

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Diagnosis: _____ Shoulder OA _____ Code: ____ M19.01 _____

Procedure: _____ Anatomic Shoulder Replacement _____ Surgery Date: _____

In order for University of Utah Health Care to complete this referral, please fax the patient's first consult notes to the University of Utah Orthopaedic Center at 801-581-4404. Thank you.

Timing of each phase varies based on individual patient factors, length of time immobilized, strength/ROM status, and expected performance/activity demands.

Phase I: Protect the Subscapularis (0 to 4 weeks)

- Patient may shower immediately over clear plastic, waterproof dressing
- Sutures are all underneath the skin and will dissolve on their own
- Ice or cold flow systems encouraged for the first week at a minimum
- Sling should be worn at all times for 4 weeks except while working with PT and showering
- OK for Immediate elbow, forearm and hand range of motion out of sling
- Do not lift anything with the surgical arm
- *2 weeks post-op*: Start home exercise program 3 times per day:
 - Pendulum exercises
 - Active Assisted ROM (AAROM): pulleys in scapular plane FE to 140° and ER to 30°
 - Supine AAROM into flexion and ER with above limits
 - Emphasize home program
- Protect the subscapularis repair
 - Limit ER to 30°
 - No resisted IR
 - Avoid extension of shoulder
 - Avoid reaching behind back

Phase II: Active ROM (4 weeks to 10 weeks)

- Discontinue sling at all times
- Lifting restriction of 10 lbs
- Advance active ROM and passive ROM as tolerated
 - Maintain ER limit of 40° until 10 weeks
 - Advance forward elevation as tolerated
- Scapular stabilizer strengthening
- Strengthen rotator cuff and shoulder musculature
 - Isometrics, theraband, dumbbell, etc
 - AVOID RESISTED IR OR EXTENSION UNTIL 10 WEEKS

Phase III: Strengthening (>10 weeks)

- Advance shoulder ER range of motion as tolerated (light stretching only)
- Initiate subscapularis strengthening (resisted IR and extension)
- Advance shoulder and rotator cuff strengthening as tolerated
- Incorporate low level functional activities at 3 months
 - Swimming, water aerobics, light tennis, jogging
- Start higher level activities at 4 months
 - Tennis, light weight training, golf
- Initiate functional progression to sports specific activities at 4 months

Modalities per Therapist

Freq: 1-3x/week

Duration: 8-12 weeks

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