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GALLAND/KIRBY ARTHROSCOPIC ECRB RELEASE / ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY POST- SURGICAL REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

POST-OP DAYS 1 – 7

- Dressing – Posterior splint for 3-7 days; sutures out first week
- Shoulder, wrist, and hand active motion (AROM) – Do not push into painful ROM
- Shoulder shrugs
- Ice as needed

GOAL

- Pain control

WEEKS 1 – 2

- Splint – D/C
- Counterforce Brace (elbow strap) – worn with all exercises except stretches

- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- Elbow AROM
- Gentle Elbow / Wrist stretches
- Gentle swimming / aqua-jogging
- Stationary bike

GOAL

- Full elbow AROM
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WEEKS 2 – 6

- Counterforce Brace – Continue
- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- UBE – Min resistance, gradually increase resistance and time as tolerated
- Isometrics x 8 (box plus supination / pronation) – Pain-free, progress as tolerated
- Hand squeezing exercises – Putty / sponge
- Treadmill – Running progression program
- Elliptical trainer (light grip)

GOAL

- Pain-free ADLs
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WEEKS 6 – 10

- Counterforce Brace – Continue
- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- PREs – Wrist curls, reverse wrist curls, supination / pronation against resistance
- Pushup progression – Wall to table to chair

GOAL

- Normal elbow strength
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WEEKS 10 – 12

- Counterforce brace – Continue until 12 weeks post-op
- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- Pushups, regular
- Weight training

GOAL

- Return to full activities including sports

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