



Rehabilitation Protocol Subacromial Decompression / Rotator Cuff Debridement Biceps Tenodesis

Please Note: If the patient underwent collagen patch rotator cuff augmentation (see op report), the protocol is the same as follows here.

Phase I: Early ROM (*0 to 4 weeks*)

- May remove dressing and shower postop day # 3. Place Band-aids over the portal sites after dry.
- No resisted biceps flexion, no resisted supination for 6 weeks
- Ice or cold flow system encouraged for the first week at a minimum: should be used 3-4 times per day.
- Sling should be worn for the first week.
- Scapular ROM exercises.
- Initiate shoulder exercise program 3 times per day:

AAROM: pulleys, wand and supine gravity assisted ROM.
Progress PROM and capsular stretching as tolerated.
Immediate elbow, forearm and hand ROM.
May start shoulder isometrics as pain improves.

Phase II: Restore Function (*>4 weeks*)

- Progress PROM and capsular stretching as tolerated.
- Equate active and passive ROM.
- Initiate rotator cuff and scapular stabilizer strengthening (Theraband, dumbbells, Hughston's exercises, etc.) Avoid positions of impingement.
- Progress to functional activities as tolerated.