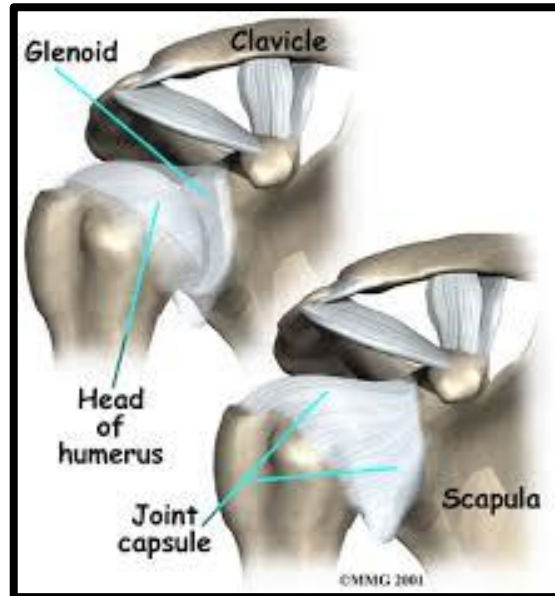


The Unstable Shoulder

Anatomical Glenoid Reconstruction

A Patient Information Guide



NAME: _____

SURGICAL DATE: _____

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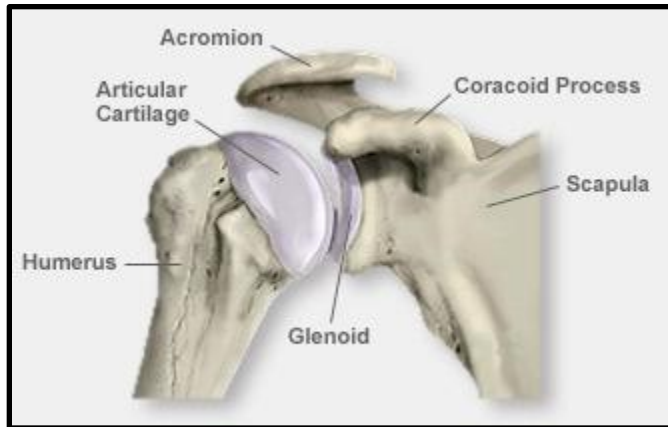
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ANATOMY AND SHOULDER INSTABILITY

- Shoulder joint anatomy
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- What causes instability?
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SHOULDER JOINT ANATOMY:

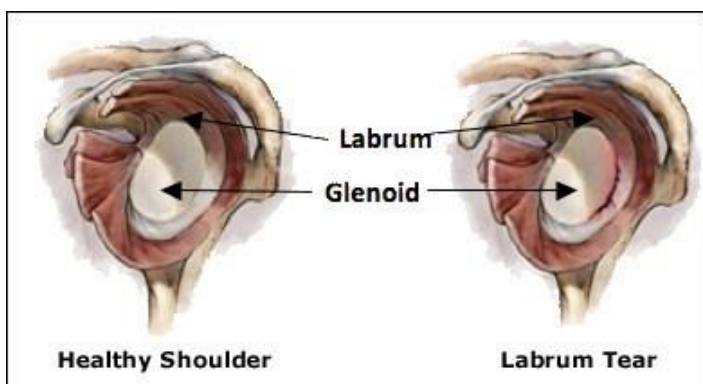


The shoulder joint (fig 1) (glenohumeral joint) is the most mobile joint in the body. This ball and socket joint is made up of the **humerus** (ball) and the scapula (socket). Movement is achieved through the movement of humeral head within the glenoid fossa. The glenoid fossa is very shallow and therefore, the joint is further secured by the surrounding muscles, ligaments and cartilage. The cartilage is known as the **labrum** and surrounds the glenoid. This provides an extension of the socket. The major muscles are known as the rotator cuff. Surrounding all of this is the joint capsule.

FIG 1

WHAT CAUSES SHOULDER INSTABILITY?

As mentioned above, the bony structure of your shoulder is very shallow and relies heavily on the supporting soft tissue structures (labrum, rotator cuff and surround muscles, and joint capsule). These structures work to maintain the humeral head in the centre of the joint. If there is damage to these structures it can result in the humeral head sliding out of position. Damage (over stretched/loose) to these tissues are typically through **dislocation, subluxation, or repetitive strain**. A dislocation is when the humeral head is forcefully pulled out of joint, typically through a blunt trauma to the shoulder. A subluxation is when the humeral head is partially pulled out of joint. You do not have to have a forced trauma to the shoulder for it to be unstable – repetitive strain on these soft tissue structures can also loosen the shoulder joint so that it feels unstable and painful. Finally, in a small percentage of the population patients may have a natural laxity (looseness) of their joints causing the humeral head to dislocate in all directions – this is termed **multidirectional instability**. A **bankart lesion** occurs when the labrum of the shoulder is torn. A **glenoid fracture** may be present with some dislocations or multiple dislocations. This is when part of the glenoid rim is broken away. If the bone loss is significant enough the bone will need to be replaced surgically (see types of surgeries for shoulder instability).



Procedures

□ Bankart Repair

A very common injury in the shoulder is dislocations. It is known that the risk of recurrent dislocations increases with the number of shoulder dislocations a patient experiences. It is also known that when the shoulder dislocates, bone loss is frequently experienced on the glenoid or the humerus (shoulder bones). The Bankart Repair is the current standard for shoulder dislocation surgery in North America. This procedure consists of repairing the soft tissue that was damaged during the dislocation, and in most cases plicating the torn tissue to compensate for the bone loss.

□ Anatomic Glenoid Reconstruction

This surgery is very similar to the Bankart Repair, but incorporates another step, which utilizes a bone graft to help reconstruct the bone loss on the glenoid. In this procedure, the bone graft is cut and shaped to match the bone loss. Augmenting the traditional Bankart Repair with a bone graft can help stabilize the shoulder joint, in hopes of lowering the recurrence rate of another shoulder dislocation.

