

Capsular Release Physical Therapy Protocol/Prescription

Name: _____**Date:** _____**Diagnosis:** _____**Date of Surgery :** _____**Weeks 0-4:**

- Stop sling use within 3 days
- Begin using CPM machine at home 1 day post-op as instructed
- Focus on ER at 0° immediately
- Progress full pain-free ROM arc A/AA/PROM no limitations, focus on IR and ER at 90° abduction in supine position
- Work on FF and ABD with stabilization of the scapula.

**Weeks 4-8:**

- Begin Rotator Cuff and Scapular Stabilization strengthening, begin at 0° and progress to 45°/ 90° as tolerated in Pain Free Arc

**Months 3-12:**

- Begin resisted IR/BE (isometrics / bands); isometric → light bands → weights
- Advance strengthening as tolerated; 10 reps / 1 set per exercise for rotator cuff, deltoid, and scapular stabilizers
- Increase ROM to fill with passive stretching at end ranges
- Begin eccentric motions, plyometrics, and closed chain exercises at 12 weeks.

Comments:**Frequency:** _____ **times per week****Duration:** _____ **weeks****Signature:** _____**Date:** _____