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Physical Therapy Prescription for:

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Diagnosis: Triceps Tendon Rupture **Surgical Procedure:** Triceps Repair

Date of Surgery:

Eval & Treat: 2x/week x 12 weeks

Brace: Hinged elbow brace with progressive **FLEXION** limit

- Full passive extension by week 6
- ➤ Increase gentle elbow flexion 15-20 degrees/week

Precautions/Limitations:

- ➤ No heavy weights > 25lbs for 4 months (16 weeks)
- ➤ No contact sports or >60lb weights for 6 months (24 weeks)

Weeks 0 to 2 (Immediate Postoperative Period – Protection Phase)

- > Strict elevation
- ➤ Hand/wrist exercises/ROM
- > Posterior mold splint 45 deg

Weeks 2 to 6 (Goal: edema control, begin PROM with above limits):

Splint removed, sutures removed, switched to hinged elbow brace

- ➤ No active elbow extension
- ➤ PROM 40-full extension
- ➤ Shoulder mobility as needed
- > Sub-maximal pain-free shoulder isometrics

Weeks 6 to 10 (Goal: full ROM)

- ➤ Ok to begin active extension
- ➤ Goal: full active flexion

Weeks 10 to 12 (Goal: strengthening)

- > Strengthening beginning with midrange isometrics, then isotonic concentric contractions, then finally eccentric muscle contractions
- Progressive resistance exercise program for all elbow motions
- ➤ Begin with 1 lb weight and gradually increase
- ➤ Wean brace by 12 weeks
- ➤ May initiate a gradual light weight training program (home/gym)
- ➤ May begin interval training programs for return to throwing, tennis, golf, etc.

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