

DR CHEN TU PROTOCOL REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACEMENT

	Post op - check op note for variations of sling use & indication for surgery
Day 1-4 Weeks	 Sling 3-4 weeks; can remove for light ADLs (keeping arm close to the body from 2 weeks Advice on sling management and axillary hygiene Postural education and scapula mobility Gentle active assisted exercises within Safe Zone A (see below picture) Neck, elbow, wrist & hand exercises Axillary nerve Ax
Once weaned from sling (see op note): 3-6 Weeks	 Patient must be comfortable with above phase before progression Progress active assisted ROM, no stretching into external rotation beyond 20 degrees Begin proprioceptive exercises Commence anterior deltoid rehab as comfort allows in supine Assess for posterior cuff integrity, encouraging control (hand over wrist) Allow patient to begin gently mobilising into functional ranges
6 Weeks +	 Patient must be comfortable with above phase before progression Ascertain functional goals and progress exercises as appropriate Progress active movement, focusing on functional ADL activities and muscle conditioning as able Progress anterior deltoid and posterior cuff (if present) rehabilitation Safe Zone B and beyond

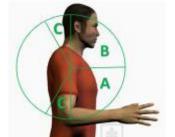
Milestones	
Week 4	Comfortably out of sling for ADLs
Week 6	Sling discarded, increasing active movement
Week 12	Improving functional strength

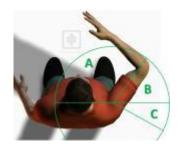
Return to Functional Activities

Driving from 6 weeks, discuss with team

Swimming from 12 weeks Light lifting from 12 weeks+

Work sedentary from 6 weeks manual from 12 weeks +





PHYSIOTHERAPY FOLLOW
UP RECOMMENDED WITHIN
2 WEEKS