



Dupuytren Release/Partial Palmar Fasciectomy Dr. Staiger

*Schedule OT 1-3 days post-op

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I Post-Op Day 1-3	 Evaluate and treat following instructions dictated on op-note/post-op care. Dressing change and check for signs/symptoms of infection. Fabricate a custom hand-based finger extension orthosis (L3913) being careful with ext especially if there is a skin graft. If there is a skin graft, orthosis will slowly be brought into further ext each week. Wear orthosis intermittently during the day until incision is healed. Wear orthosis at night (typically 6 months). Remove orthosis to perform exercises 4-8 times a day. Assess active range of motion of digits. Instruct in tendon gliding exercises in a pain free range. Instruct in isolated blocking exercises of PIP and DIP joints into flexion/extension in a pain free range. Instruct in active assistive and/or passive flexion and extension exercises depending on pain level. Follow up 1 time weekly depending upon range of motion. (Generally, we see 1 time a week for at least 6 weeks). Instruct in edema management. Reassure client that incisions/surgery looks worse than typically expected because of McCash technique but will heal with excellent results. 	Edema control Wound Healing ROM
Phase II 10-14 Days	 Readjust orthosis as needed to maintain full extension of digits. Perform active, active-assisted, and passive range of motion exercises in the clinic and with home exercise program. Instruct in scar management techniques (to begin once incision is healed). Issue scar pad (to be worn once incision is healed). May use modalities as indicated (ultrasound typically not done 	Scar management Continued edema and
3 Weeks 6 Months	until 4 weeks post-op). May include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or Potassium Iodide as indicated at 3 weeks. * Typically may discontinue night orthosis unless scar is continuing to remodel.	scar control • Pain management