Physical Therapy		
Name:		Date of Birth:
Diagnosis:	S/C joint Dislocation	Code:\$42.226
Procedure:	SC Joint Reconstruction	Surgery Date:

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## In order for University of Utah Health Care to complete this referral, please fax the patient's first consult notes to the University of Utah Orthopaedic Center at 801-581-4404. Thank you.

Timing of each phase varies based on individual patient factors, length of time immobilized, strength/ROM status, and expected performance/activity demands.

## **Phase I: Protect Repair** (0 to 8 weeks after surgery)

- Patients may shower immediately over clear plastic, waterproof dressing
- Sutures are all underneath the skin and will dissolve on their own
- Ice or cold flow systems encouraged for the first week at a minimum: should be used 3-4 times per day.
- Sling should be in place when not performing exercises.
  - Initiate exercise program 3 times per day: Immediate elbow, forearm and hand range of motion out of sling Pendulum exercises
    - Passive and active assistive ER at the side to 30, flexion to 130
- No lifting with involved extremity.
- AVOID scapular ROM exercises.

## Phase II: Progress ROM & Protect Repair (8 to 12 weeks after surgery)

• May discontinue sling.

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- Lifting restriction of 5 pounds with the involved extremity.
- Advance active and passive ROM in all planes to tolerance.
- Initiate gentle rotator cuff strengthening.
- Initiate scapular AROM exercises.

## **Phase III:** Full Function (3 months after surgery)

- Discontinue lifting restrictions.
- Advance rotator cuff and scapular stabilizer strengthening.
- Initiate functional progression to sports specific activities at 4 months.

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