Occupational Therapy Toolkit

Wrist Fracture

Functional Limitations:

ADL, IADL, work and leisure impairment
Impaired strength
Limited ROM
Pain
Edema
Weight bearing restrictions
Fall risk
Environmental barriers

Occupational Therapy Intervention:

ADL, IADL, work and leisure training with one-handed techniques and adaptive equipment

Provide UE activities and exercises

While in cast

Exercises and activities for uninvolved joints to prevent loss of ROM and strength

Once cast is removed

Provide progressive wrist and hand activities and exercises once to improve ROM and strength

Provide wrist splint once cast is removed

Teach edema control techniques

Instruct in pain management techniques

Teach stress management and relaxation techniques

Coordinate medication peak with exercise and activity

Educate in use of superficial heat and cold

Assess home safety and functional safety and provide environmental modifications and adaptations

Educate regarding falls risk and prevention strategies

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Patient Education:

- 1. Edema Control Techniques
- 2. Superficial Heat
- 3. Superficial Cold
- 4. Home Exercise Program Face Sheet
- 5. Forearm & Wrist Active ROM Exercises
- 6. Forearm & Wrist Strengthening Exercises
- 7. Forearm & Wrist Stretching Exercises
- 8. Hand Strengthening Exercises
- 9. Fine Motor Activities
- 10. Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques
- 11. Falls Risks Assessment and Prevention Strategies
- 12. Home Safety and Functional Safety Assessment