



## **EIP to EPL Tendon Transfer**

## Dr. Staiger

\*Schedule OT same day as doctor.

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