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MULTIDIRECTIONAL INSTABILITY (INFERIOR CAPSULAR SHIFT) POST SURGICAL PROTOCOL

CLASSIC MULTIDIRECTIONAL INSTABILITY

1 - 6 weeks Arm held in brace, slightly abducted

Neutral rotation

Gentle isometric exercises

Elbow ROMs

6 weeks D/C brace

ROMs gradually introduced slowly

12 weeks Progressive strengthening

9 - 12 months Contact sports

Bidirectional instability (ant-inf) without significant posterior sling-6 weeks out for rehab

10 days - 2 weeks Isometrics

Ext. rotation to 10 degrees, forward elevation

90 degrees

2 - 4 weeks Ext. rotation to 30 degrees, forward elevation

140 degrees

Isometric strengthening

4 - 6 weeks Ext. rotation to 40 degrees, forward elevation

160 degrees

Resistance exercises begun

16 weeks Ext. rotation to 50 degrees, forward elevation

180 degrees

Resistance exercises

3 months Ext. rotation increase gradually from 50 degrees

Strengthening begins with arm in neutral below

90 degrees

* Object to regain motion over several months because progressive too quickly may lead to recurrent instability

4 - 12 months - Return to contact sports