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Post-Operative Rehabilitation Guidelines for Shoulder Arthroscopy

Sub-Acromial Decompression, Distal Clavicle Excision

- 0-4 Weeks: Sling for Comfort. May discontinue after 2 weeks
Passive to Active shoulder ROM as tolerated
140° Forward Flexion
40° External Rotation with arm at side
Internal rotation behind back with gentle posterior capsule stretching
No rotation with arm in abduction until 4 wks
With distal clavicle excision, hold cross body adduction until 8wks.
Grip Strength, Elbow/Wrist/Hand ROM, Codmans
Avoid Abduction and 90/90 ER until 8wks
With Biceps Tenodesis: No active elbow flexion until 4 wks
- 4-8 Weeks: Discontinue Sling if not already done so
Advance ROM as tolerated (Goals FF to 160°, ER to 60°)
Begin Isometric exercises
Progress deltoid isometrics
ER/IR (sub-maximal) at neutral
Advance to Theraband as tolerated
With Biceps Tenodesis: No resisted elbow flexion until 8 wks
- 8-12 Weeks: Advance to full, painless ROM
Continue strengthening as tolerated
Begin eccentrically resisted motion and closed chain activities
Only do strengthening 3times/wk to avoid rotator cuff tendonitis