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Wrist CMC Arthroplasty Protocol

Phase 1	Surgery to 4 weeks post-op
Suggested Therapeutic Exercise/Treatment	 Wrist tenodesis AROM in pain-free range Thumb radial abduction AROM completed on table 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 palmar and radial AB, IP of the thumb free Splint removed for bathing and HEP only
Precautions	 No lifting greater than 2-3 lbs

Phase 2	4-6 weeks post-op
Appointments	 1-3x per week, depending on patient AROM
Precautions	Maintain 2-3 lbs lifting restrictions
Bracing	 Patient can advance into Comfort Cool during daytime activities Continue with forearm splint at night
Suggested Therapeutic Exercise/Treatment	 Continue with Radial AB AROM in pain free range Wrist tenodesis AROM in pain free range Cryotherapy as needed



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CMC Arthroplasty Protocol

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