□ SLAP Repair

SLAP is an acronym for “Superior Labral tear from Anterior to Posterior”. A SLAP tear is an injury to the superior glenoid labrum, where the biceps tendon attaches. This procedure is done to repair a tear within the labrum.

□ Biceps Tenodesis

The biceps muscle is in the front of your upper arm. It has two tendons that attach it to bones in the shoulder. The long head attaches to the top of the shoulder socket (glenoid), the short head of the biceps tendon attaches to a bump on the shoulder blade called the coracoid process. The long head of biceps can often times become irritated, inflamed or torn. In some cases, the long head of the biceps tendon may be too damaged to repair, so the damaged tendon is released from its attachment and sometimes repaired onto the humerus. This is called a biceps release or biceps tenotomy.

DEFINING YOUR TREATMENT:

PreHab Treatment

During this time all patients should have some form of prehab education, and should be monitored during this time. It is common to have weakness and muscle imbalance as a result of having shoulder instability for many years. The best non-operative treatment is to improve and strengthen any muscle imbalances/weakness. Common weaknesses will be in the muscles that stabilize the shoulder blade that allow for proper shoulder and shoulder blade movement. You should be assessed by a Physiotherapist to address any imbalances around the shoulder joint and be provided with a home exercise program, along with follow ups every 3 weeks for progressions and reporting.

Post-Op Treatment

There is a specific protocol that will be provided to you for your treating therapist that outlines your rehab from Day zero.

The main goals during **phase 1 (0-2 weeks)** are: Protection – passive range of motion (PROM). **Phase 2 (2-4 weeks)** goals are: Mobility - regaining PROM and working into active assisted (AAROM). Restrictions remain the similar as phase 1. **Phase 3 (4-8 weeks)** - Regain full active range of motion - **Phase 4 (8+ weeks)** – Early strengthening.

With each phase there will be criteria that you will need to meet in order to progress to the next phase. These will be assessed by Dr Wong's Rehab team and provided to your caring physiotherapist.

Other important time lines are: Return to work 3-6 months and return to sport 6-12 months.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How long is the Surgery?

This will depend on how much surgery is required in the joint. Typically this surgery will last 1-2 hours.

2. Where are the incisions?

This surgery is done arthroscopically, typically using 2-4, 1cm incisions;

3. Are there risks of having surgery?

- a. **Infection:** The risk of infection is reportedly about 0.8% and when recognized is treated with cleaning out the joint and antibiotics. Preventative measures are taken such as: cleansing of the skin prior to surgery, careful surgical techniques, small incisions, and pre-operative antibiotics. If an infection develops, you may require antibiotics.
- b. **Swelling:** Swelling around the joint is normal after surgery. This can be alleviated by applying ice or using a cryotherapy device such as a Polar Care Unit.
- c. **Wound Healing Problems:** Incisions are quite small and therefore complications are rare. Occasionally blisters occur but these are usually treated with local dressing changes. Most wounds heal to a neat scar but a thickened, red and painful scar can occur and may require treatment.
- d. **Numbness:** Numbness down the arm can occur after surgery; the likely cause is the swelling around the shoulder and it will typically subside post-operatively
- e. **Blood Clots:** Blood clots (deep vein thrombosis) can develop after surgery. Patients at risk include patients with a family history of clotting, a history of prior clots, patients over 40, obesity, cigarette smoking, women, birth control pills, history of cancer, and immobility. Preventative measures include early mobilization, compression stockings, home care exercises such as ankle pumps, smoking cessation, and discontinue the use of birth control pills for a week prior to surgery and for a least 1-2 weeks after surgery. If you or a direct relative has had a blood clot in the past please advise the hospital before surgery. Long trips including air travel should be avoided in the first 7 days after surgery to minimize the risk of developing blood clots. **If you suddenly get short of breath and have chest pain after surgery, you need to go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 immediately. A pulmonary embolism is a medical emergency and can cause death.**
- f. **Shoulder Stiffness:** Scar tissue can develop quickly after surgery. Patients are instructed to start their post-surgical exercises within 2-3 days after surgery to decrease swelling and maintain mobility.
- g. **Injury to Artery or Nerve:** An injury to a major artery or nerve is rare after surgery.
- h. **Severe Pain:** severe pain after surgery is rare but can occur. If you are experiencing excessive pain in the hospital, you may require to stay in recovery longer. If pain is not controlled you may be admitted overnight. Medication will be prescribed for pain management.

4. How long do I have my brace?

The shoulder joint and surrounding musculature are not strong enough to support the shoulder immediately after surgery and rest is required for healing. You will be instructed to wear your brace for up to 6 weeks post surgery.

5. How do I sleep?

Sleeping in the brace can be very difficult. We recommend a lazy boy chair/recliner. If you do not own a recliner try using pillows to prop yourself a little, lying flat on your back can be uncomfortable.

6. When can I shower?

You may shower 5 days after your surgery with a waterproof band aid over each incision.

7. When can I drive?

You should never operate a vehicle while taking prescription medications; this can affect your ability to drive. The protocol will outline specifically when you are able to drive; generally it is 6 weeks after your operation. It is very important you do not drive before it is safe to do so, if you are questioning this please consult your Doctor or your Physiotherapy Team.

8. How long is physiotherapy and how often?

The goal of physiotherapy is to control pain and swelling, restore function, restore range of motion, strengthen and prepare you for return to work or sport. This can vary from patient to patient; generally, physiotherapy will be 2-3x weekly for 12 weeks. Physiotherapy after 3 months is typically less frequent, and focused on return to work & sport-specific exercises. It is very important you follow the recommended rehabilitation protocol outlined in physiotherapy unless you are advised otherwise. Patient progression through a rehabilitation program may be different between patients. Most patients will continue with home or gym based exercise plans for 6-12 months.

