

# Capsulorrhaphy for Multidirectional Instability Protocol



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_ times per week | Duration: \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

## Week 0-6:

- » Slingshot/Gunslinger Brace for 6 weeks
- » Isometrics in brace
- » Elbow, wrist, and hand ROM
- » Grip strengthening, elbow ROM, wrist ROM

## Weeks 6-12:

- » Sling at night, can discontinue using the sling during the day
- » Discontinue use of brace completely by 8 weeks
- » AROM only as tolerated to increase ROM; no PT stretching or manipulation
- » Restrict to 140° FF/ 40° ER at side/ IR to stomach/ 45° Abduction
- » Scapular stabilization exercises avoiding anterior capsule stress
- » Begin light isometrics for rotator cuff and deltoid, with arm at the side
- » Can begin stationary bike for conditioning

## Months 3-12:

- » Advance strengthening as tolerated: isometrics → bands → light weights (1-5 lbs); 8-12 reps/2-3 set per exercise for rotator cuff, deltoid, and scapular stabilizers
- » Strengthen surgical shoulder no more than 2-3x/week to avoid rotator cuff tendonitis
- » If ROM lacking, emphasize *gentle* passive stretching at end ranges
- » Begin eccentric motions, plyometrics (ex. Weighted ball toss), and closed chain exercises at 16 weeks
- » Begin sports related rehab at 4 ½ months, including advanced conditioning
- » Return to throwing (and other overhead sports) at 6 months
- » Throw from pitcher's mound at 9 months
- » No collision sports allowed

## Additional:

- Teach HEP    Work Hardening/Work Conditioning    Functional Capacity Evaluation

## Modalities:

- Ice or cryotherapy before/after    Heat before/after    Electric Stimulation    TENS    Ultrasound
- Trigger points massage    Dry needling    Therapist's discretion

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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