

ARTHROSCOPIC CAPSULAR RELEASE

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Patient _____
 DOS _____

	POW 0-2	POW 2-4	POW 4-8	POW 8-16
ROM	Passive to active as tolerated		Increase as tolerated to full	Progress to full without discomfort
Sling	Worn for comfort only	Discharge		
Exercises	Aggressive PROM and capsular stretching*	Continue previous	Continue previous	Continue previous
	Closed chain scapula	Joint mobilizations	Sidelying ER, progress as tolerated	Advance strengthening as tolerated
	Table Flex, ER, Abd	Deltoid/Rotator Cuff Isometrics (Flex, Ext, Abd, Add, ER, IR)	Prone/Bent: Rows, Extension progress as tolerated	Begin eccentrically resisted motions
	Supine stick ER, Flex	Scapular retraction	Rows, Extension, IR, ER with Tubing	Begin closed chain activities
	Pulley	Serratus Punch	W Tubing	Advance to sport and full activity as tolerated after 12 weeks
	Swiss Ball Roll		"I", "Y", "T" progress as tolerated	
	Wall Slide			
	Standing Wand Flex, ER, Abd			
	Pendulums			
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*If a distal clavicle excision is performed, horizontal adduction is restricted for 8 weeks post-op

**If a biceps tenodesis is performed, avoid active flexion of biceps and eccentric loads on biceps for 6 weeks post-op

Any Questions? Please contact:
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