

DISTAL BICEPS REPAIR

<u>Postop</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Precautions</u>	<u>Exercises</u>
Weeks 0-2 HEP daily	Edema and pain control Protect surgical repair Wrist, hand, shoulder ROM	Splint 90° flexion at all times No active supination	Gentle wrist and hand ROM Shoulder pendulum in splint Shoulder PROM exercises
Weeks 2-6 PT 2-3x/week HEP daily	Edema and pain control Protect surgical repair	Brace locked at 90° at all times, OK to unlock for exercises Remove for shower No active elbow flexion No active supination	Gradually increase elbow extension limit: Week 2-4: Limit 60° Week 4-6: Limit 30° Week 6+: Allow full extension 0° Active extension, passive flexion Continue wrist, hand, shoulder ROM Scapular strengthening Gripping exercises Triceps isometrics (week 5)
Weeks 6-12 PT 2-3x/week HEP daily	Full ROM Protect surgical repair	Weeks 6-9: DC brace at 8 weeks No active elbow flexion Weeks 9-12: No brace No lifting objects >1lb	Weeks 6-9: Full elbow ROM Active extension, AA/P flexion Continue wrist, hand, shoulder ROM Begin cuff/deltoid isometrics Weeks 9-12: Begin biceps isometrics Active flexion against gravity (week 9) Resistive strengthening cuff/deltoid Upper body ergometry (week 10)
Weeks 12-24 PT 1-2x/week HEP daily	Improve strength	No brace	Weeks 12-16: ROM and stretching exercises Elbow flexion resistive strengthening Weeks 16-24: Progress strengthening as tolerated Plyometrics and sport specific exercises
6 months + HEP daily	Return to play Unrestricted activity	Return to sport (MD directed)	Maintain ROM and strength