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Dr. Chad Myeroff's Rehabilitation Protocol

Open Posterior Shoulder Fracture-Dislocation Repair (Modified McLaughlin)

Three times per day home exercise program including:

Phase 1: Week 0-6 (1st PT visit scheduled to follow on day of 2-week post-op surgical visit)

- Gunslinger (ER) sling (except for hygiene, TID finger, wrist, elbow AROM and therapy)
 - OK for axillary cares (hangs) but no pendulum swings / Codman's.
- POD 7-14: Formal PT AND three times daily (TID) home exercise program (HEP)
 - Active assist ER 0-20 (within confines of discomfort)
 - Passive FF 0-140 (OK to table slides, pulleys, upright wand exercises)
 - No IR past neutral
 - Periscapular and infraspinatus isometrics
- Core strengthening
- No lifting greater than a coffee cup

Phase 2: Week 6-12

- Continue gunslinger sling in 0-20 or external rotation
- AA/PROM 4-quadrant stretches
 - ER 0-30 (within confines of pain)
 - Phase I and II stretches
 - Pulleys, table slides, supine wand exercises
 - Avoid IR past neutral
- No lifting > weight of a coffee cup
 - No pushing or bike riding until 12 weeks post op

Phase 3: Week 12-16

- Wean from sling
- Advance to unrestricted A/AA/PROM
- Once ROM is full, begin phase I and II Cuff and total arm strengthening
- Periscapular strengthening, isometrics, stabilization and proprioception
- No lifting >5 lbs
 - No bench press or pushups until 4 months

Phase 4: Week 16-18

- Total arm strengthening, no restrictions
- Independent home exercise program
- Return to high level functional ADLs and simulation of work environment



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