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Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty

Post-Op	Goals	Precautions	Exercises
Weeks 0-6	Edema and pain control	Sling when not doing exercises	Elbow, wrist, hand ROM
	Protect subscap repair	DC sling at 4 weeks	Codman/Pendulum
PT 1-2x/week	Active Assisted	Limit ER to neutral for 2 weeks	Passive supine forward flexion as
	Week 1: FF 90°, ER 0°	No ER >30°, active IR (Weeks 2-6)	tolerated
HEP daily	Week 2: FF 120°, ER 10°	No backward extension (BE)	Scapular mobility and stability (side-
-	Week 6: FF 140°, ER 30°	No scapular retractions	lying)
		Limit abduction 75°	Deltoid isometrics
		No resisted elbow flexion	Posture training
			Advance P/AA/AROM
Weeks 6-12	Protect subscap repair	No sling	Advance P/AA/AROM
	FF 150°, ER 45°	No resisted IR/BE	Cane/pulley
PT 2-3x/week		Avoid BE/IR/adduction	Passive IR in 60° abduction
		No resisted scapular retractions	Rhythmic stabilization at 120°
HEP daily		Avoid painful ADLs	Submaximal isometrics ER/FF/ABD
			Closed chain kinetic exercises
			Scapular stabilization
			Anterior deltoid/teres strengthening
Weeks 12-24	Full ROM	No sling	Begin AA to AROM IR/BE
	Improve strength	Avoid painful ADLs	Advance strengthening as tolerated
PT 1-2x/week	Improve endurance		Closed chain scapular rehab
			Functional strengthening focused on
HEP daily			anterior deltoid and teres
			Maximize scapular stabilization
Weeks 24+	Maximal ROM	None	Progress strengthening, flexibility, and
	Independent HEP		endurance
HEP daily			

^{*}PATIENT MAY ONLY BE 2-5LB. WEIGHT-BEARING FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS