

# SUBACROMIAL DECOMPRESSION/DISTAL CLAVICLE EXCISION\* REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

	RANGE OF MOTION	IMMOBILIZER	THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE
<b>PHASE I</b> <b>0 - 4 weeks</b>	Passive to active range as tolerated ROM Goals: 140° forward flexion, 40° external rotation at side, internal rotation behind back with gentle posterior capsule stretching <b>No</b> abduction or 90/90 external rotation until 4-8 weeks post-op	<b>0-2 weeks:</b> sling to be worn for comfort only <b>2-4 weeks:</b> discontinue use of sling	Grip strengthening, pulleys/canes, elbow/wrist/hand ROM, Codman's, <b>NO</b> resisted motions
<b>PHASE II</b> <b>4 - 8 weeks</b>	Increase range of motion as tolerated ROM Goals: 160° forward flexion, 60° external rotation at side, internal rotation with gentle posterior capsule stretching behind back and at 90 °of abduction	None	Begin light isometrics with arm at side, rotator cuff and deltoid - advance to therabands as tolerated, passive stretching at end ranges to maintain flexibility
<b>PHASE III</b> <b>8 - 12 weeks</b>	Progress to full motion without discomfort	None	Advance strengthening as tolerated, begin eccentrically resisted motions and closed chain activities

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