

Thumb CMC Arthritis (Conservative)

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Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I Initial Visit +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and Treat • Fabricate thermoplastic hand based thumb spica orthosis, thumb into slight palmar abduction with IP joint free. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wear with heavier ADL's or in times of significantly increased pain. • Fit in neoprene hand based thumb spica orthosis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wear with lighter ADL's or in times of significantly increased pain . • May instruct client in Kinesiology taping techniques. • Instruct in edema management techniques. • Educate in joint protection and joint mobilization techniques including distraction. This should be <u>pain-free</u> only. • Discuss use of glucosamine chondroitin to possibly assist with tolerance of arthritis (i.e. Triglosamine, Omega 3, Turmeric, CBD oil/cream). • May use modalities as indicated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modalities may include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or Potassium Iodide as indicated. • Home Exercise Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stretch thumb web space. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adductor trigger point release. ▪ Gentle passive range of motion of thumb into radial abduction and palmar abduction with care to stretch at CMC versus MP. ○ AROM thumb exercises. ○ Strengthening (progressive): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thumb "C," ▪ Isometric strengthening of 1st dorsal interossei, ▪ Isometric strengthening exercises into thumb flexion with care not to allow MP joint collapse, ▪ Resistive pinch exercises. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain management • Edema control if needed • ROM • Progress to stabilization and/or strengthening
	<p>**The client may have both a soft and hard orthosis or may just have one orthosis that he/she feels will work best for what they do at home/work.</p> <p>**Strengthening should be completed to tolerance and may take months to progress through to resistive strengthening.</p>	