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Name:	Date:
Diagnosis:	Date of Surgery:

# Rehabilitation Protocol: Arthroscopic Posterior Shoulder Stabilization

#### Phase I (Weeks 0-6)

Sling immobilization at all times (in flexion, abduction and  $0^{\circ}$  of rotation) except for showering and rehab under guidance of PT

Range of Motion - None for Weeks 0-3

 Weeks 3-6: Begin passive ROM - Restrict motion to 90° of Forward Flexion, 90° of Abduction, and 45° of Internal Rotation

Therapeutic Exercise

- o Elbow/Wrist/Hand Range of Motion
- o Grip Strengthening
- o **Starting Week 3:** Begin passive ROM activities: Codman's, Anterior Capsule Mobilization Heat/Ice before and after PT sessions

#### Phase II (Weeks 6-12)

Sling immobilization for comfort only Range of Motion – Begin AAROM/AROM

o Goals: 135° of Forward Flexion, 120° of Abduction, Full External Rotation

Therapeutic Exercise

- o Continue with Phase I exercises
- o Begin active-assisted exercises Deltoid/Rotator Cuff Isometrics
- Starting Week 8: Begin resistive exercises for Rotator Cuff/Scapular Stabilizers/Biceps and Triceps (keep all strengthening exercises below the horizontal plane during this phase – utilize exercise arcs that protect the posterior capsule from stress)
  Modalities per PT discretion

#### Phase III (Weeks 12-16)

Range of Motion - Progress to full AROM without discomfort

Therapeutic Exercise – Advance Phase II exercises

- o Emphasize Glenohumeral Stabilization, External Rotation and Latissimus eccentrics
- o Begin UE ergometer/endurance activities

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## Phase IV (Months 4-6)

Range of Motion – Full without discomfort

Therapeutic Exercise - Continue with strengthening

- o Sport/Work specific rehabilitation Plyometric and Throwing/Racquet Program
- o Continue with endurance activities
- o Return to sports at 6 months if approved

Modalities per PT discretion