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Physical Therapy Prescription – Lateral Epicondylitis Rehab Protocol

Name:	Date:
Procedure: R / L	Date of Surgery:
Frequency: 2-3 times per week for weeks	

PHASE I (Weeks 0 - 6): decrease edema

- Brace: On all times except for hygiene. Non weight bearing
- Range of Motion: Passive ROM as tolerated
- **Therapeutic Exercises:** Gentle hand/wrist/elbow/shoulder stretching, isometric hand/wrist/elbow/shoulder strengthening avoid wrist extension.
- Modalities: Per therapist, including electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat (before), ice (after)

Phase II (Weeks 6 - 8)

- Brace: Discontinue. 5 lb weight bearing
- Range of Motion: Full range of motion. Begin active wrist extension.
- Therapeutic Exercises: Advance strengthening exercises in phase I to resistive, maintain flexibility/ROM, begin gentle active wrist extension exercises.
- Modalities: Per therapist, including electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat (before), ice (after)

Phase III (Weeks 8 - 12)

- Weightbearing: As tolerated
- Brace: None
- Range of Motion: Full
- Therapeutic Exercises: Advance phase II activities, gradual progression toward return to full activity.
- Modalities: Per therapist, including electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat (before), ice (after)

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