

OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Triceps Repair

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1. First Post – Operative Day

- A. Continue ice pack every one to two hours while awake.**
- B. Pain medication as needed.**
- C. Keep elbow elevated above the heart to prevent excessive swelling.**

DO NOT place ICE directly to the skin – this will result in a burn and potentially serious wound complications. Always keep a pad between the ice and the skin.

2. Second Post – Operative Day Until Return Visit

- A. Continue ice pack as needed.**
- B. You may shower this evening. You will need to keep your splint dry by covering wound with water-proof bags / plastic when taking a shower.**

3. Suture Removal

- A. Your sutures and splint will need to be removed 7 – 10 days from surgery at your first post op visit.**

For Return Appointments

- 4. Your 1st post-op visit will need to be scheduled for 7 days after surgery.**
- 5. If you have any problems or questions please call our office at (714) 634-4567 during offices hours 8:00-5:00. If you have a problem after hours the answering service will contact Dr. Shepard.**
- 6. Any activity that requires precise thinking and accuracy must be avoided for the first twelve hours after surgery and while taking pain medication, which includes operating machinery and/or driving a vehicle.**