Total Shoulder Replacement Rehabilitation Protocol

	Range of Motion	Immobilizer	Therapeutic Exercise
Phase 1 0-6 weeks	Passive to active range of motion as tolerated* ROM Goals: 90 degrees forward flexion, 45 degrees abduction, neutral external rotation	Sling worn at all times except hygiene and exercises	Grip strengthening, pulleys/canes, elbow/wrist/hand active ROM – NO resisted internal rotation or extension
Phase 2 6-10 weeks	Increase range of motion as tolerated, begin active assistive/active internal rotation and extension as tolerated	Use out of house as needed; not required	Begin light resisted external rotation, forward flexion, and abduction – concentric motions only, NO resisted internal rotation, extension, or scapular retraction
Phase 3 10 weeks to 12 months	Progress to full motion without discomfort	None	Begin resisted internal rotation and extension exercises, advance strength training as tolerated, begin eccentric motions and closed chain activities

^{* =} NO active internal rotation or extension for 6 weeks post-operative