**ACROMIOCLAVICULAR (AC) JOINT RECONSTRUCTION PROTOCOL**

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**Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Frequency: 1 2 3 4 times / week Duration: 6 8 10 12 16 Weeks

\_\_\_\_ **Days 0 - 7**

* Gunslinger sling x 6 weeks – even when sleeping
* Hand squeeze, elbow/wrist AROM

\_\_\_\_ **Weeks 1 - 6**

* Continue sling x 6 weeks at ALL times (except for exercises and personal grooming)
* Continue hand/wrist/elbow exercises as per days 0-7
* Begin gentle pendulums
* AAROM supine with broomstick (flexion to 90, abduction 60, IR/ER as tolerated)
* Gentle shoulder shrugs and scapular retraction without resistance
* Isometrics with 1-2 finger resistance
* Stationary bike with sling if desired for conditioning

\_\_\_\_ **Weeks 6 - 8**

* D/c sling and continue above exercises
* AAROM supine with broomstick (Flex/Ab to 90, ER/IR as tolerated)
* Full pendulums
* Treadmill walking

\_\_\_\_ **Weeks 8 – 12**

* AAROM – Flex/Ab to 120 (brookstick or wallclimb) progressing to AROM – Flex/Ab to 120 as long as relatively pain free
* Light Theraband resistance ER/IR with pillow in armpit (flex/ext/ab/scaption to 60)
* Standing rows, biceps, and supine triceps with Theraband
* Prone scapular retraction (light weight) and wall push-ups
* Eliptical with LOWER EXTREMITY ONLY (no handlebars)

\_\_\_\_ **Months 3 - 6**

* AAROM and AROM through full range
* Increase resistance as tolerated
* Running
* No contact activities until at least 6 months post-op

**Modalities/Other:**