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TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACEMENT GUIDELINE

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

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