

CMC Arthroplasty with MCP Fusion Protocol

Phase 1	1-4 weeks post-op
Appointments	• 1-2x for splint fabrication and suture removal
Suggested Therapeutic Exercise/Treatment	 Wrist tenodesis AROM in pain free range Edema management AROM of thumb IP, 2-5th digit MP, PIP, DIP Cryotherapy Scar massage
Bracing	 Forearm based thumb spica splint with wrist in mild extension, thumb midway between palmer and radial AB, IP of the thumb free. Splint removed for bathing and HEP only.
Precautions	No lifting greater than 2-3lbs

Phase 2	4-6 weeks post-op
Appointments	• 1-3 x per week depending on patient AROM.
Bracing	 Pt should be created a hand-based opponens splint with thumb midway between palmer and radial AB, IP of the thumb free for use during daytime activities. Continue with forearm splint at night
Precautions	Maintain 2-3 lbs lifting restrictions
Suggested Therapeutic Exercise/Treatment	 Continue with wrist tenodesis AROM in pain free range Cryotherapy as needed

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Phase 3	6 weeks post-op
Appointments	1-3 x per week depending on patient motion and strength
Suggested Therapeutic Exercise/Treatment	 Advance to full AROM of thumb PROM of the thumb and digits as needed Wrist, hand isometric and concentric strengthening Modalities as needed
Bracing	 Discontinue forearm based and hand-based splint wear Advance into comfort cool PRN

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