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# LATARJET OPEN ANTERIOR SHOULDER STABILIZATION

## Phase I MAXIMAL PROTECTION (0-4 Weeks Post-Op)

- **Immobilization** for 4 weeks using sling.
- **L** Elbow A/AAROM: flexion and extension.
- **D** Protect anterior and posterior capsule from stretch, but begin passive ROM
- Limit FE (supine forward elevation in the scapular plane) to 90 degrees
- Limit ER (external rotation) to neutral 30 degrees
- **Do Not** perform Pendulums.
- □ Modalities (i.e. CryoCuff) PRN(as needed).
- □ Wrist and gripping excercises.
- □ Begin Deltoid/Cuff **isometrics**
- **□** Removal of sling for showering: **maintain arm in sling position**.

## Phase II MODERATE PROTECTION (4-6 Weeks Post-Op)

- □ A/AAROM Limit FE (forward elevation in the scapular plane) to 140 degrees
- □ A/AAROM Limit ER (external rotation) to 45 degrees
- □ Progress from AAROM to AROM:
  - 1) Quality movement only-**avoid forcing** active motion with substitution patterns.
  - 2) Remember the effects of gravity on the limb, do gravity eliminated motions first ie. Supine elevation in the scapular plane.
- Deltoid isometrics.
- □ Elbow AROM
- Continue with wrist excercises
- □ Modalities PRN.
- Discontinue sling at 4-6 weeks.

#### Phase III MINIMAL PROTECTION / MILD STRENGTHENING (6-12 Weeks Post-OP)

- □ A/AAROM No Limit FE (forward elevation in the scapular plane)
- □ A/AAROM No Limit ER (external rotation)
- □ 10-12 weeks, AIAA/PROM to improve ER with arm in **45 degree** abduction.
- □ AROM all directions below horizontal, light resisted motions in all planes.
- □ AROM activities to restore flexion, IR, horiz ADD as tolerated.
- Deltoid, Rotator Cuff isometrics progressing to isotonics.
- **D** PRE's for scapular muscles, latissimus, biceps, triceps.

- □ PRE's work rotators in isolation (use modified neutral).
- □ Emphasize **posterior cuff**, **latissimus**, **and scapular muscle** strengthening, stressing eccentrics.
- □ Utilize **exercise arcs** that protect anterior and posterior capsule from stress during PRE's.
- □ Keep all strength exercises below the horizontal plane in this phase.

#### Phase IV STRENGTHENING (12-16 Weeks Post-Op)

- **CRITERIA**:
  - 1) Pain-free AROM
  - 2) Pain-free with manual muscle test
  - 3) Progress by response to treatment
- □ AROM activities to restore full ROM.
- □ Restore scapulohumeral rhythm.
- □ Joint mobilization.
- □ Aggressive scapular stabilization and eccentric strengthening program.
- □ Initiate isotonic shoulder strengthening excercises including: side lying ER, prone arm raises at 0, 90, 120 degrees, elevation in the plane of the scapula with IR and ER, lat pulldown close grip, and prone ER.
- Dynamic stabilization WB and NWB.
- □ PRE's for all upper quarter musculature (begin to integrate upper extremity patterns). Continue to emphasize eccentrics and glenohumeral stabilization.
- □ All PRE's are below the horizontal plane for non-throwers.
  - 1) Begin isokinetics.
  - 2) Begin muscle endurance activities (UBE).
    - High seat and low resistance
    - Must be able to do active shoulder flexion to 90 degrees without substitution
  - 3) Continue with agility exercises.
  - 4) Advanced functional exercises.
  - 5) Isokinetic test.
  - 6) Functional test assessment.
  - 7) Full return to sporting activities.