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# Wrist Fracture Exercises

## Range of Motion and Stretching Exercises

These are some of the **initial** exercises to start your rehabilitation program until you see Dr. Weber, your physical therapist or athletic trainer or until your symptoms are resolved. Please remember:

- Flexible tissue is more tolerant of the stresses placed on it during activities
- Each stretch should be held for 20 to 30 seconds
- A gentle stretching sensation should be felt



#### Range of Motion – Wrist Extension

- 1. Hold your \_\_\_\_\_ wrist shown with the fingers pointing away from the floor.
- 2. Pull up on the wrist until you feel a stretch.
- 3. Hold this position for two to three seconds.
- 4. Repeat exercises 10 to 20 times, six times per day.
- 5. This exercise should be done with:
  - $\Box$  elbow bent to 90 degrees
  - □ elbow straight

(Dr. Weber, your physical therapist or athletic trainer will select one.)



#### Range of Motion – Wrist Flexion

- 1. Hold your <u>wrist as shown with fingers</u> pointing down toward the floor.
- 2. Pull down on the wrist until you feel a stretch.
- 3. Hold this position for five seconds. Repeat exercise 10 to 20 times, six times per day.
- 4. This exercise should be done with:
  - $\Box$  elbow bent to 90 degrees
  - $\Box$  elbow straight
  - (Dr. Weber, your physical therapist or athletic trainer will select one.)



#### Range of Motion – Wrist Extension

- 1. Place the palm of your \_\_\_\_\_ hand faced flat on the top of a table as shown. Your fingers should be pointing backward.
- 2. Press down, bending your wrist and straightening your elbow until you feel a stretch.
- 3. Hold this position for five seconds.
- 4. Repeat exercise 10 to 20 times, six times per day.

## Range of Motion – Wrist Flexion

- 1. Place the back of your \_\_\_\_\_ hand flat on top of a table as shown. Your shoulder should be turned in and your fingers facing away from your body.
- 2. Press down bending your wrist and straightening your elbow until your feel a stretch.
- 3. Hold this position for five seconds.
- 4. Repeat exercises 10 to 20 times, six times per day.



#### Range of Motion – Pronation

- 1. Stand or sit with your elbow bent to 90 degrees.
- 2. Turn your palm down toward the floor as far as possible.
- 3. Hold this position for five seconds and then slowly return to the starting position.
- 4. Repeat exercises 10 to 20 times, six times per day.



#### Range of Motion – Supination

- 1. Stand or sit with your elbow bent to 90 degrees.
- 2. Turn your palm upward as far as possible.
- 3. Hold this position for five seconds and then slowly return to the starting position.
- 4. Repeat exercise 10 to 20 times, six times per day.