

## REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY PHYSICAL THERAPY PROTOCOL

## Recommend 2-3x/week for 8 weeks Please contact office for renewal as needed

Weeks 0-2	Wrist flexion and extension:  Codman's Exercises/Pendulums: Let arm move in clockwise and counter-clockwise motion, by rocking body weight in circular motion.  Do this for 1 minute, 3x/day.  With palm either up or thumb down, gently bend the elbow as far as possible, then straighten out as far as possible
	<ul> <li>3 home exercises provided above: perform each exercise for 1-2 minutes, 3-4x/day</li> <li>Patient to remain in sling at all times except for personal hygiene and exercises above</li> <li>Avoid at-risk positions (pushing up from seated position, extension and external</li> </ul>
	rotation)
Weeks	Transition out of the sling with a focus on range of motion
2-6	Begin PROM and progress to AROM as tolerated without restrictions
	• Goal of passive 90° FF / 20° ER by 6 weeks post op
	No lifting/resistance more than 1-2 pounds
	Begin light resisted ER / FF / ABD isometrics and bands, concentric motions only
Weeks	• Increase active ROM as tolerated – ok for AAROM stretching above 90 degrees
6-12	May progress to 5-10 pound weight bearing/resistance
	Focus on achieving full ROM
Months	<ul> <li>Begin resisted IR/BE (isometrics/bands); isometric → light bands → weights</li> </ul>
3-12	• Advance strengthening as tolerated; 10 reps/1 set per exercise for rotator cuff, deltoid,
	and scapular stabilizers
	Begin eccentric motions, plyometrics, and closed chain exercises at 12 weeks
	Advance to 10-15 pounds weight bearing/resistance