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## **Shoulder Replacement**

	Post op
Day 1-3 Weeks	<ul> <li>Abduction Sling 4 -6 weeks, remove for ADLs at 2 weeks</li> <li>Gentle active assisted exercises (limiting external rotation)</li> <li>Scapula setting &amp; axillary hygiene</li> <li>Neck, elbow, wrist &amp; hand exercises</li> </ul>
3-6 Weeks	<ul> <li>Progress AAROM</li> <li>Assisted stretches in all directions – care with external rotation</li> <li>Begin proprioceptive exercises</li> </ul>
6 Weeks +	<ul> <li>Push stretches</li> <li>Progress to active movement and resisted as able</li> </ul>

Milestones	
Week 3	Comfortably out of sling for ADLs
Week 6	Sling discarded, increasing active and passive movement
Week 12	Improving strength

## Return to Functional Activities

**Driving**6 weeks**Swimming**6 weeks**Lifting**3 months +

Work Sedentary – 3-6 weeks

Manual - 3 months +

## <u>NB</u>

The reverse geometry prosthesis mechanically compromises the amount of rotation available post-surgery but should have a greater ability to recover RC function and strength