

SUBACROMIAL DECOMPRESSION/DISTAL CLAVICLE EXCISION REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

	RANGE OF MOTION	SLING	EXERCISES
PHASE I 0-4 weeks	PROM as tolerated*	0-2 weeks: Worn for comfort only 2-4 weeks: Discontinue	0-2 weeks: Elbow/wrist/hand ROM, pendulums, wall stretch at home per instruction sheets 2-4 weeks: Grip strengthening, pulleys/canes, elbow/wrist/hand ROM, pendulums Deltoid cuff isometrics Begin scapular protraction/retraction
PHASE II 4-8 weeks	Increase as tolerated to full	None	Advance isometrics with arm at side, rotator cuff and deltoid Advance to therabands and dumbbells as tolerated, capsular stretching at end-ROM to maintain flexibility
PHASE III 8-12 weeks	Progress to full without discomfort	None	Advance strength training as tolerated Begin eccentrically resisted motions and closed chain activities Advance to sport and full activity as tolerated after 12 weeks

*If a distal clavicle excision is performed, horizontal adduction is restricted for 8 weeks post-op