9. What happens after surgery?

You will be seen by Dr Wongs Rehab team 2-5 days after surgery for wound care and baseline measurements. Physiotherapy should be booked 2-3 days after this appointment. You will be reassessed at regular intervals for 2 years after your surgery (typically the appointments are at 2 weeks, 6 weeks, 12 weeks, 6 months, 12 months and 24 months). At your 2 week appointment, you will have your staples removed and will be instructed to arrive one hour prior for x-rays.

10. When can I return to work?

Every patient will progress at different rates; generally a return to work program will begin within 6-12 weeks of surgery date depending on what your occupation is. A return to work program may be set up for you, this may include modified duties or shortened hours. It is very important you follow the program set up by your rehab team. Returning to work too quickly or without proper training can cause issues with recovery or cause re-injury.

11. When can I return to sport?

Return to sport will depend on the patient and the sport. Sport specific retraining is indicated between 4-6 months after surgery (pool program at 4months; land training 5-6 months). The goal for return to sport is 6-12 months. It could take up to 2 years for maximum function and performance.

12. Can I re-injure my shoulder?

Yes, it is possible to re-injure your shoulder after surgery. It is extremely important to follow the protocol outlined for you; this will minimize your chances of re injury.

13. What is frozen shoulder and how can it affect my shoulder post op?

SHOULDER SURGERY CHECKLIST



Before Surgery:

- ☐ Make sure you have been working on regaining strength and mobility of the shoulder as well as core strength.
- ☐ You should know the date and location of your surgery.
- ☐ You should make arrangements with work/school that you will be missing time.
- ☐ You have been to your pre-operative appointment, and received your shoulder brace, and other recommended surgical equipment.
- ☐ No liquids or food after midnight prior to surgery.

Day of Surgery:

- ☐ Bring your health card to the hospital
- ☐ Wear loose fitting clothing
- ☐ Bring all surgical equipment to the hospital
 - **Shoulder Brace**
 - **Cold therapy unit + shoulder pad and barrier**
- ☒ Bring all medications (or list of medications) that you take on a regular basis.
- ☒ If you have a sleep apnea machine, please bring it with you to the hospital.
- ☒ You will need transportation after surgery, and someone should stay with you for 24 hours after the surgery.

After Surgery:

- ☒ You should have a follow-up appointment booked within 2-5 days after surgery.
- ☒ You should have physiotherapy booked within 5-7 days after surgery, 2-3x week.
- ☒ You should have information on your 2 week follow up at the Orthopedic Clinic.

PREOPERATIVE APPOINTMENT

- SURGICAL CHECKLIST
- PREOP FORMS

PRE OP SHOULDER CONSULTATION CHECKLIST

Name: _____ Date: _____ Date of Surgery: _____

Procedure: ☐ Education regarding surgical procedure ☐ No driving for six weeks

Follow Up Appointment (Reminder): ☐ 2-5 Days / 2 Weeks / 6 Weeks / 12 Weeks / 6 Months / 12 Months – Review and statistics
☐ Bring form W to 2-5 day post op visit

IMPORTANT PATIENT EDUCATION REVIEWED

Minimize Inflammation/Swelling: ☐ BREG Polar Care Kodiak (cryotherapy/cryocuff)
☐ Hand pumping/gripping
☐ Wound care

Post Op Mobility: ☐ Use brace at all times except when showering, changing, and exercising
☐ NO pushing, pulling, or lifting
☐ Physiotherapist will focus of the mobility of the shoulder
☐ Massage starting at 4 weeks to reduce scar tissue and reduce compensating muscles

Early Shoulder/Neck ROM - ☐ Postural awareness ☐ Physiotherapist will focus on ROM

Exercises Reviewed ☐ Pendulums
(0 – 2 Week Protocol) ☐ Keep mobility of neck, elbow, and wrist

Is an Occupational Therapy Home Visit Required to Coordinate? ☐ Yes ☐ No Comments: _____

- _____
☐ Patient has been given the opportunity to ask the specialist/physiotherapist any further pre-operative questions
☐ Patient has been reminded to bring brace, cold therapy machine and accessories to surgery
☐ Patient has been booked for their 2-5 day post op visit and 2 week post op visit
☐ Established plan for post of physiotherapy at: _____

Additional concerns with this patient preoperatively or postoperatively: ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please provide details: _____

Post Op Appointments: ☐ 2-5 Day Post Op _____

☐ 2 week Post Op _____

Consultation Completed By:

Orthopedic Bracing Specialist

Date

PRE OP SHOULDER CONSULTATION – DR. IVAN WONG

MINIMIZE INFLAMMATION AND SWELLING:

- BREG Kodiak Cold Therapy Device (cryotherapy): 2-3 hours on, 40-60 minutes off - Instructions are given with your unit.
- Hand pumps and gripping exercises (instructions with exercises).
- Wound Care: must stay clean and dry at all times during the healing process. You will be unable to shower for the first 5 days until your dressing is removed. When your dressing is removed it will be replaced with a waterproof Band-Aid.
You will be given a box of XL Waterproof Band-Aids at your first follow-up appointment.
- You will need to see a doctor to have your staples removed 10 – 14 days after surgery. If you do not see Dr. Wong within 14 days after your surgery, you should make an appointment with your family doctor to have them removed.

POST-OP MOBILITY:

- **Absolutely NO active shoulder mobility or muscle activation for 0 – 6 weeks after surgery. Variable if brace comes off early.**
- Your brace is to be worn at all times for 6 weeks, it may be removed for showering, changing, and home exercise plan.
- No pushing, pulling, or lifting even with your brace on.
- Your physiotherapist will be working on restoring range of motion of the shoulder.
- We recommend massage therapy starting at 3 weeks after surgery. This will help reduce scar tissue and help restore range of motion in conjunction with physiotherapy.

