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**OPEN DISTAL CLAVICLE RESECTION**

**PRE-OP:**

**EVALUATION:** Patient History, ROM  
Orientation to Surgery & Rehabilitation

**DOS:**     **NURSING CARE:** Positioning, Ice

**POD 1 - 6:**

**EVALUATION:** Pain Level, Debulk Dressing  
Neurovascular Assessment  
EWH ROM, Active Assisted FF  
General Motor Response in Isometrics

**IMMOBILIZER:** For Comfort

**EXERCISE: Note:** **Exercise prescription is dependent upon the tissue healing process and individual functional readiness in *all* stages. If any concerns or complications arise regarding the progress of any patient, physical therapy will contact the orthopedic surgeon**

In Clinic TIW  
Elbow, wrist and hand AROM  
Wand Exercises as Tolerated (Do Not Push into a Painful ROM)  
Shoulder Ranger (Pulley)  
Gentle Codman's, Sawing  
Submaximal Isometrics in all Planes of Motion (Do Not Push into Pain)  
Gripper  
ICE Frequently (Minimum of 4 Times Per Day)

**HOME CARE:** Isometrics, Ice  
Positioning

**POD 7 - 14:**

**EVALUATION:** Pain Level  
Shoulder AAROM  
Submaximal Isometrics  
Grip Strength  
Incision Site  
Suture Removal POD 7-10 per P.T.

**IMMOBILIZER:** As Above, may D/C Immobilizer when  
Tolerated

**EXERCISE:** As Previous except: Progress to Isotonics with  
Rubber Tubing / Light Free-Weights  
Shoulder Shrugs  
Follow-up Weekly per P.T.

**70% AROM:**

**EXERCISE:** AROM in Painless ROM  
Capsular Stretching  
Gentle UBC  
Progressive Isotonics with Pulley, Free-  
Weights, Tubing

**HOME CARE:** Continue Restricted Activity  
Use pain as a Guideline  
Continue Regular Icing prn

**FAROM:**

**EXERCISE:** AROM  
UBC (Progress Resistance As Tolerated)  
Progress Resistance in Isotonics  
Gravitron (Painless Level)

**HOME CARE:** May use Nautilus/Universal @ 6-8 wks (No  
Bench Press)  
No Backpack, Push-ups, Pull-ups, Volleyball,  
Pitching or Contact Sports until at least 3  
months Post-op.

**DISCHARGE CRITERIA:**

FAROM w/o Discomfort  
80% Uninvolved Side Biodex Score in all  
Patterns Tested  
Understanding of HEP / Exercise Guidelines

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