Distal Biceps Repair Protocol Prescription
Right    Left

Detailed recovery/rehabilitation protocol:

Phase I: Week 1

Guidelines:

- Posterior splint at 90 degrees of elbow flexion
- Wrist and hand gripping exercises

Phase II: Weeks 2-6

Guidelines:

- Elbow ROM brace
  - Week 2 @ 45–100
  - Week 4 @ 30–115
  - Week 6 @ 15–130
- Shoulder exercises (rotator cuff)
- Scapular strengthening
- Wrist extensors and flexors
- No active elbow flexion or supination
- Gripping exercises
- Weeks 5–6
  - Isometric triceps exercises
Phase III: Weeks 6-10

Guidelines:

- Elbow ROM
- Discontinue brace @ Week 8 (0-145 degrees)
- Week 8 begin
  - Light isotonic triceps
  - Isotonic wrist flexors/extensors
  - Shoulder isotonics
  - Continue rotator cuff and scapular exercises
  - Progress weight 1 lb. per week

Phase IV: Weeks 10-16

Guidelines:

- Biceps isometrics @ Week 12
- Continue flexibility exercises
- ROM/stretching exercises
- Weeks 10-12
  - Initiate UBE

Phase V: Weeks 16-26

Guidelines:

- Light biceps isotonics (Week 16)
- Plyometrics
  - Two-handed @ Week 16
  - Progress to one-handed at Week 20-22
Phase VI: Weeks 26+

Guidelines:

- Return to Activity
- Sport Specific Training

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