EARLY SHOULDER/NECK ROM:

- Postural awareness.
- Range of motion exercises will be done by your physiotherapist.
- Post-Op exercises: all instructions are on the exercise sheets; exercises are to be done as directed.

FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS:

- There will be a series of follow up appointments booked after surgery – these appointments will be given to you by Dr. Wong's office.
- **You will need to visit Pt Health and Wellness Dellridge before every appointment with Dr. Wong.** This is to provide Dr. Wong with a progress report. These are setup to provide communication between our team, Dr. Wong, and your Physiotherapist.
- Follow up appointments will be at: **approximately 2-5 days, 2 weeks, 6 weeks, 12 weeks, 6 months, and 12 months.**
- **We ask that you bring your form W or post-op video to your 2-5 day visit.**
- Physiotherapy should start at 5 days after surgery (2 – 3 per week).

BREG SHOULDER BRACE INFORMATION:

- This BREG brace is an immobilizer, it is worn to protect and support your shoulder while it heals. **There should be no muscle movement.**
- Your brace is to be worn at all times for 6 weeks after surgery. It can only be taken off to shower, to dress, and to do any exercises given to you by your physiotherapist.
- When your arm is not in your brace, it must be supported. You may let your arm hang in the resting position when showering and dressing.
- When you are getting dressed always dress the affected arm first, followed by the unaffected arm.
- Sleeping can be difficult. **You are required to sleep with your brace on.** We recommend a lazy boy or a recliner. If you do not have either, mimic that position in bed, using pillows to support your back and elbow. We recommend you sleep on your back, sleeping on your side could cause the brace to rotate and shift around the body, causing the shoulder to rotate.



PRE OP SHOULDER PATIENT REMINDERS – DR. IVAN WONG



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW BEFORE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL FOR SURGERY

Surgery Checklist:

- Shoulder Brace
- BREG Kodiak (Cryotherapy/Cold Therapy Unit)
 - Universal Pad
 - Pillowcase (barrier between skin and pad)
 - Power Cord
 - Car adaptor (recommended if travelling more than 60 mins post surgery)
- Comfortable Clothing – nothing tight or restricting

Reminders for Post-Surgical Follow up and Treatment:

- 2-5 day post-surgical appointment is to be booked with Pt Health and Wellness Dellridge
- Physiotherapy is to begin 5 – 7 days after surgery
- 2 week post-surgical appointment is to be booked with the Pt Health and Wellness Dellridge.
 - This appointment must be scheduled BEFORE you see Dr. Ivan Wong on this day
 - If you are having x-rays this day at the hospital please advise Pt Health and Wellness Dellridge when booking this appointment.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information provided or the listed items please contact us

PreOp Shoulder Surgery Physiotherapy Checklist

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Sx Date: _____

BASELINE MEASUREMENTS

GH general AROM	
GH Flexion	
GH Abduction	
GH External Rotation	
GH Internal Rotation	
Scap. Posn/Rhythm	
OUTCOME SCORE	

CHECKLIST

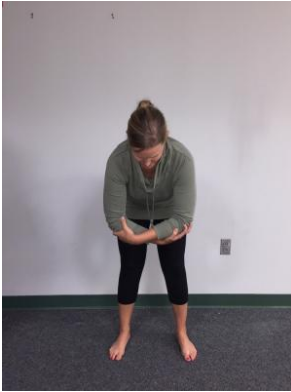
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Review of surgery and answer questions</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Importance of early PASSIVE movement and exercises – in brace – 6 weeks RCR, 8 weeks Graft, 3-6 weeks Bankart/Anatomic Glenoid/Latarjet</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Review exercises to begin as soon as possible</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Overview of protocol, RTW (3-6 months), RTS (8-12 months) No Driving while in brace</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Plan for physiotherapy – ideal: 2-3x/week for 6 weeks, 1x/ until 10 weeks, biweekly until 3-4 months, every 6-8 weeks until 1 year. PROM (0-4/6w) – AROM (6-12 w)-Strengthen (12+w)</i>	<i>Location:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Follow ups with rehab team and Dr Wong 2 weeks, 6 weeks, 12 weeks, 6 months, 1 year, 2 year. Importance of doing outcome measure (emailed to patient).</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Schedule 2-5 day appointment</i>	<i>Date:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If Local schedule 2w, 6w on the Wed/Thurs/Friday before actual (instead of day of Wong visit)</i>	<i>2 week date:</i> <i>6 week date:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Provide 0-2 week protocol and exercises</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Provide contact information (teamdrwong@innocare.ca)</i>	

I acknowledge that all of the above information has been provided to me and that I was able to discuss any questions I had with the providing physiotherapist.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

PT: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

EXERCISES TO BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SURGERY



Cradle Pendulums

Support your affected arm by holding your bent elbow with the nonsurgical hand. Gently lean forward at the waist and gently rock the affected arm side to side as if you were rocking a baby. Keeping your arm supported by the nonsurgical hand the whole time. You can also perform small circles or rock forward and backward.

Hold: 5 minutes, Complete 2 sets, Perform 2 times

Active Wrist Movements

With your surgical arm in the brace, actively move your wrist up and down into flexion and extension and side to side or radial and ulnar deviation. Also perform wrist circles.

Repeat 20 times, Complete 2 sets, Perform 2 times per day



Elbow Extension Stretch

Place your elbow on the edge of a table or on a pillow on your lap (DO NOT PUT WEIGHT THROUGH ELBOW) and use your other hand to press it into a more straightened position.

Repeat 10 times, Hold for 2 seconds, Complete 3 sets, Perform 2 times per day

Cervical Side Bend

Tilt your head away from surgical shoulder – hold where you feel a comfortable stretch.

