PECTORALIS MAJOR TENDON REPAIR CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Progression is time and criterion-based, dependent on soft tissue healing, patient demographics and clinician evaluation. Contact Ohio State Sports Medicine at 614-293-2385 if questions arise.

Immobilize in sling per physician (Typically 6-8 weeks) Phase I: Pendulums Weeks 1-4 Wrist and elbow ROM Avoid active movement in all directions Goals to 1. Decrease pain Progress to 2. Minimal to no edema **Next Phase** Begin PROM: avoiding abduction, ER Phase II: Scapular clocks, retraction, depression, protraction Weeks 4-6 Scapular PNF Scapular mobility Begin table weight shifts for weight bearing through UEs Grades I-II (anterior, posterior, distraction) oscillatory joint mobilizations Stationary bike with immobilizer Goals to 1. 75-100% PROM, except ER- keep to no more than 30-40 degrees Progress to 2. Sleeping through the night **Next Phase** Phase III: Initiate AAROM-progress to AROM as tolerated toward 8th week Weeks 6-8 Can push PROM ER beyond 40 degrees Grade III sustained joint mobilizations for capsular restriction Isometrics-flexion, extension, abduction, ER, horizontal abduction Progress scapular strengthening Can progress weight bearing to quadruped, tripod (1UE +2LE) Avoid active adduction, horizontal adduction, IR Goals to 1. 75-100% full AAROM without pain Progress to 2. AAROM flexion, abduction, ER, IR without scapular or upper trap substitution Next Phase 3. Tolerate PRE's for scapular stabilizers and shoulder complex 4. No reactive effusion



Phase IV: Weeks 8-12

- Gain full ROM through stretching and grade III mobilizations
- Active flexion, abduction, adduction strengthening -avoid IR/flexion/horizontal adduction
- · Progress scapular strengthening and progress rotator cuff strengthening avoiding IR
- Begin submax pectoralis strengthening
- Wall pushups progressing to table pushups, uneven surfaces
- Dynamic stabilization, perturbations, weight bearing planks on hands
- · Active ER, horizontal abduction- not to end range

Goals to Progress to Next Phase

- Full AROM
- 2. Increased strength/ proprioception with exercise without an increase in symptoms

Phase V: Weeks 12-24

- Progress scapular and rotator cuff strengthening- including IR
- Single arm pectoralis major strengthening- therabands then progress to dumbbell bench press with light weight/ high reps, avoiding a wide grasp, and end range ER/ABD.
- Pushups- avoiding humeral abduction beyond frontal plane
- Progress into UE plyometrics- eg. wall taps, chest pass (bilateral)
- PNF D1, D2

Goals to Progress to Next Phase

- 1. Tolerate high level of strengthening and plyometrics without an increase in symptoms
- 2. Tolerate/progress single arm strengthening of pec
- 3. No pain with any strengthening activities

Phase VI: Months 6-9

- Discourage 1RM for bench press
- Prepare for return to sport
 - Use of One-Arm Hop Test as outcome measure for return to sport- reliable for comparing performance in injured and contralateral uninjured UEs

Goals to Progress to Return to Sport

1. Sufficient score on functional test- isokinetic or one arm hop test- to allow safe return to sport

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