



Hemi/Total Shoulder Arthroplasty Rehabilitation

Phase 1

Sling

- 1) Sling use for comfort
- 2) May be out of sling during non "at risk" activities
- 3) Discontinue as tolerated after week 6

Weeks 0- 6

- 1) Begin active assisted shoulder motion (all planes except IR)
****No active internal rotation until week 7****
- 2) Limit external rotation to 40 degrees
- 3) NO ACTIVE BICEPS
- 4) Hand, wrist & forearm active motion
- 5) Initiate independent home motion with caregiver: PROM
 - external rotation to 40 degrees
- 6) Active scapular motion (shrugs, retraction, depression)
- 7) Isometrics below 90 degrees **No internal rotation until week 7**

Phase 2

Weeks 7- 9

- 1) Advance to full active motion (all planes)
 - a) Independent HEP program: daily stretching
- 2) Scapular stability
- 3) Add upper body ergometer with no resistance

Weeks 10 -12

- 1) Continue motion as needed
- 2) Begin resistance with activities below shoulder level
- 3) Maintain proper scapulohumeral rhythm
- 4) Emphasize continued independent home stretching

Phase 3

Week 13+

- 1) Return to regular activity
- 2) Maintenance Program
 - Daily Stretching (all planes)
 - Strengthening 2-3 times / week

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