Repeat 3 times, Hold 30 seconds, Complete 1 set, Perform 2 times per day



Cervical Rotation

Turn your head away from surgical shoulder – hold where you feel a comfortable stretch

Repeat 3 times, Hold 30 seconds, Complete 1 set, Perform 2 times per day

2 – 5 DAY POST OP REPORT – DR. IVAN WONG

Name: _____ BirthDate: _____ Date of Surgery: _____

PROCEDURE: _____ ☐ Left ☐ Right

Surgical Complications: ☐ No ☐ Yes

Details: _____

Patient Presented with Surgical Report: ☐ No ☐ Yes

IMPORTANT PATIENT EDUCATION REVIEWED:

0 – 2 Week Protocol:

☐ Exercises Reviewed ☐ Wound Care Reviewed ☐ Dressing Removed

Minimize Inflammation/Swelling:

Baseline PROM Measurement(s) Taken

Today: _____

Post Op , (Posture/Shoulder Symmetry) Training and Education:

- ☐ Symmetrical shoulder height in brace
- ☐ Proper shoulder brace positioning reviewed/adjusted
- ☐ Post op surgical contraindications reviewed

Post Op Physiotherapy:

☐ Patient will be attending follow up physiotherapy treatments at:

☐ Book Two Week Post Op Visit

Additional Notes:

Report Completed By:

Physiotherapist

Date (M/D/Y)

Please email teamdrwong@innocare.ca with any questions/comments

SHOULDER INSTABILITY REHAB PROTOCOL

- CHECKLISTS FOR EACH PHASE
- DETAILED PROTOCOL FOR EACH PHASE
- EXERCISE DESCRIPTIONS FOR EACH PHASE

ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION PROCEDURE

This protocol is intended to provide clinicians with guidelines for the post-operative management of a patient who has undergone an arthroscopic Latarjet procedure. This protocol is not a substitute for a clinician's clinical reasoning during a patient's post-operative healing/progress. Clinical reasoning should be based on individual symptoms, physical signs, progress, and/or the presence of operative complications. If a clinician requires assistance or guidance at any stage of recovery they should consult with Dr. Wong's office.

Operative Goal: To restore bone loss of the glenoid and stability of the glenohumeral joint using cadaver allograft.

POSTOPERATIVE GUIDELINES:

- Physiotherapy commencing at 3-5 days post-op
- Protect surgical repair
 - It is crucial to allow the shoulder's soft and bony structures to repair.
 - Avoid overstretching of anterior capsule (hyper-extension, over stressing external rotation)
 - Avoid over-stressing the subscapularis repair
- Range of motion must be achieved before strengthening
 - Gaining ROM too slowly may result in longer stiffness.
 - Strengthening when full range of movement is not available can lead to compensatory movement strategies and faulty muscle activation.
 - Exercises should not reproduce pain
- Returning to Work
 - These decisions are determined by Dr. Wong in conjunction with the occupational therapist. Decisions generally occur between 3-6 months post-operatively
 - Often associated with graduated hours and modified duties
- Returning to Sport
 - These decisions are determined by Dr. Wong in conjunction with the rehab team– and usually occur between 6 to 12 months post-op
 - Timelines vary and are dependent on contact vs. non-contact sport, as well as level of play.

ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION

Phase I (Protection): 0-2 weeks

Restrictions/Precautions for Phase I:

1. Shoulder PROM (NO AAROM OR AROM) for 4 weeks, all directions (**including ER**)
2. Remain in brace (include sleeping); remove only for showering and ROM exercises
3. Avoid getting incisions wet
4. No driving for 6 weeks (or while in brace)
5. No mobilizations/manipulations/traction to GHJ
6. No lifting/pushing/pulling objects with operative shoulder

Short Term Physiotherapy Goals for 0-2 weeks:

- ✓ Education: posture, joint protection, positioning, hygiene, restrictions, ADLs
- ✓ Immobilization with brace(neutral pillow/wedge) to protect surgical site
- ✓ Minimize pain and inflammatory response
- ✓ Maintain/restore ROM of uninvolved joints (neck, thorax, elbow, wrist/hand)
- ✓ Improve scapular position

Physiotherapy management for Phase 0-2 weeks: Post Anatomic Glenoid Reconstruction it is very important that these patients have PROM very soon post op to prevent adhesions.

1. Manual therapy (2-3x/week by physiotherapist)

- PROM is required early to prevent stiffness. Emphasis should be on shoulder flexion and abduction
- Gentle PROM can be started on day 3 post-operatively. Do not stress end ranges

2. Brace Use

- Ensure arm is immobilized in sling to protect surgical site.
- Ensure sling is adjusted (if required) to optimize posture (eg. Symmetrical shoulder height)

3. Hygiene/wound management

- Surgical dressing can be removed 2-5 days post-operatively.
- Stitches and staples get removed at 10-14 days post-operatively. Ensure wound is dry and clean.
- Use waterproof bandages until wounds are closed.

