## PHYSICIAN REFERRAL **PATIENT'S NAME: DIAGNOSIS: PRECAUTIONS: Evaluate and Treat** Exercise Program (i.e. home, gym) Functional Conditioning Therapeutic Exercise Manual Therapy Modalities Other \_\_\_\_\_ COMMENTS: Frequency: \_\_\_\_ x per week for \_\_\_\_ weeks Signature: \_\_\_\_\_(Physician signature) Date: SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE Referrals are accepted from any physician. A physician's order and diagnosis are required for evaluation and treatment. We accept most insurances including Medicare. Bacci & Glinn Physical Therapy, Inc. Hanford: 559-582-1027 Visalia: 559-733-2478



## ROTATOR CUFF REPAIR

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## Rotator Cuff Repair

The rotator cuff is a group of four muscles that surrounds the head of the humerus. The four muscles are the supraspinatus, infraspinatus, tires minor, and subscapularis. These muscles work together to lift and rotate the arm and stabilize the ball of the humerus in the joint.

Normal wear and tear, overuse of, or trauma to these muscles can cause tears. Surgical repair may be necessary if a complete tear causes severe shoulder weakness, if conservative methods of treatment have failed, if full shoulder strength is needed for your job or activities, and if you are in good enough physical condition to recover from surgery. Surgery will only fix the tear, not strengthen the muscles, so rehabilitation is key to the success of the procedure.

#### **Treatment Options**

Physical therapy may be used as conservative treatment prior to surgery or as part of a rehabilitation program after a rotator cuff repair. If surgical repair is performed, a period of immobilization can be expected (the length of which is dependent on the severity of the tear).

- Physical therapy may include all or some of the following:
  - Pain control modalities such as ice, heat, ultrasound, and electrical stimulation
  - Manual therapy including joint & soft tissue mobilization
  - Individualized exercise program which will include flexibility, strengthening, & endurance training

#### What to expect:

The exercise program will begin with passive movements and will progress to active and resistive exercises.

Other nonsurgical treatment options may include rest and limited overhead activity, using a sling, anti-inflammatory medication, or steroid injection.

#### References:

- I. http://headtotoe.apta.org
- 2. www.bandgpt.com
- 3. www.aaos.org



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