

Rotator Cuff Repair Protocol

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Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Post-Op Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dressing change -Instructions in signs and symptoms of infection -Instruction in cryotherapy -Instruction in pendulum exercise, active wrist and elbow range of motion, scapular retraction -Electrical stimulation for swelling/pain if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Independent in home exercise program of active wrist and elbow range of motion, pendulum exercises, scapular retraction, and cryotherapy -Home electrical stimulation unit if needed
Phase I (0-4 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Frequency equals 1-3 times/week passive range of motion performed by therapist in flexion and scapular and only -Patient is to wear sling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Passive range of motion goal of 145° of flexion and scapular -Continue scapular stabilization exercises -Progression of home exercise program as tolerated
Phase II (4-12 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Frequency equals 2–3 times/week until range of motion and strength are approaching within normal limits -Discontinue sling at 6 weeks -Active assistive range of motion in all directions at 4 weeks -Instruction in active range of motion at 6-8 weeks per MD -Begin in clinic strengthening as tolerated at 8 weeks for shoulder/elbow and scapular stabilizers—progress as tolerated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Range of motion within normal limits at 10–12 weeks in all directions -Independent in PRE by 10 weeks for progression independently -Strength progressed as tolerated in clinic
Phase III (12-16 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Frequency equals 1–2 times/week -Continue to progress range of motion and strength until within normal limits/within functional limits in all directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Range of motion within normal limits/within functional limits - discontinue when goal met -Independent in home exercise program for shoulder strengthening/scapular stabilization

Phase IV (4-6 Months)	-Frequency PRN	-Progress all range of motion and strength to within normal limits
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