

Dr. Joshua Alpert Post-Operative Rehabilitation Protocol: Clavicle Fracture Surgery/Clavicle ORIF

	Range of Motion	Sling	Exercises
PHASE I 0-4 weeks No physical therapy.	No above waist-level activities No moving the shoulder	Worn at all times except for hygiene.	Pendulum exercise, elbow/wrist ROM, grip strengthening at home
PHASE II 4-8 weeks Physical Therapy starts.	Begin active/active assistive ROM, PROM to tolerance Goals: full extension rotation, 135° flexion, 120° abduction	None	Focus on gentle ROM. begin active-assisted exercises Begin resistive exercises for scapular stabilizers, biceps, triceps, and rotator cuff
PHASE III 8-12 weeks	Gradual return to full AROM	None	Advance activities in Phase II; emphasize external rotation and latissimus eccentrics, glenohumeral stabilization deltoid/rotator cuff isometrics Begin muscle endurance activities (upper body ergometer) Aggressive scapular stabilization and eccentric strengthening Begin plyometric and throwing/racquet program, continue with endurance activities

			Cycling/running okay at 12 weeks or sooner if given specific clearance Progress to work conditioning
PHASE IV 12 weeks+	Full and pain-free	None	Start strengthening. Maintain ROM and flexibility Return to full activity as tolerated Begin work conditioning
PHASE V 16+ weeks	Full ROM	None	Return to sports

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