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Physician





## TFC CENTRAL REPAIR \*\*\*NOT COMPLETED\*\*\* **Steadman\*Hawkins Protocol**

Post op Goals: Control edema and pain

Protect repair

Minimize deconditioning

Intervention:

· Bulky post-op dressing is removed

• Edema control begun with light compressive dressing to hand and forearm prn

• Active ROM exercises for wrist and forearm are begun 4-8 times a day

• A wrist splint is fabricated to wear between exercises and at night

Post Op Days 10-14 Goals: Control edema and pain

Continue to protect repair Begin scar management

Intervention:

• Scar management begun within 48 hours of suture removal

Initiation of active-assist ROM for wrist and forearm

Post Op Day 15-28 Goals: Control edema and pain

> Improve ROM Intervention:

> > Passive ROM of wrist and forearm may be initiated

• Dynamic wrist splinting may be begun to improve ROM

• Weighted wrist stretches may be initiated – also to increase ROM

Post Op Day 29-42

Goals: Continue with ROM gains

Begin strengthening

Intervention:

- Progressive strengthening may be begun using putty or a hand exerciser
- The wrist immobilization splint may be discontinued if the patient is

asymptomatic in the ulnar area.