



**REHABILITATION PROTOCOL:**

CUFF REPAIR TYPE 2  
MEDIUM SIZE TEAR +/- TYPE I II SUBSCAP  
SMALL SIZE TEAR / POOR TISSUE +/- TYPE I II SUBSCAP  
ISOLATED SUBSCAPULARIS REPAIR

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sling:** To be worn for 6 weeks.  
0-2 weeks: Remove only for showering. Use disposable sling when showering.  
WEAR THE SLING AT ALL OTHER TIMES.  
2-6 weeks: Remove the sling or remove the neck strap when sitting and sleeping if desired.  
Support the weight of the arm on a table, cushion or pillow if out of sling.  
WEAR THE SLING AT ALL OTHER TIMES

**Information for therapist:** Please avoid therapist controlled passive stretching.  
Please avoid pendular exercises.  
Please avoid pulleys until scapular control is demonstrated with no hitching.  
Please take care to avoid tight grip during pulley exercises.  
PLEASE CONTACT ME AT ANY TIME TO DISCUSS

**0-2 weeks**

- Follow the 'Shoulder Rehabilitation 0-2 weeks protocol'

**2-6 weeks**

- First post-operative visit at two weeks.
- Ice can be discontinued.
- Level 1 exercises.
- Do not force or stretch.
- Avoid Shoulder Dump if Subscapularis repair

**6-12 weeks**

- Second post-operative visit at six weeks. **Please complete your online outcomes scores prior to the visit.**
- Completely discard sling.
- Level 2 exercises.
- Start Level 3 Scapular Positioning and Range of Motion Exercises.
- Use NSAIDS (if tolerated and they are safe for you) from 6-12 weeks as they may improve tendon remodelling.

**12 weeks – 6 months**

- The next post-operative visit is at 12 weeks. **Please complete your online outcomes scores prior to the visit.**
- Start Level 3 Early Strengthening exercises.
- Later progress to Level 3 Advanced strengthening exercises.
- Stop NSAIDS and Vitamin D supplementation

**6 months**

- The next post-operative visit is at 6 months. **Please complete your online outcomes scores prior to the visit.**
- Start Level 4 exercises.

**12 months**

- The next post-operative visit is at 12 months. **Please complete your online outcomes scores prior to the visit.**
- Please organize your follow up MRI prior to the visit.
- Start Level 5 exercises.

**Milestones**

Work (light duties / office)	1-2	weeks
Swimming (breaststroke)	6-8	weeks
Driving	6-8	weeks
Work (manual)	3-6	months
Swimming (freestyle)	3-4	months
Golf	3-4	months
Contact Sports	12	months
90% of maximum improvement	6	months
100% of maximum improvement	12-24	months

**Patient Appointment Notes**

**2 Weeks**

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**6 Weeks**

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**12 Weeks**

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