

This rehabilitation program is designed to return the individual to their full activities as quickly and safely as possible, following shoulder Bankart repair. Modifications to this guideline may be necessary dependent on physician specific instruction or other procedures performed. This evidence-based guideline is criterion-based; time frames and visits in each phase will vary depending on many factors. The therapist may modify the program appropriately depending on the individual's goals for activity following this surgery.

This guideline is intended to provide the treating clinician a frame of reference for rehabilitation. It is not intended to substitute clinical judgment regarding the patient's post-operative care based on exam/treatment findings, individual progress, and/or the presence of concomitant procedures or post-operative complications. If the clinician should have questions regarding post-operative progression, they should contact the referring physician.

Precautions:

- Rehabilitation progression should be based upon obtaining goals/milestones.
- Follow limitations for flexion and external rotation as outlined in specific timeframe.
- AROM initiated at 4 weeks, per physician.
- If patient has a concomitant injury/repair (such as a rotator cuff repair or biceps tenodesis) treatment will vary- consult with surgeon.

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Phase	Suggested Interventions	Goals/Milestones for Progression
Phase I	Suggested Treatments:	Goals of Phase:
Protected Motion Phase	Modalities: Pain control modalities as needed	 Provided environment of proper
Weeks 0-2	Range of Motion:	healing
	 Elbow, wrist, hand AROM 	Prevention of post-operative
Use of sling for first 3	o PROM:	complications
weeks. Sleep with sling.	 Flexion limited to 90 degrees 	3. Slow muscle atrophy
	 ER limited to 20 degrees in 30 degrees of 	4. Re-establish ROM within limits
	abduction	5. Diminish pain and inflammation
	Manual Therapy: Grade II-III Glenohumeral joint mobilizations, no	
	anterior glides until 8 weeks	Criteria to Advance to Next Phase:
		 Good pain management
	Exercise Examples:	2. 2 weeks post-op
	- Putty or grip strength exercises	
	- Pendulums	
	- AROM elbow, wrist, hand	
	- Home program prescription of exercises	
Phase II	Specific Instructions:	Goals of Phase:
Motion and Muscle	Continue modalities for pain control as needed.	1. Regain PROM/AAROM
Activation Phase	Typical start of PT at this time	2. Preserve the integrity of the surgical
Weeks 2-4		repair
	Suggested Treatments:	
Wean out of sling at	Modalities Indicated: Pain control modalities as needed	Criteria to Advance to Next Phase:
week 4.	ROM:	 Flexion to 140 degrees, External
	o PROM:	rotation to 30-45 degrees
	 Flexion limited to 140 degrees 	2. Adequate pain control
	o AAROM:	3. 4 weeks post-op
	 Flexion limited to 140 degrees 	
	■ ER limited to 30-45 degrees in 30-45 degrees	
	of abduction	
	■ IR to 45-60 degrees at 45 egrees of abduction	
	Isometrics: submaximal in all ranges per patient tolerance	



	Manual Therapy: Gleno-humeral/ thoracic, AC/SC joint mobilizations and capsular stretching (avoid stretching anterior capsule) to restore normal shoulder arthrokinematics.	
	 Exercise Examples: AAROM pulleys/wand as tolerated, following ROM precautions Submaximal isometrics Scap retraction, prone scapular retraction, standing scapular settings or supported, low row Continue exercises from phase I 	
Phase III	Specific Instructions:	Goals of Phase:
Advanced strengthening and eccentric control phase Weeks 4-6	Continue previous exercises Suggested Treatments: - Gradually improve PROM and AAROM O Flexion and elevation in the plane of the scapula to 180° O Abduction to 180° O External rotation to 70-75° in 90° abduction Internal rotation to 75 °in 90° abduction. Add in AROM as tolerated, following ROM precautions	1. Improve strength and ROM 2. Improve neuromuscular and eccentric control Criteria to Advance to Next Phase: 1. Full and non-painful AROM in allowed range 2. 6 weeks post-op
	Exercise Examples: Initiate ER strengthening in sidelying ER/IR strengthening at neutral with tubing UBE on low/no resistance Supine rhythmic stabilization at 90 degrees flexion	



Phase IV	Suggested Treatments:	Goals of Phase:
Return to Activity phase		1. Gradually restore full AROM and PROM
Weeks 6-12	WEEKS 6-8	(by week 10)
	 Gradually progress P/AAROM of ER to 75-90 degrees in 90 degrees abduction Gradually progress AROM strengthening Begin isotonic rotator cuff, periscapular, and shoulder strengthening program Begin PNF strengthening, manual resistance in supine UBE for strength and endurance Focus on eccentric exercises 	 Restore muscular strength and balance Criteria to Advance to Next Phase: Full non painful ROM in all ranges Good stability No pain or tenderness 12 weeks post op
	 WEEKS 8-12 Initiate "Thrower's Ten" program Progress P/AAROM of ER of functional range by week 10 Continue all stretching exercises as need to maintain ROM. Progress ROM to functional demands (i.e., overhead athlete) Plyotoss, double arm chest pass, double arm overhead PNF strengthening in standing, add Thera-Band as able 	
Phase V	Suggested Treatments:	Goals of Phase:
Minimal Protection Phase Weeks 12-16	 Continue all stretching exercises (capsular stretches) Maintain thrower's motion (especially ER) Initiate single arm plyotoss (90/90, Dribble) Restricted sports activities (light swimming, half golf swings) 	 Improve muscular strength, power, and endurance Gradually initiate functional exercises Criteria to Advance to Next Phase: Satisfactory static stability Muscular strength 75-80% of contralateral side No pain or tenderness





Phase VI Advanced Strengthening Phase Weeks 16-20	Suggested Treatments: - Continue flexibility exercises - Continue isotonic strengthening program - Plyometric and dynamic shoulder strengthening - Sport specific training/functional training programs	Goals of phase: 1. Enhanced muscular strength, power, and endurance 2. Progress functional activities 3. Maintained shoulder stability
Phase VII Return to Activity Phase (Months 6-9)	Independent HEP (either throwers 10 or fundamental shoulder exercise program) Continue capsular stretching to maintain mobility. Return to Sport UE testing → Return to sport un-restricted For contact sports, consider shoulder brace.	 Goals of Phase/Criteria for discharge: Gradually progress sport activities to unrestrictive participation, as cleared by physician Continue stretching and strengthening program Maintain strength, mobility and stability of shoulder