



SLAP Repair Protocol Dr. Green

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Post-Op Day	-Dressing change	-Independent in HEP
	-Instruct in signs/symptoms of infection	-Independent in
	-Removal of pain pump	cryotherapy
	-Cryotherapy	-Home e-stim unit if
	-E-stim for swelling/pain if needed	needed
	HEP: scapular retraction, elbow ROM, fist pumps, pendulum exercises	
Phase I	Frequency: 2-3x/week	-Continue independent
0-6 weeks	-NO IR/ER for first 6 weeks	HEP
	-Immobilizer with abd pillow for 4 weeks, followed by sling for 2	-Progression of HEP as
	weeks	tolerated
	-Gentle PROM into flexion, scaption, and abduction (without	
	ER) at 2 weeks post op	
	-AAROM may be initiated at 4 weeks	
Phase II	Frequency: 3x/week till ROM/strength are approaching WNL	-Full ROM flexion/scaption
6-12 weeks	-DC sling at 6 weeks	by 8 weeks
	-PROM, AROM all directions at 6 weeks	-Full ROM in all directions
		by 10-12 weeks
	-Instruction in PRE's at 8-10 weeks, progressing to in-clinic	-Independent in PRE's by
	strengthening as tolerated for shoulder/elbow and scapular	10 weeks
	stabilizers	-Strength progress as
		tolerated in clinic
Phase III	Frequency: 2x/week	-ROM WNL/WFL – DC
12-16 weeks		when goal met
	Continue to progress ROM/strength until WNL/WFL in all	
	directions	-Independent in HEP for shoulder
		strengthening/scapular stabilization
Phase IV	Frequency: PRN	-Progress all ROM and
4-6 months	. ,	strength to WNL if still not
	May gradually progress with gentle throwing (50%) at 4 months	present