



Dr Cutbush Shoulder Posterior Stabilisation Day 1 Physiotherapy Guidelines

The hospital physio will demonstrate how to fit your sling and how to eat, shower & dress whilst in your sling.

Goals:

- Protect the healing labral and capsular repair – patient advised against any cross body motion, internal rotation, flexion with internal rotation movements
- Assist in the management of pain and inflammation
- Maintain limited GHJ PROM (*glenohumeral joint passive range of motion*) to avoid excessive stiffness
- To ensure that by week 6 that the shoulder is appropriately tight
- Maintain ROM (*range of motion*) in adjacent joints, ensure good scapula posturing

Sling:

- Sling is to be worn full time for 6 weeks except for showering and exercises
- Patient to come out of sling 2-3x/day to perform prescribed exercises only
- Check fit, demonstrate activities of daily living (showering, dressing etc)

Precautions:

- No active use of GHJ (*glenohumeral joint*)
- Avoid stressing the healing repair by avoiding cross body movements/ IR (*internal rotation*)/Flexion

Therapy:

- Ensure appropriate sling fit, sling position to place minimal tension on posterior repair in an element of ER (*external rotation*) (Gun slinger position). Patient taught to don/doff sling independently. Hand to align to body midline
- Appropriate use of ice
- ADLs (*activities of daily living*) – light function of hand within sling, no cross body motion or hand behind back motions in washing or dressing
- Patient instructed in passive ROM (*range of motion*) exercises for GHJ (*glenohumeral joint*) - passive pendulum in scapula plane to 80 degrees stick ER (*external rotation*) at neutral to 10 degrees; No internal rotation
- AROM (*active range of motion*) for adjacent joints
- Education on scapula posturing ensuring appropriate recruitment of upper and mid trapezius

Follow up:

With local physio at 2 weeks to ensure pain managed, appropriate HEP (*home exercise program*), sling fit and precautions being followed. Formal physiotherapy program to begin after week 6 visit with Dr Cutbush

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<https://kennethcutbush.com/information/surgery-frequently-asked-questions>

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