



EIP to EPL Tendon Transfer

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*Schedule OT same day as doctor.

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I	Evaluate and Treat.	Edema control
Post-Op Day 10-14	 Custom fit molding a prefabricated forearm-based zipper thumb spica (L3807) or custom fabricate a forearm-based thumb spica orthosis (L3808) including IP. Wrist 30° extension and thumb midway between radial and palmer abduction with MP and IP full extension (IP may be placed in 10° of hyperextension.) Instruct in edema management techniques. Educate on scar massage and when to begin the scar massage (3 days after sutures removed provided incision is closed). Issue scar pad (to be worn once incision is healed). Issue gentle ROM exercises for uninvolved joints to be completed 3-4 times/day. Begin gentle AROM thumb flexion with PROM extension. 	• Scar management
Phase II 4 Weeks	 May use modalities as indicated. May include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or Potassium Iodide as indicated. Initiate AROM to the involved wrist and thumb. Isolate wrist ROM from digit ROM, complete simultaneous extension of the IF and thumb. Educate in composite active flexion of the wrist and thumb. 	• ROM
Phase III 5-6 Weeks	 Orthosis may be discontinued. Issue isolated PROM to wrist, thumb, and other digits. Educate in reverse blocking (wrist and thumb MP passively held in flexed position then have client actively extend the thumb IP joint). This may be progressed by gradually bringing wrist into extension but still having the thumb MP passively flexed and client actively extending the thumb IP joint. Initiate strengthening exercises. 	 Functional ROM PREs