

Acromioplasty W/WO Distal Clavicle Resection Protocol

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Frequency 1 2 3 4 5 times/week Duration 1 2 3 4 5 6 weeks

Anytime the dressing is changed or examined, *please wash hands* prior with antibacterial soap. Do not apply any ointments or medications to the area. The surgical dressing should be changed by the therapist using *sterile* technique. This includes sterile field, sterile gloves, betadine or chlorhexidine skin cleanser and sterile supplies when redressing the wounds. Do NOT remove steri-strips. The new dressing should include dry gauze and ACE wrap. For a shoulder arthroscopy the portals may be redressed with band-aids.

Weeks 1-4:

- PROM → AAROM → AROM as tolerated
- With a distal clavicle resection, hold cross-body adduction until **8 weeks post-op**; otherwise, all else is the same in this rehab program
- ROM goals: 140° FF/40° ER at side
- No abduction-rotation until 4-8 weeks post-op, as pain allows.
- No resisted motions until 4 weeks post-op
- DC sling at 1-2 weeks post-op; sling only when sleeping if needed
- Heat before/ice after PT sessions

Weeks 4-8:

- DC sling if not done previously
- Increase AROM in all directions with passive stretching at end ranges to maintain shoulder flexibility
- Goals: 160° FF/60° ER at side
- Begin light isometrics with arm at side for rotator cuff and deltoid; can advance to bands as tolerated
- Physical modalities per PT discretion

Weeks 8-12:

- Advance strengthening as tolerated: isometrics → bands → weights; 10 reps/1 set per rotator cuff, deltoid, and scapular stabilizers
- Only do strengthening 3x/week to avoid rotator cuff tendinitis
- If ROM lacking, increase to full with passive stretching at end ranges
- Begin eccentrically resisted motions, plyometrics, and closed chain exercises

Comments:

Teach HEP _____

Modalities PRN

Every patient's therapy progression will vary to a degree depending on many factors. Please use your best clinical judgment on advancing a patient. If other ideas are considered to improve patient's outcome do not hesitate to call.

Patient's recovery is a team approach: Patient, family/friend support, therapist, and surgeon. Every team member plays an important role in recovery.

Signature _____ **Date** _____