



Tenolysis Dr. Staiger

*Schedule OT 1 day post-op.

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I Post-Op Day 1	 Evaluate and Treat. Dressing change and check for signs/symptoms of infection. Instruct in wound care. Instruct in AROM and AAROM including tendon gliding exercises. Instruct in PROM exercises as tolerated. Instruct in edema management techniques. Typically, no orthosis is needed. 	 Edema control Wound/Incision care Pain management ROM
Phase II 10-14 Days	 Continue with above exercises. Begin joint blocking for PIP and DIP joint flex and AAROM exercises. Instruct in scar management techniques (to begin once incision is healed). Issue scar pad (to be worn once incision is healed). 	Scar managementProgression of ROM
Phase III 3 Weeks	 Instruct in fisting exercise using a foam sponge or light resistance putty provided the incision is completely healed. 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. 	 Continuation of edema control and pain and scar management Very gentle strengthening
Phase IV 4 Weeks	Continue with active range of motion exercises and scar management techniques.	Functional ROM
Phase V 6 Weeks	May advance grip strengthening exercises.	• PREs