Anatomic Coracoclavicular Ligament Reconstruction Protocol
for the treatment of AC joint separations
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Recommendations:
-Elbow must be supported at all times for 6 weeks post-op. Use sling but not swathe as it may pull the arm inferiorly
-No driving until 6 weeks post-op
-PROM limits: Forward elevation and abduction to 90 degrees for 6 weeks. IR/ER to tolerance

DOS:

**Week 1, Begin Date:______**
- Protection in immobilizer or sling
- Patient out of immobilization for elbow, wrist, and hand exercises
- Putty Exercises
- May begin bicep/triceps isometrics
- May begin PROM to pt. tolerance—Always supporting AC joint by supporting elbow
- Limit FF to 90 degrees
- PROM in all planes. Flex and Abduction limited to 90 degrees. ER/IR to tolerance
- AROM of elbow, wrist, and hand with arm supported

**Weeks 2-4, Begin Date:______**
- Continue sling
- May begin gentle Codman’s Exercises
- Continue PROM—Supported within limitations
- Begin multi-angle isometrics submax
- Continue progressing PROM within limitations
- Scapular setting in sling
- Supine ER with wand

**Week 4-6, Begin Date:______**
- PRE strengthening program
* May utilize ice throughout rehab program
* NO shoulder weighting for 5-6 weeks
- Continue progressing PROM. Should have attained 90 degrees flex and abduction and 65-70 degrees IR/ER by 4 weeks
- Begin active side lying ER

**Week 6-8, Begin Date:______**
- Discontinue supportive sling (6 weeks)
- PROM to tolerance
- Begin AAROM flex and abduction to 90 degrees
- Begin scapular stabilization and rotator cuff exercises within pain-free range

**Week 8, Begin Date:______**
- Begin AROM
Weeks 8-12, Begin Date: ________
- Full AROM flx 170, ER 80-90, IR 90 by 12 weeks
- Progress parascapular and rotator cuff exercises
- Train extrinsic shoulder musculature (deltoids, biceps, and triceps)
- Plyoback, advanced PNF with theraband, bodyblade, etc.

4-6 Months:
- Sport specific activity
- No contact

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