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Post-Operative Shoulder Arthroscopy – Anterior Labral Repair Protocol

0-4 Weeks:

- Home Exercise Program given post-op
- Restrict motion to 90° FF/ 20° ER at side/ IR to stomach/ 45° ABD, PROM → AAROM → AROM as tolerated
- Hold cross-body adduction until 6 weeks post-op
- Isometric in sling
- Sling for 4 weeks
- Heat before/ice after PT sessions

4-8 Weeks:

- D/C sling @ week 4
- Increase AROM 160° FF/ 45° ER at side/ 160° ABD/ IR behind back to waist
- Strengthening (isometrics/light bands) within AROM limitations, horizontal abduction exercises
- Also start strengthening scapular stabilizers (traps/rhomboids/lev. scap/etc)
- Physical modalities per PT discretion

8-12 Weeks:

- If ROM lacking, increase to full with gentle passive stretching at end ranges
- Advance strengthening as tolerated: isometrics → bands → light weights (1-5 lbs); 8-12 reps/2-3 set per rotator cuff, deltoid, and scapular stabilizers

3-12 months:

- Only do strengthening 3x/week to avoid rotator cuff tendonitis
- Begin UE ergometer
- Begin eccentrically resisted motions, plyometrics (ex weighted ball toss), proprioception (ex body blade), and closed chain exercises at 12 weeks.
- Begin sports related rehab at 3 months, including advanced conditioning
- Return to throwing at 4 ½ months (see return to throwing protocol)