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PHYSICAL THERAPY PROTOCOL PROXIMAL HUMERUS FRACTURE – DELAYED MOTION Data of Surgery //laiving

PROCEDURE		Date of Surgery/Injury:		
		R L		
		[] ORIF Proximal Humerus	Fracture	
		[] Proximal Humerus Fracture – Non-operative Treatment		
PLAN		Physical Therapy for R L Shoulder		
			1-2x Per Week x 16 Weeks	
		F	Rehab appointments begin 4 weeks after surgery	
GENERAL GUIDELINES		Goal: Regain full pain-free ROM and strength of shoulder and prevent elbow and wrist stiffness.		
		Please read and follow guidelines below. Progression is both criteria-based and patient specific.		
		Phases and time frames are designed to give the clinician a general sense of progression. Phases and		
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		may alter the guidelines. Follow physician's modifications as prescribed		
	RANGE OF MOTION	IMMOBILIZER	EXERCISES	
PHASE I	0-4 weeks: None	0-4 weeks:	0-4 weeks: elbow/wrist ROM, grip strengthening at home and	
0-6 weeks	4-6 weeks: begin PROM -	 Immobilized at all 	pendulums only	
	Limit flexion to 90°, ER to	times day and night	■ 4-6 weeks: begin PROM activities – Codman's, posterior capsule	
	45°, extension to 20°	 Off for hygiene and 	mobilizations; avoid stretch of anterior capsule and extension; closed	
		gentle exercise only	chain scapula	
PHASE II	 Begin active/active assistive 	None	 Continue Phase I work; begin active assisted exercises, 	
6-12 weeks	ROM, PROM to tolerance		deltoid/rotator cuff isometrics at 8 weeks	
	■ Goals: Full Extension, ER		 Begin resistive exercises for scapular stabilizers, biceps, triceps and 	
	135° flexion, 120° abduction		rotator cuff*	
PHASE III	 Gradual return to full AROM 	■ None	 Advance activities in Phase II; emphasize external rotation and 	
12-16 weeks			latissimus eccentrics, glenohumeral stabilization	
			 Begin muscle endurance activities (upper body ergometer) 	

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			 Aggressive scapular stabilization and eccentric strengthening Cycling/running OK at 12 weeks or sooner if given specific clearance
PHASE IV	Full and pain-free	None	Maintain ROM and flexibility
4-5 months			Progress Phase III activities, return to full activity as tolerated