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Triceps Repair Physical Therapy Protocol

Maximum Protection Phase (Day 1 to Week 8)

Weeks 0-2

- Splint transition to Brace: 30 to 60 degrees flexion
- ROM:
 - Wrist and hand ROM
 - Gripping exercises
 - Shoulder pendulum in elbow brace
 - Perform PROM shoulder exercises
- Strengthening exercises:
 - Gripping for hand
 - Wrist flexion and extension, light dumbbell
- Cryotherapy applied to triceps

Weeks 3-4

- ROM brace applied: 0 to 60 degrees of flexion
- No active elbow extension for 6 weeks
- Continue shoulder PROM exercises
- Light isometric biceps at 60 degrees flexion
- Initiate ER/IR tubing at 0 degrees adduction
- Manual scapular neuromuscular exercises (seated)
- Continue shoulder, elbow, wrist PROM
- Continue with ice and compression

Weeks 5-6

- ROM brace: increase ROM to 0-90 degrees gradually
- Initiate light shoulder and scapular strengthening exercises at 6 weeks

Weeks 6-8

- ROM brace: progress to 0 to full flexion at 8 weeks
- Initiate light isotonic strengthening for shoulder and scapula
- Continue ice prn
- Active elbow extension at 6 weeks

Weeks 8-12

- Full Elbow ROM
- Progress strengthening exercises slowly
- Begin resistive elbow flexion, rotator cuff, scapula
- Begin resistive elbow extension at 12 week

Months 3-4

- Continue strengthening
- Maintain flexibility
- Begin functional activities
- Full return to activity and sport at 4-6 months