4. Exercise

- PROM
 - Pendulum Cradles,
 - Neck, thoracic, elbow, wrist/hand AROM
- Postural training/Correction
 - Eg sternal lifts, Chin tucks, Pelvic tilts
- Grip strength
 - Ball squeezes
- Scapular stability
 - Shoulder/scapula retraction
- General Fitness
 - Gentle walking. Ensure surgical site is not compromised in any way

5. Modalities

- Use ice or cryotherapy unit as directed for pain and inflammatory control

EXERCISE PROGRAM: ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION: 0-2 WEEKS



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ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION

Phase II (Mobility): 2-6 weeks

Requirements to progress to Phase II:

1. Follow-up with the Rehab team and Dr. Wong at 2 weeks
2. Appropriate healing from surgery
3. ROM guidelines met but not exceeded
4. Pain control within allowed ROM

Short Term Goals of Phase II:

- ✓ Education: posture, joint protection, positioning, hygiene, restrictions, ADLs
- ✓ Immobilization with brace to protect surgical procedure
- ✓ Minimize pain and inflammatory response
- ✓ Maintain/restore ROM of uninvolved joints (neck, thorax, elbow, wrist/hand)
- ✓ Achieve recommended ROM through gentle and painfree ROM activities
- ✓ Normalize scapular position and mobility (dissociation from GHJ)
- ✓ Improve stability and neuromuscular control of cervical spine (if necessary)

Restrictions/Precautions for Phase II:

- X Remain in brace (include sleeping); remove only for showering and ROM exercises
- X Do not over stress the anterior GH capsule (i.e., doorway stretch, pec flies, push-ups, etc.)
- X Progress to AAROM at 4 weeks *IF patient has full PROM at 2 weeks AAROM, can be initiated as early as week 2.
- X Avoid hyper-extension (*esp. hand behind back*)
- X No joint mobilizations/manipulations/traction to GHJ
- X Avoid Active Release Techniques
- X No lifting/pushing/pulling objects with operative shoulder
- X No arm use beyond ROM guidelines/restrictions

Management Recommendations for Phase II:

1. Manual Therapy (2-3x/week)

- a. Passive ROM (passive physiological ROM) within a joint's available ROM
- b. Soft tissue massage to shoulder complex (as needed, 3.5 weeks post surgery)
- c. Cervical, thoracic and rib 1 mobilization may be indicated to gain full shoulder ROM

2. Mobility - PROM and AAROM *(begin as early as 2 weeks IF 90% full PROM)*

3. Exercise (see attached)

- a. PROM- cradle rocks
- b. AAROM (week 3-4) – pulleys
 - i. Can progress to wall walking or a stick/cane for AAROM if appropriate timeline and follow ROM restrictions. Ensure patient does not push beyond R2
- c. Neck, thorax, elbow, wrist/hand: general ROM as needed (eg thoracic rotation)
- d. Scapular setting to restore optimal position (counteract anterior tilt, depression and downward rotation)
 - i. Unilateral scapular/depression/protraction/retraction (commence in sling); progress to scapular clock exercises (as able)
- e. Humeral head alignment/setting
- f. Proprioceptive awareness

4. Pool Therapy-

- a. PROM and AAROM in the pool is an excellent way to restore shoulder mobility.

5. Massage Therapy (3.5 weeks post surgery)

- a. Rotator cuff and surrounding musculature; periscapular musculature
- b. Scar massage

6. Modalities *(if no contraindications present)*

- a. Pain management (e.g., Ice, heat, TENS, IFC, US, acupuncture)

EXERCISE PROGRAM: ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION:

2-6 WEEKS



Scapular Setting/Scapular AROM

Sitting tall with arm supported. Pull surgical shoulder blade down and in (as shown with arrow). Repeat this with both shoulder blades when able.

15 repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold



Humeral Head Setting

Standing in good posture with theraband (for feedback reasons only!) wrapped around shoulder and fixed in front of you. Gently set your shoulder blade. Do not move the elbow. Visualize moving the ball of your shoulder to the middle of the socket.

30 reps, 3 sets 3 second hold



Shoulder Pulleys (flexion and abduction)

(Week 4)

Sitting comfortably in ideal posture (shoulder blade down and in, looking straight ahead). Step 1: Using non-surgical arm pull down and pulley to have surgical arm raise out in front of you. Step 2: With surgical arm to the side, pull down on pulley with non-surgical arm to have surgical arm raise to the side.

5 minutes each direction, 3x/day

High achievers (90% restoration of PROM, full AAROM with pulleys, minimal pain with movement, greater than week 4):



AAROM STICK FLEX/ABD/ER 15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold

Step 1: Using non-surgical arm to assist raise surgical arm in front of you.

Step 2: Using non-surgical arm to assist raise surgical arm to the side. With both steps be sure your shoulder blade does not rise until near the end of movement.

Step 3. Using non-surgical arm assist your surgical arm to be rotated away from your body (ensure elbow does not move away from side – place towel between elbow and body)

* If unable to control shoulder blade trial this exercise laying on your back.



SCAPULAR STABILIZATION WITH AROM

Maintaining ideal posture and shoulder blade position slide a towel along the wall raising the arm in front of you. Repeat with raising the arm to the side. Be sure not to arch the spine.

15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold



PRONE SCAPULAR RETRACTIONS

Lay on your stomach with a towel roll under your forehead. Tuck chin gently towards spine to ensure ideal neutral posture. Slide your surgical shoulder blade down and in. Hold this position. When able perform this exercise with both shoulder blades together.

15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold

ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION

Phase III (Neuromuscular Retraining): 6-12 weeks

Requirements to progress to Phase III:

1. Follow-up with Rehab team and Dr. Wong at 6 weeks
2. Compliant with recommendations/restrictions to ensure appropriate healing from surgery
3. ROM guidelines met but not exceeded
4. Pain control within allowed ROM

Short Term Goals of Phase III:

- ✓ Education: restrictions
- ✓ Eliminate pain and inflammation
- ✓ Restore full active shoulder mobility with correct movement patterns/motor recruitment
- ✓ Improve scapular awareness and stability
- ✓ Improve neuromuscular control and endurance of rotator cuff musculature
- ✓ Increase endurance of cervical spine stabilizing musculature (if applicable)

Restrictions/Precautions for Phase III:

- X Brace removed at 6 weeks
- X Continue to avoid any pain or apprehension with stretching. Mobilize shoulder gently being respectful of end range resistance and surgical site.
- X Avoid over-stressing the anterior GH capsule (i.e., doorway stretch, pec flies, push-ups, etc.)
- X Avoid exercises that promote hyper-extension, anterior translation and shoulder impingement
- X No mobilizations (arthrokinematics)/manipulations/traction to GHJ
- X No lifting/pushing/pulling objects with operative shoulder

