



LOWER TRAPEZEUS TENDON TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Name: _____

Diagnosis: _____

Date of Surgery: _____

Frequency: 1 2 3 4 times / week Duration: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Weeks

___ Days 0 - 7

- Patient to do Home Exercises given post-op (pendulums; ROM elbow, wrist, hand, grip strengthening)
- Patient to remain in external rotation sling for 6 weeks AT ALL TIMES (except for personal grooming)

___ Weeks 1 - 6

- True PROM only! NO INTERNAL ROTATION (should be neutral to ER position at all times)
- ROM goals: 90° FF / 40° ER at side; Abd max 60° without rotation
- Grip strengthening
- Table slides
- Heat before PT / Ice after PT
- No resisted motions of the shoulder until 12 weeks post-op!
- No canes / pulleys until 6 weeks post-op, as these are active assist exercises

___ Weeks 6 - 12

- Begin AAROM
- Advance to AROM as tolerated
- ROM Goals – can increase as tolerated
- Light passive stretching at end ranges except no IR stretching.
- Begin scapular exercises, passive resistance exercise for large muscle groups (pecs, lats, etc)
- Isometrics with arm at side beginning at 8 weeks

___ Months 3 - 12

- Advance to full ROM as tolerated with passive stretching at end ranges
- Advance strengthening as tolerated: isometrics -> bands -> light weights (1-5 pounds) with 8 – 12 reps / 2 – 3 sets for rotator cuff, deltoid and scapular stabilizers)
- Only do strengthening 3x/week to avoid rotator cuff tendonitis
- Begin eccentrically resisted motions, plyometrics (ex. weighted ball toss), proprioception (ex. body blade)
- Begin sports related rehab at 4 ½ months, including advancing conditioning
- Return to throwing at 6 months

Modalities:

Other:

Signature _____

Date: _____