REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

	RANGE OF	IMMOBILIZER	EXERCISES
PHASE I 0-4 weeks	MOTION 0-2 weeks: NONE 2-4 weeks: begin PROM	0-2 weeks: Immobilized at all times day and night; off for hygiene and	0-2 weeks: Elbow/wrist ROM, grip strengthening and pendulums at home only 2-6 weeks: Begin PROM to ER to 45 degrees; Codman's, posterior capsule mobilizations; avoid
	Limit 90° flexion, 45° ER, 20° extension, 45° ABD, 45° ABER	gentle HEP according to instructions 2-6 weeks: worn during day only	stretch of anterior capsule and extension; closed chain scapula
PHASE II 6-12 weeks*	Begin A/AROM; advance to 140° flexion, 135° ABD, 90° ABER, 45° ABIR	NONE	Continue Phase I work; begin AAROM exercises, deltoid/rotator cuff isometrics at 8 weeks; begin resistive exercises for scapular stabilizers, Biceps, Triceps and RTC**
PHASE III 12-16 weeks	Gradual return to full AROM	NONE	Advance activities in Phase II; emphasize ER and Latissimus eccentrics, glenohumeral stabilization Begin muscle endurance activities (upper body ergometer) Cycling/running as tolerated at 12 weeks
PHASE IV 4-6 months***	Full and painfree	NONE	Aggressive scapular stabilization and eccentric strengthening; scapular perturbation Begin plyometric and throwing/racquet program, continue with endurance activities Maintain ROM and flexibility
PHASE V 6-8 months	Full and painfree	NONE	Progress Phase IV activities, return to full activity as tolerated

^{*}If DCE is performed, horizontal adduction is restrictied for 8 weeks post-operatively

^{**}If a biceps tenodesis is performed, avoid active biceps flexion and eccentric loads for 6 weeks post-operatively

^{***}Limited return to sports activities during Phase IV if cleared by surgeon