

REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY (FRACTURE) PHYSICAL THERAPY PROTOCOL

Recommend 2-3x/week for 8 weeks Please contact office for renewal as needed

Weeks 0-6	Wrist flexion and extension: Let arm move in clockwise and counter-clockwise motion, by rocking body weight in circular motion. Do this for 1 minute, 3x/day. Gently bend your wrist back and forth. Codman's Exercises/Pendulums: Let arm move in clockwise and counter-clockwise motion, by rocking body weight in circular motion. With palm either up or thumb down, gently bend the elbow as far as possible, then straighten out as far as possible.
	• 3 home exercises provided above: perform each exercise for 1-2 minutes, 3-4x/day
	Patient to remain in sling for 6 weeks except for exercises and personal hygiene
	Avoid at-risk positions (pushing from seated position, external rotation and extension)
Weeks	• 6 week visit with x-ray required prior to starting this phase
6-12	Transition out of sling with a focus on ROM
	Begin PROM and progress to AROM as tolerated without restrictions
	No lifting/resistance more than 1-2 pounds
	Begin light resisted ER / FF / ABD isometrics and bands, concentric motions only
	No scapular retractions with bands
	Grip strengthening OK
Months	• Increase active ROM as tolerated – focus on achieving full active/passive range of
3-6	motion
	May gradually progress strengthening / resistance as tolerated up to 10-15 pounds weight bearing/resistance