
Rotator Cuff Repair (Less than 3cm)

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Phase 0: Quiet (Weeks 0 to 1)

- Quiet in sling with AROM at elbow/wrist/hand
- UltraSling for six weeks
- Begin active scapular retraction/protraction exercises with therapist cueing

Phase I: Passive (Weeks 2 to 6)

- Pendulums to warm-up – beginning week one
- Supine external rotation – 0 to 30 degrees beginning at two weeks with progression to full PROM by six weeks
- Supine forward elevation – 0 to 90 degrees beginning at two weeks with progression to full PROM by six weeks
- Progress to upright as tolerated with ER and FE

Phase II: Active (Weeks 7 to 9)

- Pendulums to warm-up
- Active range of motion with **terminal stretch**
- Supine → external rotation – after six weeks; progress **gradually** to full
- Supine → forward elevation – after six weeks; progress **gradually** to full
- Begin active biceps
- Internal rotation – full (begin behind the back)
- Begin AROM in supine and progress to upright

Phase III: Resisted (Week 10)

- Pendulums to warm up and continue with Phase II
- External and internal rotation
- Standing forward punch
- Seated rows
- Shoulder shrugs and biceps curls

Weight Training (Week 12)

- Keep hands within eyesight, keep elbows bent, no long lever arms
- Minimize overhead activities (below shoulder)
- **No** Military press, pull-down behind head or wide grip bench