

Suprascapular Nerve Decompression Physical Therapy Protocol/Prescription

Name: _____**Date:** _____**Diagnosis:** _____**Date of Surgery :** _____**Weeks 1-4:**

- PROM, AAROM, AROM as tolerated
- With a distal clavicle resection, hold cross-body adduction until 8 weeks post-op; otherwise, all else is the same in this rehab program

ROM goals: 140° FF/40° ER at side

- No abduction-rotation until 4-8 weeks post-op
- No resisted motions until 4 weeks post-op
- D/C sling at 1-2 weeks post-op; sling only when sleeping if needed
- Heat before/ice after PT sessions

**Weeks 4-8:**

- D/C sling totally if not done previously
- Increase AROM in all directions with passive stretching at end ranges to maintain shoulder flexibility

Goals: 160° FF/60° ER at side

- Begin light isometrics with arm at side for rotator cuff and deltoid; can advance to bands as tolerated
- Physical modalities per PT discretion

**Weeks 8-12:**

- Advance strengthening as tolerated: isometrics, bands, weights; 10 reps/1 set per rotator cuff, deltoid, and scapular stabilizers
- Only do strengthening 3x/week to avoid rotator cuff tendonitis
- If ROM lacking, increase to full with passive stretching at end ranges
- Begin eccentrically resisted motions, plyometrics, and closed chain exercises.

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