



# Arthroscopic Proximal Biceps Tenodesis

## Physical Therapy Protocol

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### Immediate Postoperative Period

- Sling for comfort only
- PROM to tolerance
- AAROM (wand, self-stretch)
- Ice 3-4x daily
- **No Lifting for 6 weeks**

### 7 Days - 2 Weeks (Goal: Full PROM)

- Discontinue sling
- AAROM: add pulley and UBE for motion
- Isometrics for all shoulder motions within pain-free ROM
- AROM: impingement exercises without resistance (standing ABD, FE, supraspinatus exercises <90°, sidelying IR < ER; prone horizontal abduction, extension, flexion)
- Ice following exercises

### 3 Weeks – 6 weeks (Goal: full AROM)

- PRE: hand weights or theraband resistance within pain-free ROM
- Continue stretching to FROM
- Progress PRE's
- Add CKC exercises (step ups, BAPS, treadmill; STAB exercises)
- Add manual resistive exercises (PNF, rhythmic STAB, eccentrics)
- Add isokinetic rotation at neutral ABD
- Ice following exercises

### 6 Weeks (Full pain free ROM)

- Scapulothoracic exercises
  - Wall push-ups, supine punch-ups
  - Prone scapular retraction with horizontal abduction with IR and ER
  - Rowing; shrugs, press-ups
  - Ice following exercises
- Add pylometrics (medicine ball, theraband, pylolback)
- Resume sport specific activities (progression toward full activity)