SHOULDER ASD, DCR, BR, BT POST OPERATIVE PROTOCOL

	Time Frame (Weeks)	Guidelines	Goals
PHASE I	0 to 2	SLING: 2-6 weeks per MD instructions EXERCISE PROGRESSION Cervical ROM, basic deep neck flexor activation (chin tucks) Active hand and wrist ROM PROM biceps x 6 weeks (AAROM if no release or tenodesis) Active shoulder retraction PROM shoulder-gradual progression to full Walks, low intensity cardio exercise to promote healing MANUAL INTERVENTION STM – global shoulder and CT junction, Graded GH Mobilization, ST mobilizations.	Reduce inflammation Decrease pain Postural education
PHASE II	2 to 4-6	 EXERCISE PROGRESSION Progress to full ROM flexion, external rotation as tolerated. (wand, pulleys, wall walks or table slides to compliance) Gradual introduction to internal rotation shoulder extensions (stick off back). Serratus activation; Ceiling punch (weight of arm) may initially need assistance. Scapular strengthening – prone scapular series (rows and I's). Emphasize scapular strengthening under 90°. External rotation on side (no resistance). Sub-maximal isometrics. Cervical ROM as needed to maintain full mobility. DNF, proper postural positioning with all RC/SS exercises. Low/moderate cardio work; Elliptical ok, no running x 6 wks MANUAL INTERVENTION STM – global shoulder and CT junction. Scar tissue mobilization. Graded GH mobilization. ST mobilization. Gentle CR/RS for ROM and RC-SS activation. 	Discontinue sling as instructed. Postural education. Begin AROM – full all planes.
PHASE III	4-6 to 12	 EXERCISE PROGRESSION Continue with combined passive and active program to push full ROM. Internal rotation with thumb up back and sleeper stretch. Continue with ceiling punch adding weight as tolerated. Sub-maximal rotator cuff isometrics (no pain). Advance prone series to include T's and Y's as tolerated. Add seated rows and front lat pulls. Biceps and triceps PRE (6-8 weeks BR and BT). Scaption; normalize ST arthrokinematics. CKC progression – Quadruped, ball compression, counter weight shift, knee scapular push-ups, knee push-ups; all as tolerated. Therapist directed RS and perturbations in quadruped – bilateral progressing to unilateral-tri pod position. Supine progressing to standing PNF patterns, with resistance as appropriate. MANUAL INTERVENTION STM and Joint mobilization to CT junction, GHJ and STJ as needed. CR/RS to gain ROM while respecting repaired tissue. Manual perturbations. PNF patterns. 	 Full AROM Normalize GH/ST arthrokinematics. Activate RC/SS with isometric and isotonic progression.

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PHASE IV	12+	 EXERCISE PROGRESSION Full range of motion all planes – emphasize terminal stretching. Advance strengthening at or above 90° with prone or standing Y's, D2 flexion pattern and 90/90 as scapular control and ROM permit. Patient health, physical condition and goals/objectives determine. Gym strengthening program; gradual progression with pressing and overhead activity. Progress closed kinetic chain program to include push-up progression beginning with counter, knee then – gradual progression to full as appropriate. Initiate plyometric and rebounder drills as appropriate. MANUAL INTERVENTION STM and Joint mobilization to CT junction, GHJ and STJ as needed. CR/RS to gain ROM while respecting repaired tissue. Manual perturbations. PNF patterns. RETURN TO SPORT PROGRAM (16-24 WEEKS) Continue to progress RC and scapular strengthening program. Continue with closed chain quadruped perturbations; add open chain as strength permits. Advance gym strengthening program. RTS testing for interval programs (golf, tennis etc.) using microfet dynamometer. Follow-up examination with the physician (4-6 months) for release to full activity. 	 Normalize GH/ST arthrokinematics. Advance gym strengthening program. Begin RTS progression. Evaluation with physician for clearance to full activity.