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Distal Biceps Tendon Repair Physical Therapy Protocol

EXPECTED RECOVERY:

- Begin physical therapy 2 weeks after surgery.
- Back to desk type work/school within 1-2 weeks following surgery
- Return to manual labor/sports at 4-6 months

	BRACE	Range of Motion	EXERCIS ES
0-2 weeks	Splint 0-90	*Wrist ROM only	* Grip strengthening
			* Isometrics
2-6 weeks	No brace	* Begin elbow PROM progress to AAROM and progress as tolerated to and AROM	* ROM only * no lifting/pulling/pushing
		* Achieve full AROM by 6	greater than 1 lbs.
		weeks.	No strengthening
			OK to use arm for eating, grooming activities
6-12 weeks	No brace	*Full ROM	* ROM exercises.
			no lifting/pulling/pushing greater than 5 lbs.
12-20 weeks			Begin strengthening

Specific Recommendat	tions /Restrictions /Goals:	