

## REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY (FRACTURE) PHYSICAL THERAPY PROTOCOL

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

Weeks 0-4	Wrist flexion and extension:  Let arm move in clockwise and counter-clockwise motion, by rocking body weight in circular motion.  Do this for 1 minute, 3x/day.  Gently bend your wrist back and forth.  Elbow flexion and extension:  With palm either up or thumb down, gently bend the elbow as far as possible, then straighten out as far as possible
	• 3 home exercises provided above: perform each exercise for 1-2 minutes, 3-4x/day
	Patient to remain in sling for 4 weeks except for exercises and personal hygiene
	<ul> <li>Avoid at-risk positions (pushing from seated position, external rotation and extension)</li> </ul>
Weeks	• Transition out of sling with a focus on ROM
4-12	• Begin PROM and progress to AROM as tolerated without restrictions. Advance slowly
	and stop advancement with pain.
	No lifting/resistance more than 1-2 pounds
	Begin light resisted ER / FF / ABD isometrics and bands, concentric motions only
	No scapular retractions with bands
	Grip strengthening OK
Months	• Increase active ROM as tolerated – focus on achieving full active/passive range of
3-6	motion
	<ul> <li>May gradually progress strengthening / resistance as tolerated up to 10-15 pounds weight bearing/resistance</li> </ul>