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## **Rehabilitation Protocol: Only Patch Repair**

#### Phase I (0-1 week): PROM

- Sling should be worn as needed for comfort
- Can begin pendulums and PROM as tolerated beginning at week 1
  - o Including scapular retraction, supine ER, supine passive elevation, shoulder shrugs
- No lifting
- If biceps tenodesis performed- AVOID resisted elbow flexion or supination

#### Phase II (2-6 weeks): Restore full ROM

- Full PROM and AAROM
- Progress to full AROM
- No lifting >10 lbs
- Can start gentle isotonic and isometric exercises

### **Phase III (7-12 weeks): Restore Strength and Function**

- Full ROM should be accomplished
- Continue isometric exercises
- Progress rotator cuff strengthening while maintaining scapulothoracic control
  - o No more than 25 lbs
- Gradual return to sport specific activities after 12 weeks