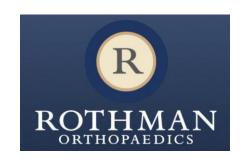
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Distal Biceps Repair Physical Therapy Protocol/Prescription

Name
Diagnosis s/p RIGHT/LEFT Distal Biceps Tendon Repair
Date of Surgery
Frequency: 1 2 3 4 times/week Duration: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Weeks
 Weeks 1-4: Elbow is immobilized in the Bledsoe Brace at 75 degrees flexion with wrist free. Dressing changed at 7-10 days after surgery to hinged elbow brace In brace can perform passive flexion to 100 degrees and progress to passive full flexion by 4 weeks No active flexion Ok to actively extend to 45 degrees Neck strap / sling to be used for the first 2-5 days. Then, may begin AROM of shoulder
 Weeks 4-6 Brace adjusted to 30 degrees extension, progressing to 0 degrees by 6 weeks, May begin active assisted flexion to full in brace
 Weeks 6-8: Discontinue the use of the Bledsoe Brace Shoulder and elbow ROM, PROM-AAROM-AROM, advance as tolerated Begin muscle strengthening exercises for wrist and forearm
Months 2-3:May begin elbow strengthening
Comments:Functional Capacity EvaluationWork Hardening/Work Conditioning _X Teach HEP
Modalities _X_Electric StimulationUltrasound IontophoresisPhonophoresisTENSX_ Heat before
_XIce afterTrigger points massageX Therapist's discretion
Signature Date