

REHABILITATION PROTOCOL Emilie V. Cheung, MD

Reverse Total Shoulder Replacement Right Z96.611 Left Z96.612

Weeks 0-4:

- The sling should be worn always. Must wear sling to sleep at night.
- No active range of motion or active use of the arm is allowed.
- No isometrics, pulleys or wands yet.
- Start supine active-assisted range of motion and table slides.
- Passive and active assisted range of motion only, with restriction:
 - external rotation to 30°
 - forward elevation of 130 degrees
- Pendulum exercises 2-3 times daily.
- Active range of motion of elbow, wrist and hand okay 2-3 times daily.

Weeks 4-6

- Start weaning out of sling, use the arm for gentle activities such as wrist lifting a glass of water or telephone.
- Start passive range of motion.
- Must wear sling to sleep at night.
- Start Isometrics, pulleys and wands.
- No strengthening yet.
- No active range of motion of the shoulder yet.

Weeks 6-12

- Discontinue sling
- No strengthening yet.
- Start active range of motion of the shoulder.
- May use the arm for activities such as dressing, grooming, and eating.

Weeks 12+:

- Can continue all activities as tolerated.
- Start therapy and strengthening.

The patient has a prosthetic component which is susceptible to mechanical loosening or dislocation. The patient should not engage in heavy manual labor for the lifetime of the prosthesis including weight lifting more than 12 pounds overhead.