



TFCC Repair (Peripheral Tear)

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*Schedule OT 6 weeks post-op, same day as 6 week doctor appointment.

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I	Evaluate and Treat.	Protection
Post-Op 6 Weeks	 Evaluate and Treat. Instruct in edema management techniques as needed. Custom fit prefabricated Zipper wrist cock-up orthosis (L3906) which was molded, wrist in neutral for between exercises. Fit with soft DRUJ wrap (i.e. Carpal Guard, Wrist Widget, or Squeeze Ulnar Compression Wrap A4467) for exercises and then once client is to wean out of the Zipper orthosis. Begin gentle elbow, forearm, wrist, and hand active range of motion. Instruct in scar management techniques (to begin once incision is healed). Issue scar pad (to be worn once incision is healed). Progress with active assistive range of motion as tolerated. May use modalities as indicated (ultrasound typically not done until 4 weeks post-op). Modalities may include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or Potassium Iodide as indicated at 4 weeks. If used, ultrasound is usually completed at a low intensity (i.e. 0.5 w/cm2, 3 MHz) and pulsed (i.e. 20%) setting when over the plate area (if completed with ulnar shortening osteotomy). Attend occupation therapy 1-3x/week for range of 	 Protection Edema control Pain management Scar management ROM
Dhara II	motion, edema control, and scar management.	
Phase II 8 Weeks	 Continue with above exercises. Begin passive range of motion as tolerated. Dynamic splinting may be completed as needed. 	Functional ROM
Phase III 10-12 Weeks	Begin progressive strengthening exercises.	PREs