



Anatomic Total Shoulder Arthroplasty Protocol Dr. Erickson

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I (Surgery to 4 weeks after surgery)	 Wear sling while sleeping and out in public for 6 weeks No active internal rotation Suggested Exercises: Elbow, wrist, and neck active ROM Passive and active assistive range of motion for shoulder flexion and abduction to patient tolerance. Codman's exercises Isometrics for flexion, abduction, extension and external rotation 	 Reduce pain and swelling Maintain AROM of elbow, wrist and neck Progression Criteria: 4 weeks out from surgery
Phase II (4 – 8 weeks after surgery)	 Wean out of sling by week 6 Suggested Exercises: Passive and active assistive ROM in all planes Pain free, progressive, low resistance shoulder isotonics. Scapular strengthening with arm in neutral Scapular active ROM 	 Controlled restoration of passive and active assistive range of motion. Activate shoulder and scapular stabilizers in a protected position of 0-30 degrees of shoulder abduction Progression Criteria: 8 weeks after surgery
Phase III (8- 12 weeks after surgery)	 External rotation limited to 60 degrees Suggested Exercises: Shoulder internal rotation and external rotation with TheraBand Scapular stabilization Range of motion and in all planes May begin rotator cuff strengthening in 90 degrees of abduction and higher after 12 weeks. 	 Functional active ROM in all planes Return to normal/functional strength