

Large Rotator Cuff Repair

General:

Slingshot for weeks 0-4, regular sling weeks 5-8.

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 5-8:

- Pendulums to warm up beginning week 5
- Supine External Rotation –0-30 deg beginning at 5 weeks with progression to full PROM by 8 weeks
- Supine Forward Elevation –00-900 beginning at 5 weeks with progression to full PROM by 8 weeks
- *progress to upright as tolerated with ER and FE*

Phase 2 – Active

Week 9-12:

- Pendulums to warm-up
- Active range of motion with terminal stretch
- Supine External Rotation after 8 weeks progress GRADUALLY to full
- Supine Forward Elevation after 8 weeks; progress GRADUALLY to full
- Begin active biceps
- Internal Rotation-Full (begin behind the back)
- Begin AROM in supine and progress to upright





Phase 3 – Resisted

Week 13-15:

- Pendulums to warm-up and continue with Phase 2
- External and Internal Rotation
- Standing forward punch
- Seated rows
- Shoulder shrugs and Biceps curls

Weight Training

Week 16:

- Keep hands within eyesight, keep elbows bent, no long lever arms.
- Minimize overhead activities (below shoulder)
- (No Military press, pull-down behind head, or wide grip bench)

Return to Activity

Golf 4-5 months (chipping and putting), 6-7 months (full swing)

Tennis 7-8 months