Special considerations:

Management Recommendations for Phase III:

1. Manual Therapy

- a. Restore full mobility (Passive Physiological ROM, Muscle Energy, capsular stretching_
- b. Maintain tissue health (continued massage therapy as required)
- c. Gentle graded mobilizations can occur at 8 weeks

2. Mobility – AROM

- a. Perform AROM in all movement planes of the shoulder with good scapular control and avoidance of compensatory movements
 - i. May begin in scapular plane to maximize humeral head/glenoid congruency

3. Muscle Activation/Endurance

- a. *Scapular stabilization*
 - i. Restore and challenge optimal mechanics and positioning of scapula
 - ii. Include OKC & CKC exercises. Consider requirements for ADLs, sport, and work
- b. *Rotator Cuff:*
 - i. Progress from dynamic relocation training for head of humerus positioning to recruitment
 - ii. As motor recruitment improve, begin to focus on endurance (8 weeks)
- c. May begin strength/hypertrophy > 10 weeks as long as exercise is painfree

4. Pool therapy

- a. Patients can progress well with ROM and strengthening using water to facilitate mobility and to add resistance. Swimming can start at week 12.

5. Proprioceptive Awareness – OKC and CKC intermediate exercises

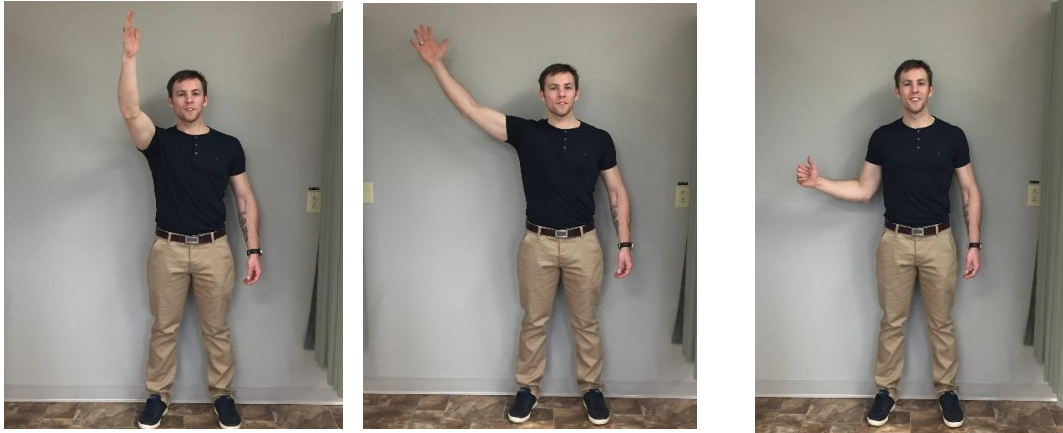
- a. *May include gentle perturbations to GHJ*

6. Modalities (if no contraindications present)

- a. Pain management (as needed)
- b. Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (as needed)

7. Massage Therapy- can be useful to help mobilize neck, thoracic spine and shoulders. Ensure massage therapist aware of postoperative restrictions (ie, NO ER, NO Hand Behind Back, NO shoulder traction)

EXERCISE PROGRAM: ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION: 6-12 WEEKS



AROM FLEXION, ABDUCTION, EXTERNAL ROTATION

FLEXION: Standing in good posture slowly raise your arm straight in front of you. Do not allow your shoulder blade to raise towards your ear. Slowly return to starting position. **15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold**

ABDUCTION: Standing in good posture, slowly raise your arm to the side not allowing shoulder blade to raise. Slowly return. **15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold**

EXTERNAL ROTATION: Standing in good posture, gently rotate your surgical arm away from you without allowing the elbow to come off of your side

*this is best to be done in a door frame to maintain shoulder blade position



SCAPULAR STABILITY WITH ROLLER

(Serratus Anterior engagement)

Standing with forearms against a roller on wall, elbows under wrist, lumbar spine neutral. Push slightly into roller as you slide up the wall. Do not let your neck muscles take over. You can add a resistance band around the forearms to make this exercise more challenging.

15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold



HUMERAL HEAD POSITIONING WITH RC ACTIVATION

Standing in good posture facing wall, place small soft ball on wall (maintain position with fist). Keeping shoulder centered gently push fist into ball (just feel activation). Relax

15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold

Standing in good posture side onto wall, place small soft ball on wall (maintain position with elbow). Keeping shoulder centered gently push elbow into ball (just feel activation). Relax

15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold

ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION

Phase IV (Strength and Function): 12⁺ weeks

Requirements to progress to Phase IV:

1. Follow-up with rehab team and Dr. Wong at 12 weeks
2. Compliant with recommendations/restrictions to ensure appropriate healing from surgery
3. Full active shoulder mobility within correct movement patterns
4. Improved neuromuscular control and stabilization of scapula
5. Improved neuromuscular control and recruitment of rotator cuff musculature

Short Term Goals of Phase IV:

- ✓ Increase strength and endurance of rotator cuff musculature (OKC & CKC), particularly overhead
- ✓ Improve functional strength of shoulder girdle
- ✓ Introduce return to work retraining
- ✓ Introduce sport-specific retraining (approx. 16⁺ weeks post-op)

Restrictions/Precautions for Phase IV:

- X Avoid terminal stretching to restore full ABER mobility
 - Patient must use self control and strengthening/endurance exercises to restore ABER
- X No manipulations to GHJ
- X Light-to-moderate lifting/pushing/pulling objects with operative shoulder
- X Plyometric retraining must be cleared by Dr. Wong

Special considerations:

Management Recommendations for Phase IV:

1. Manual Therapy

- a. PROM all directions (as required)
- b. Mobilizations may be required at the upper thoracic spine, 1st rib, etc. if proper patterns are not achieved.

