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## **TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACEMENT GUIDELINE**

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	Post op
Immediate	<ul> <li>Sling with body belt 4 weeks, remove for ADLs at 2 weeks</li> <li>Scapula setting exercises &amp; axillary hygiene</li> <li>Cervical spine, elbow, wrist and hand exercises as appropriate</li> <li>OT assessment</li> </ul>
Day 1-3 Weeks	<ul> <li>Gentle active-assisted flexion short of stretch or pain in supine/table-slides</li> <li>No Passive ER past neutral for 6 weeks (subscapularis reattached)</li> <li>NO ABD for 6 weeks</li> <li>NO weight bearing through operated arm until 12 weeks +</li> <li>NO isometric strengthening for 6 weeks</li> </ul>
3-6 Weeks	<ul> <li>Progress active-assisted range of movement in to flexion (limit of gentle stretch only)</li> <li>Non weight-bearing proprioceptive exercises can commence</li> </ul>
6 Weeks +	<ul> <li>Commence passive/ active-assisted abduction in IR</li> <li>Progress movement within comfortable range</li> <li>Progress to active movement and resisted as able</li> <li>ER beyond neutral can commence</li> </ul>
Milestones	
Week 3	Comfortably out of sling for ADLs
Week 6	Sling discarded, increasing active and passive movement
Week 12	Improving strength

## **Return to Functional Activities**

6 weeks
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3 months +
Sedentary – 3-6 weeks
Manual - 3 months +

## PHYSIOTHERAPY FOLLOW UP RECOMMENDED WITHIN 2 WEEKS Agreed with AR 10/11/16: For Review 11/17

References: Shoulderdoc. (2016). Shoulder rehab protocols: Shoulder Replacement. Shoulderdoc.co.uk. Retrieved September, 12th, 2016, from http://www.shoulderdoc.co.uk