

Anatomic Total Shoulder Arthroplasty Protocol

Phase 0 – Quiet

Week 0-4:

- Quiet in sling with elbow/wrist/hand
- Begin active scapular retraction/protraction exercises with therapist cueing

Phase 1 - Passive

Week 4-6:

- Pendulums to warm-up
- Passive ROM
- Supine External Rotation 0°
- Supine Forward Elevation 90°
- Internal Rotation to belt line starting at week 3

Phase 2 - Active

Week 7-9:

- Pendulums to warm-up
- Active Range of Motion with passive stretch to prescribed
- Supine -> Seated Forward Elevation Full
- Supine -> Seated External Rotation gradually increase to 45°
- Internal Rotation gradually increase to full

Phase 3 – Resisted

Week 11:

- Pendulums to warm-up and continue with Phase 2
- Scapular mobilization
- External and Internal Rotation standing forward punch
- Seated Rows/Shoulder Shrugs
- Bicep Curls/Bear Hugs

Week 16: Weight Training

- Keep hands within eyesight, keep elbows bent
- Minimize overhead activities
- (No military press, pull-down behind head, or wide grip bench)





Return to Activity

Computer 4 weeks

Golf 4 months (chip and putt only); 6 months full swing

Tennis 7-8 months