



# Arthroscopic Rotator Cuff Healing Response

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dr. Petre \_\_\_\_\_ DX: \_\_\_\_\_

! = Do exercise for that week/month

**Week**

	Phase I – Maximal Protection Passive Range of Motion (PROM)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13	17	21	25
<b>PROM</b>	<b>DATE</b>														
<b>Restrictions</b>	Scapular Retraction-Depression	●	●	●	●	●	●								
<b>FE:Full</b>	Cervical ROM Exercises	●	●	●	●	●	●								
<b>ER:Full</b>	Elbow/Hand/Wrist ROM	●	●	●	●	●	●								
<b>IR:Full</b>	Pendulums	●	●	●	●	●	●								
<b>ABD:Full</b>	Aqua Therapy for Gentle AAROM			●	●	●	●								
	Ankle Pumps to prevent DVT's	●	●												
<b>Begin full AROM: 2 weeks</b>	<b>Passive ROM</b>														
	External Rotation	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Continue PROM until full ROM is achieved.			
	Forward Elevation & Scaption	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
<b>Sling 2 weeks for comfort</b>	Abduction	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Begin Internal Rotation gently as this will stress the rotator cuff healing response.			
	Internal Rotation to Belt Line	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	Internal Rotation			●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	<b>Phase II-Minimal Protection Active Range of Motion (AROM)</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13	17	21	25
<b>T.E.D. Hose 2 weeks to prevent DVT</b>	<b>Active Assist ROM</b>														
	Internal & External Rotation	●	●	●	●	●	●								
	Forward Elevation & Scaption	●	●	●	●	●	●								
	<b>Isometrics-Light</b>														
	Internal/External Rotation	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Biceps/Triceps**	✕	✕	✕	✕	✕	✕	●	●						
<b>Time Lines Week 1 (POD 1-7) Week 2 (POD 8-14) Week 3 (POD 15-21) Week 4 (POD 22-28)</b>	<b>Active ROM</b>														
	Sidelying External Rotation			●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Forward Elevation & Scaption (lawn chair progression)			●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Salutes (lawn chair progression)			●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Prone Horizontal Abduction w/ ER			●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Prone Lower Traps to 60			●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Prone Extensions with ER			●	●	●	●	●	●						
	Open Chain Proprioception			●	●	●	●	●	●						
	<b>Low Load Prolonged Stretches</b>														
	Door Jam Series			●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	Towel Internal Rotation			●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	Cross Arm Stretch			●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	Sleeper Stretch			●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	TV Watching Stretch		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	90/90 External Rotation Stretch			●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	<b>Activities of Daily Living (ADL's)</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13	17	21	25
	Eating/Drinking (Elbow motion ok)	●	●	●	●	●	●								
	Dressing		●	●	●	●	●								
	Washing/Showering		●	●	●	●	●								
	Computer with supported arm		●	●	●	●	●								
	Driving		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
	Lifting up to 5 lbs.			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Overhead Activity							●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Lifting greater than 5 lbs.							●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

The intent of this protocol is to provide guidelines for progression of rehab. It is by no means intended to serve as a substitute for clinical decision making. Progression through each phase of rehab is based on clinical criteria and time frames as appropriate. It is important that each phase of rehab is mastered prior to initiating the next phase to insure proper healing of repaired tissues.

X= Biceps Tenodesis  
 No Resisted  
 Elbow Flexion  
 for 6 weeks

<b>Phase III: Initial Resistance Strengthening &amp; Proprioception</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13	17	21	25
External Rotation				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Internal Rotation				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Punches with a Plus				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sport Cord Rows							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Prone Lower Trap				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bicep Curls							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Triceps Extensions				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Initial Push-up Plus							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Initial Closed Chain Stability							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Phase IV: Advanced Resistance Strengthening &amp; Proprioception</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13	17	21	25
External Rotation at 45								•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bear Hugs								•	•	•	•	•	•	•
External Rotation at 90								•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Statue of Liberty								•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Advanced Push-up Plus								•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Advanced Closed Chain Stability								•	•	•	•	•	•	•
PNF with Resistance											•	•	•	•
Decelerations											•	•	•	•
Plyometric External Rotation											•	•	•	•
<b>Phase IV: Weight Lifting in Gym and Return to Sports</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13	17	21	25
<b>CRITERIA: FULL PAINFREE MOTION AND FULL ROTATOR CUFF STRENGTH RESTORED NO LAT PULLS BEHIND BACK, OR WIDE GRIP BENCH PRESS</b>														
Skiing											•	•	•	•
Throwing Progression											•	•	•	•
Overhead and Serving Sports (tennis, volleyball)											•	•	•	•
Contact Sports (football, hockey, lacrosse)											•	•	•	•
Swimming										•	•	•	•	•

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