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Superior Capsular Reconstruction Protocol

Phase/ Goals	Immobilization	ROM	Therapeutic Exercises
Phase 1 (0-2 weeks) Goals: Pain control Elbow ROM Decrease swelling	Abduction sling at all times	 PROM FE 60, ER 30, AB 60 Codman shoulder pendulums Modalities: GameReady Compression Edema control 	 Neck, elbow, wrist ROM Scapular retraction and depression Pendulums
Phase 2 (2-6 weeks) Goals: Pain control Minimal ROM	Abduction sling at all times until 6 weeks	PROM limitations until week 6 (limit 30 degrees external rotation, 90 degrees flexion, 60 degrees abduction) Modalities: Gentle Massage Cryotherapy	 Continue neck, elbow, hand ROM Continue pendulums Progress PROM after week 4 Scapular stabilizers

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Goals: • Full PROM • (full FE, ABD, ER, IR to belt)	Wean Sling week 7 5 pound weightbearing restriction starting week 6 for 2 weeks, then progress	 Active assist and AROM starting week 6, progress to full Manual Push to get full PROM Modalities: Ice/stim PRN 	 Isometrics: internal and external rotation, biceps and triceps Sidelying external rotation, salutes, prone extension and horizontal abduction Low load prolonged stretching: towel internal rotation, cross arm, sleeper, 90/90 abd/ER Endurance starting week 10: IR and ER, theraband rows, bicep curls, tricep extension Closed chain stability
Phase 4 (13-18 weeks) Goals: Maintain full AROM and PROM	increase weightbearing no restrictions	• Full A/PROM	 External rotation strengthening at 45 and 90 degrees Bear hugs Statue of liberty Push-up plus progression
Phase 5 (18+ weeks) Goals: Increase muscular power	Restrictions lifted	• Continue Full A/PROM	 PNF exercises with resistance Decelerations and plyometric external rotation 18 weeks - Progress to sport-specific and overhead activities