



1ST DORSAL COMPARTMENT RELEASE

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Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Post-Op Day:	Evaluate and Treat	Edema management
	Instruct in edema management	HEP
Same day as Dr	Instruct in active wrist flexion/extension, ulnar/radial	• ROM
	deviation exercises	 Scar management
	Instruct in general tendon gliding exercises	
	Instruct in active thumb exercises; palmar abduction and	
	extension for tendon gliding under scar (PROM if needed)	
	Instruct in scar management techniques	
Phase I:	May use Modalities as indicated	• ROM
	 Modalities may include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, 	Scar management
3 weeks post op	or Potassium Iodide as indicated.	Edema Management
Phase II :	Initiate progressive resistive exercises as tolerated	Update HEP
	 Strengthening for wrist, thumb and grip 	
4-6 weeks post op		