

Accelerated Shoulder Surgery/Debridement Rehabilitation Protocol

Phase	Goals	Precautions/Restrictions	Treatment
Weeks 0-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintain/improve range of motion progressing PROM to AAROM ● Try to achieve symmetry to comparable shoulder ● Decrease pain and protective/compensatory behaviors ● Maintain fitness of the athlete as able with low impact aerobic exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Avoid provocative maneuvers, motions or exercises that cause discomfort ● Wean out of sling as soon as able ● No lifting > 5 lbs during weeks 0-3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Passive to Active Assisted Shoulder ROM in all planes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pendulum ○ Flexion / Abduction ○ External Rotation / Internal Rotation ● Maintain full active elbow, wrist and hand ROM ● Complete ADL's with affected arm as able with minimal to no pain. ● Initiate Isometric Exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rotator Cuff ○ Deltoid ○ Periscapular ● Criteria for progression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimal pain and tenderness ○ Improvement of active/passive ROM ○ Return to functional ROM ● Initial visit: FOTO, QuickDASH
Weeks 3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full active shoulder ROM in all planes ● Initiate strength/resistance training 2-3x/week ● Maintain fitness of the athlete as able. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Avoid provocative maneuvers, motions or exercises that cause discomfort ● Avoid high velocity or high load activities of the shoulder ● Slowly advance 5 lb lifting restriction to unrestricted lifting as able 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AAROM to AROM/ Functional ROM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flexion / Abduction ○ External Rotation / Internal Rotation ○ Hand Behind Head ○ Hand Behind Back ● Progress to Isotonic exercises as able with low loads and little to no pain ● Criteria For Progression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full painless active ROM ○ No pain or tenderness with strengthening exercises ● Week 6: FOTO, QuickDASH
Weeks 6-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve shoulder complex strength, power and endurance ● Progressive, Systematic Interval Program for Returning to Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overhead Athletes ○ Tennis ○ Golf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appropriate progression of increased velocity and loaded activities of the shoulder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Isotonic strength training exercises with progressive overload ● Initiation of plyometric Training ● Focus on speed/velocity of movement ● Sport Specific Training ● Functional testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of isokinetic dynamometer if available ○ HDD ● Week 12: FOTO, QuickDASH

This protocol is not meant to be prescriptive but a recommendation to guide the rehabilitation process. Each patient's progress may vary based on specifics of their injury and procedure.