

Rehabilitation Protocol: Arthroscopic Subacromial Decompression/
Distal Clavicle Excision
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Phase I (Weeks 0-4)

- Sling immobilization for comfort Weeks 0-2 - Discontinue sling use at 2 weeks
- **Range of Motion** -PROM -> AAROM -> AROM as tolerated
 - Goals: 140° of Forward Flexion, 40° of External Rotation at side, Internal Rotation behind back with gentle posterior capsular stretching
 - No abduction-external or internal rotation (90/90) until 4-8 weeks post-op
- **Therapeutic Exercise**
 - Codman's/Pulleys/Cane
 - Elbow, Wrist, Hand Range of Motion
 - Grip Strengthening
 - No resistive exercises
 - Heat/Ice before and after PT sessions

Phase II (Weeks 4-8)

- **Range of Motion** - Increase Forward Flexion, Internal/External Rotation to full motion as tolerated
 - Goals: 160° of Forward Flexion, 60° of External Rotation at side, Internal Rotation behind back and at 90° of abduction with gentle posterior capsular stretching
- **Therapeutic Exercise**
 - Begin light isometrics with arm at the side for rotator cuff and deltoid
 - Advance to therabands as tolerated
 - Passive stretching at end range of motion to maintain shoulder flexibility
 - Modalities per PT discretion

Phase III (Weeks 8-12)

- **Range of Motion** - Progress to full AROM without discomfort
- **Therapeutic Exercise** - Advance strengthening as tolerated
 - Isometrics -> therabands -> weights
 - Begin eccentrically resisted motions, closed chain exercises and plyometrics
 - 8-12 repetitions/2-3 sets for Rotator Cuff, Deltoid and Scapular Stabilizers
 - Modalities per PT discretion