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REHAB PROTOCOL: ORIF Radial Head

Name: _____

Date: _____

Diagnosis: _____

Date of Surgery: _____

Phase I: 0-14 days

1. Postop posterior splint including the wrist
2. Non-weight bearing to operative extremity
3. Patient encouraged to move fingers through full range of motion

Precautions:

No lifting or pushing activities with the arm

Phase II: 2-6 weeks

1. Remove posterior splint
2. Continue non-weight bearing activities: May type and write. No lifting, pushing, or pulling,
3. Elbow and Wrist-
 - a. Start gentle AROM, AAROM of elbow in flexion, and extension.
 - b. Introduce elbow supination and pronation during later half of this phase.
 - c. No passive stretching
4. Shoulder, Scapula and fingers: Active range of motion
5. Edema control
6. Modalities prn
7. Home exercise program

Precautions:

No lifting heavy weight or pushing activities with the arm

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Phase III: 7-12 weeks

1. Aim for achieving maximum range of motion of joint above and below –elbow flexion and extension, wrist flexion and extension, forearm supination and pronation. End range passive stretching allowed
2. Allow light weight bearing activities at 6 weeks, no heavy lifting, pushing or pulling
3. Home exercise program

Phase IV: 3 months and beyond

1. Allow unrestricted activity with the upper extremity
2. Gradually introduce heavy lifting
3. Avoid contact sports till 6 months

Modalities

Heat and Ice

Ultrasound

Therapists' discretion

TENS

Evaluation and others

Teach home exercise program

Comments:

Frequency: 2 times per week

Duration: 12 weeks

Signature: _____

Date: _____