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### **Post-Operative Rehabilitation Guidelines for Shoulder Arthroscopy Debridement**

- 0-4 Weeks: Sling for Comfort (1-2 days) Then discontinue  
Passive to Active shoulder ROM as tolerated  
140° Forward Flexion  
40° External Rotation with arm at side  
Internal rotation behind back with gentle posterior capsule stretching  
No rotation with arm in abduction until 4 wks  
With distal clavicle excision, hold cross body adduction until 8wks.  
Grip Strength, Elbow/Wrist/Hand ROM, Codmans  
Avoid Abduction and 90/90 ER until 8wks
- 4-8 Weeks: Advance ROM as tolerated (Goals FF to 160°, ER to 60°)  
Begin Isometric exercises  
Progress deltoid isometrics  
ER/IR (submaximal) at neutral  
Advance to theraband as tolerated
- 8-12 Weeks: Advance to full, painless ROM  
Continue strengthening as tolerated  
Begin eccentrically resisted motion and closed chain activities  
Only do strengthening 3times/wk to avoid rotator cuff tendonitis