



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	 Fabricate forearm-based thumb spica orthosis including IP. 	Scar management
	 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.	
Phase II	May use modalities as indicated.	• ROM
4 Weeks	o May include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or	
	Potassium Iodide as indicated.	
	 Initiate AROM to the involved wrist and thumb 	
	 Isolate wrist ROM from digit ROM, 	
	o complete simultaneous extension of the IF and	
	thumb.	
	Educate in composite active flexion of the wrist and	
Phase III	thumb.	• Functional DOM
5-6 Weeks	 Orthosis may be discontinued. Issue PROM to wrist and thumb begin completing to wrist 	Functional ROMPREs
J-0 Weeks	and digits independently for a week.	• FILS
	 Educate in reverse blocking (wrist and thumb MP passively 	
	flexed 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. 	