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Post-operative Instructions: CMC Arthroplasty

- Keep splint on until follow up with me in 7-10 days. Start finger (not thumb),
 elbow, and shoulder ROM immediately after surgery. OT after visit for custom
 thermoplast splint and exercises.
- 2-6 weeks: Daily active and passive ROM exercises to thumb and wrist. Wear splint at all times except for hygiene and therapy exercises.
- May start scar desensitization 4 weeks after surgery
- 6-12 weeks: Start weaning out of splint and start gentle strengthening exercises
- 12 weeks: Return to normal use of hand