

Subacromial Decompression/Arthroscopic Debridement Protocol

General:

- Sling for comfort, discontinue as tolerated.
- May advance rehab as rapidly as motion and pain allows

Phase 1 - Passive

Week 1:

- Pendulums to warm up beginning week 1
- Passive range of motion
- Begin active scapular retraction/protraction exercises with therapist cueing
- PROM and AAROM as tolerated
- Supine External Rotation Full
- Supine Forward Elevation Full
- Supine Internal Rotation Full

Phase 2 - Active

Week 2:

- Pendulums to warm-up
- Active range of motion with terminal stretch
- Supine to Start -> Seated External Rotation
- Supine to Start -> Seated Forward Elevation
- Internal Rotation

Phase 3 – Resisted

Week 3-6:

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





Weight Training

Week 6:

- Keep hands within eyesight, Keep elbows bent.
- Minimize overhead activities
- (No military press, pull-downs behind head, or wide grip bench)
- Gradual progression of resistance controlling velocity, duration, intensity and frequency

Return to Activity

Computer 1-2 weeks

Golf 4 weeks (chipping and putting), 2 months (full swing)

Tennis 2 months Contact Sports 4 months