2. Muscle Endurance and Strength

- a. Scapular stabilization/peri scapular strengthening
- b. Rotator Cuff: Progress from one dimensional movements to multi-dimensional (eg. ABER/IR, PNF patterns, etc)

3. Pool therapy

- a. Pool therapy for sport specific retraining & higher function

4. Modalities (if no contraindications present)

- a. Pain management (as needed)
- b. Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (as needed)

5. Massage Therapy- can be useful to help mobilize neck, thoracic spine and shoulders.

Return to sport criteria (typically 6-12 months post surgery):

- 1. Full active range of motion bilaterally with proper patterning
- 2. 90% return of strength (using hand held dynamometer, compared to opposite limb)
- 3. Completed sport specific re-training (pool therapy is recommended for sport specific retraining)
- 4. Cleared by orthopedic surgeon and rehab team

Patient Discharge Criteria from Physiotherapy

- 1. Full active range of motion bilaterally with proper patterning
- 2. 90% return of strength (using hand held dynamometer, compared to opposite limb) and maintaining
- 3. **Typically patients should be monitored until 12 months post op to ensure maintenance of strength and function.**

EXERCISE PROGRAM: ARTHROSCOPIC ANATOMIC GLENOID RECONSTRUCTION: 12+ WEEKS



RESISTED SCAPULAR RETRACTION

Standing in good posture, (with resistance band anchored in front of you at shoulder level). Pull back on the resistance band by squeezing your shoulder blades down and in. Do not allow your shoulders/neck to squeeze towards your ears.

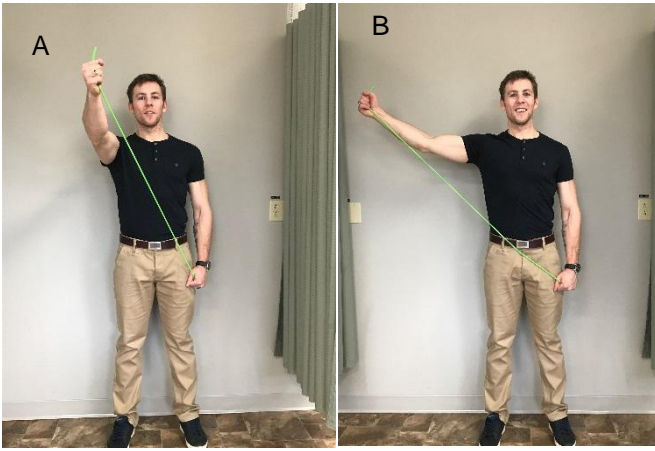
15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold



PROGRESSIONS OF PRONE SCAPULAR RETRACTIONS

Laying on your stomach with neck/head in good position, squeeze both shoulders blades down and back (sliding shoulders away from ears). Hold. You should feel this at the bottom of our shoulder blades, not in your neck! Progress to lifting arms off the table. Over time, the can progress to have arms out to the side, and above your head

15 Repetitions 3 sets 3 second hold



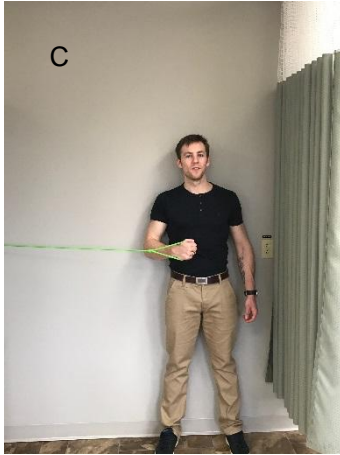
RESISTED SHOULDER FLEXION, ABDUCTION, AND INTERNAL ROTATION

A. Standing in good posture, holding theraband in one hand (or under your foot), pull the theraband straight out in front of you (flexion), hold then return to starting position. **Repeat 15 repetitions before moving to next motion.**

B. Holding theraband in one hand (or under your foot), pull the theraband away from you (abduction), hold then return to starting position. **Repeat 15 repetitions before moving to next motion.**

C. Standing in good posture, anchor theraband on the same side as your surgical shoulder pull the theraband in front of you (internal rotation) without allowing the elbow to slide onto your stomach. **Repeat 15 repetitions before moving to next motion.**

Complete 3 sets of the above exercises

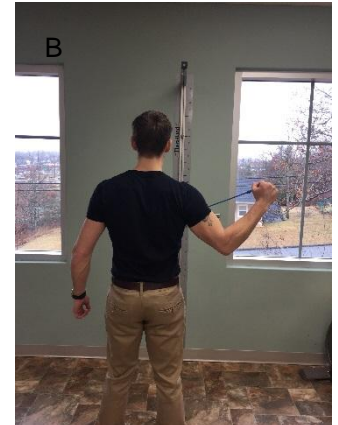


****When full Active external rotation and ease of above resisted exercises move to progressions A-C**

A. Standing in good posture, anchor theraband on the opposite side of your surgical shoulder pull the theraband away from of you (external rotation) without allowing the elbow to slide away from your side. **Repeat 15 repetitions 3 sets**

B. (progression from A.) Standing in good posture, anchor theraband in front of you. Have elbow approximately 45 deg off of side, pull the theraband away from of you (external rotation) without allowing the elbow to move up or down. **Repeat 15 repetitions 3 sets**

C. (progression from B). Standing in good posture, anchor theraband in front of you. Have elbow approximately 90 deg off of side, pull the theraband away from of you (external rotation) without allowing the elbow to move up or down. **Repeat 15 repetitions 3 sets**



POST OP REASSESSMENT FORMS

To be completed by Dr Wong's Rehab Team

2 weeks, 6 weeks, 12 weeks, 6 months, 1 year, 2 years