

Rotator Cuff Repair Protocol

Dr. Murphy

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Post-Op Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dressing change Instruction in signs and symptoms of infection Removal of pain pump Instruction in cryotherapy Instruction in pendulum exercise, fist pumps, elbow ROM and AAROM into flexion using opposite upper extremity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent in HEP of AAROM shoulder flexion, fist pumps, elbow ROM, pendulum exercise, scapular retraction, shoulder shrugs and cryotherapy
Phase I 0-6 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient is to continue with independent HEP from AAROM shoulder flexion and pendulum exercises. Patient is to wear sling for 6 weeks <i>Dr. Murphy will order therapy again after his 6-week post-op check.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progression of HEP as tolerated No in-clinic therapy
Phase II 6-12 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency= 3x/week until ROM and strength are approaching WNL. Discharge sling at 6 weeks PROM all directions, progress as tolerated AAROM all directions as tolerated Isometrics can begin at 6 weeks Instruction in AROM at 8 weeks Instruction in PRE's at 12 weeks Begin in-clinic strengthening as tolerated at 12 weeks for shoulder/elbow and scapular stabilizers. Progress as tolerated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROM WNL at 10-12 weeks in all directions Independent in PRE' s at 12 weeks for progression independently Strength progressed as tolerated in clinic
Phase III 12-16 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency = 2x/week Continue to progress ROM and strength until WNL/WFL in all directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROM WNL/WFL- discharge when goal met. Independent in HEP for shoulder strengthening/scapular stabilization
Phase IV 4-6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency - PRN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress all ROM and strength to WNL if still not present