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MULTI-DIRECTIONAL SHOULDER STABILIZATION PT Protocol

Weeks 0-6:

- Gunslinger Brace
- Isometrics in brace
- Grip strengthening

Weeks 6-12:

- Sling at night
- AROM only as tolerated to increase ROM; no PT stretching or manipulation
- Restrict to 140° FF/ 40° ER at side/ IR to stomach/ 45° Abduction
- Begin light isometrics for rotator cuff and deltoid, with arm at the side

Months 3-12:

- Advance strengthening as tolerated: isometrics → bands → light weights (1-5 lbs); 8-12 reps/2-3 set per exercise for rotator cuff, deltoid, and scapular stabilizers
- Only do strengthening 3x/week to avoid rotator cuff tendonitis
- If ROM lacking, increase to full with gentle passive stretching at end ranges
- Begin eccentric motions, plyometrics (ex. Weighted ball toss), and closed chain exercises at 16 weeks
- Begin sports related rehab at 4 ½ months, including advanced conditioning
- Return to throwing at 6 months
- Throw from pitcher's mound at 9 months
- No collision sports allowed
- MMI is usually at 12 months