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STERNOCLAVICULAR (SC) JOINT RECONSTRUCTION PROTOCOL

Name:
Diagnosis:
Date of Surgery:
Frequency: 1 2 3 4 times / week Duration: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Weeks
Weeks 0-2
 Non weight bearing with sling – even when sleeping (except for pendulums) Shoulder pendulums allowed Elbow, wrist, hand AROM
Weeks 2 - 6
 Continue sling x 6 weeks at ALL times (except for exercises) PROM allowed within flexion to 90, abduction 60, IR/ER as tolerated) Isometrics at the side with 1-2 finger resistance Stationary bike with sling if desired for conditioning
Weeks 6 - 8
 D/c sling and continue above exercises Gentle shoulder shrugs and scapular retraction without resistance Progress to AAROM supine with broomstick with Flexion 120, Abduction to 90, ER/IR as tolerated Vigorous (treadmill) walking ok
Weeks 8 - 12
 Unrestricted range for AAROM (brookstick etc.) progressing to AROM Light Theraband resistance ER/IR Standing rows, biceps, and supine triceps with Theraband Prone scapular retraction Eliptical etc. with LOWER EXTREMITY ONLY (no handlebars)
Months 3 - 6
 AAROM and AROM through full range Increase resistance as tolerated Running No contact activities until at least 6 months post-op
Modalities/Other: