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Anterior Stabilization

Post-Op	Goals	Precautions	Exercises
Weeks 0-4	Edema and pain control	Sling at all times, including sleep	Elbow, wrist, hand ROM
	Protect surgical repair	Remove to shower (arm at side)	Gripping exercises
HEP daily	Sling immobilization	ER to neutral	
Weeks 4-8	Protect surgical repair	Sling except shower and exercises	AAROM FF and ER
	FF 145°, ER 30°	DC sling at 6 weeks	Scapular stabilization
PT 2-3x/week		No ER >30°	Submaximal biceps, triceps, deltoid ER,
HEP daily		No backward extension	and IR isometrics
		Avoid anterior capsule stretch	Gentle, gradual ER
			0° abduction to max 30°
			90° abduction to max 50°
			Posture training
Weeks 8-2	Full ROM	No sling	AAROM IR
	Scapulohumeral rhythm	Avoid painful ADLs	Rotator cuff/periscapular stabilization
PT 2-3x/week	Restore strength 5/5	Avoid rotator cuff inflammation	Humeral head rhythmic stabilization
HEP daily		Avoid excessive passive stretching	Resistive exercise for scapula, biceps,
			triceps, and rotator cuff below
			horizontal plane
Weeks 12-18	Full ROM and strength	No sling	Advance UE strengthening as tolerated
	Improve endurance	Avoid painful activities	ER/IR in 90/90 position
PT 1x/week	Prevent re-injury	OK to cycle/run at 12 weeks	Begin upper body ergometer (UBE)
HEP daily		No contact/racquet/throwing sports	Initiate plyometrics
			Sport-specific activities
			Throwing/racquet program: 4-5 months
Weeks 18	Return to play	No restrictions	Maintain ROM, strength, and endurance
		Return to sport (MD directed)	
HEP daily			