



Extensor Tendon Zone V Repair

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*Schedule OT same day as doctor.

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I Post-Op Day 10-14	 Evaluate and Treat. Evaluate and Treat. Fabricate a custom protection orthosis for a custom handbased MCP ext orthosis (L3913) if multiple fingers were repaired and a custom finger-based relative motion orthosis (L3933) if only one finger was repaired: If laceration to EDC to the index finger, then relative motion orthosis positioning index finger in MCP joint extension and all fingers included. IP joints are left free. If laceration to EDC to middle finger, then relative motion orthosis with middle finger MCP joint in extension. Orthosis should include index and ring fingers. IP joints are left free. If laceration to EDC to ring finger, then relative motion orthosis with ring finger MCP joint in extension. Orthosis should include index and ring fingers. IP joints are left free. If laceration to EDC to ring finger, then relative motion orthosis with ring finger MCP joint in extension. Orthosis should include middle and small fingers. IP joints are left free. If laceration to small finger, then relative motion orthosis with small finger. IP joint in extension. Protection orthosis should include the index, ring, and middle finger. IP joints are left free. Instruct in scar management techniques (to begin once incision is healed). Instruct in edema management techniques. 	 Protection Edema control Scar management Pain management
Phase II 4.5 Weeks	 Instruct in active range of motion exercises including: active wrist flexion/extension, tendon gliding exercises, isolated EDC (can use Velcro trappers to assist MP joint flexion/extension), isolated PIP/DIP joint flexion/extension. Continue protection orthosis between exercise sessions during the day and at night. 	• ROM
Phase III 5 Weeks	 May use modalities as indicated Modalities may include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or Potassium Iodide as indicated. Continue above exercises, scar management, and splinting. 	 Continue improving ROM, edema control, and pain and scar management

Phase IV 6 Weeks	 Instruct in passive range of motion for fingers and wrist to be determined by the physician. Concentrate on reducing extensor tightness and monitor for extension lag. 	 Working towards functional ROM
Phase V 7-8 Weeks	 Instruct in gentle strengthening exercises as determined by the physician. Discontinue protection orthosis to be determined by the physician. 	• PREs