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TFC PERIPHERAL REPAIR Steadman*Hawkins Protocol

Post op	Immobilize wrist in 40-45 degrees, MP joints in 0 degrees and thumb in a functional resting position of abduction. Follow extensor tendon zone 5, 6 & 7 protocol identified below.
	Extensor Tendon repair Zones 5, 6, 7:
Day 1 post op	: Surgical dressing removed, wound examined and redressed. Educate patient in edema control and wound care (provide edema sheet).
3 weeks post o	 op: Gently debride wound PRN. Guarded AROM, AAROM of extension at MP with wrist extension then relax MP joints to 30-40 degrees flexion. IP joints full AROM with wrist in extension. Scar Management. Desensitization/ Resensitization with progressive media applications (towel, rice).
4-5 weeks pos	t op: Active claw position to prevent adhesion Active intrinsic plus (hood) Active wrist flexion gradually increasing with relaxed thumb
5-6 weeks pos	t op : Active composite thumb flexion, using graded dowels Wrist neutral controlled splint thumb in functional resting position of abduction. Closed fist ADL's with splint on
6-7 weeks	Simultaneous finger and wrist flexion. Begin gentle grip and pinch activities. Can use functional electrical stimulation/dynamic splinting PRN. ADL's without resistance. Week 7 D/C splint.
10/12 weeks	Normal ADL's.