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POSTERIOR SHOULDER STABILIZATION REHABILITATION PROGRAM

(TO BE GIVEN TO PHYSICAL THERAPIST)

	RANGE OF MOTION	SLING	THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE
PHASE I: 1-3 WEEKS POST-OP	• PROM • NONE	 Immobilized in sling with abduction pillow at all times, neutral rotation to a few degrees of ER, may be removed for exercises and showering. Wear sling at night. 	 No Pendulums Cervical ROM Begin scapula musculature isometrics / sets Elbow, wrist, hand ROM Ball squeezes General conditioning: bike, treadmill, etc.
PHASE II: 3-6 WEEKS POST-OP	 Gradually increase PROM Forward Flexion: 90° Abduction: 90° Internal Rotation: 45° External Rotation: 90° 	 Continue to wear sling with abduction pillow at all times, neutral rotation to a few degrees of ER, may be removed for exercises and showering. Week 5 may begin wearing sling for comfort Out of sling by Week 6 	 Codman's Pendulums Anterior Capsule Mobilization Submaximal pain free shoulder isometrics in the plane of the scapula Flexion Abduction Extension External Rotation No Internal Rotation yet
PHASE III: 6 - 12 WEEKS POST-OP	Progress to near full ROM	Transition out of sling	 Begin AAROM exercises Pulleys Joint Mobilizations (no posterior glides) Rotator Cuff isometrics Deltoid Isometrics Initiate IR isometrics in slight ER (do not perform past neutral) Progress with periscapular strengthening Progress to AROM by Week 8
PHASE IV: 12-16 WEEKS POST-OP	Progress to full ROM without discomfort	• None	 Continue stretching and strengthening with resistance bands Can begin pushups Progress free weight exercises (low weight, high reps) IR/ER: sidelying Supraspinatus: scapular plane Shoulder flexion: through pain free range of motion Arm ergometer/cycle for endurance exercise



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PHASE V:	Full ROM without	None	 Begin practicing skills at a low
16+ WEEKS	discomfort		intensity level for specific sport
POST-OP			 For throwers, initiate a throwing
			program
			 Tennis may begin serves
			 Total body conditioning/ergometer
			cycle