



Pulley Repair/Reconstruction Dr. Staiger

*Schedule OT 2-5 days post-op.

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I Post-Op Day 2-5	 Evaluate and Treat. Dressing change and check for signs/symptoms of infection. Instruct in edema management techniques. Fabricate pulley ring orthosis to wear at all times. Instruct in tendon gliding exercises (client must wear orthosis while completing exercises). 	 Protection Edema control Pain management ROM
Phase II Day 10-14	 Instruct in scar management techniques (to begin once incision is healed). Issue scar pad (to be worn once incision is healed). Continue with ROM. With manual pressure over pulley can do more aggressive joint flexion (3 point force). 	Scar managementProgression of ROM
Phase III 3 Weeks	 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. 	Continue edema control and pain and scar management
Phase IV 4 Weeks	Passive ROM may be performed to IPs while providing support to the pulley site.	Functional ROM
Phase V	Begin gentle grip strengthening and advance as pain allows.	• PREs