

## **Post Surgery Instructions**

### ***Peroneal Tendon Repair, Groove Deepening***

#### **General Facts**

- The goal of this surgery is to alleviate pain and return you to full strength in the shortest amount of time.
- This surgery will repair the torn or partially torn peroneal tendon(s) and may involve deepening the bony groove in which the tendons glide.
- You will NOT be allowed to weight bear on the ankle for 2 weeks after surgery.
- Cutting sports (racquetball, soccer, tennis, etc.), ballistic movements, or strenuous running will be permitted for 3-4 months.

#### **Post Surgery Course**

##### **Day 1**

- The ankle will be wrapped in a soft cast with lots of padding. If for any reason your splint feels uncomfortable or too tight, remove the ace wrap, loosen padding, and re-apply to your comfort level.
- It is important to ice and elevate the foot, take pain medication, and rest as needed.
- No weight bearing is allowed on the operative ankle.
- Do not get the ankle or splint wet.

##### **Day 4**

- Pain should improve after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. If your pain has worsened since day 3 or you have a fever and/or chills, please call the office.
- Wiggle toes in splint as tolerated.
- Work the knee, hip, and upper extremities.

##### **2 Weeks (approximately)**

- First post-operative visit.
- Your soft cast will be taken off and your sutures will be removed.
- You will be placed in a boot with your ankle in a neutral to prevent a large amount of range of motion.
- AVOID active eversion and passive inversion type ankle movements.
- If the incision is healing well, you may get the ankle wet in the shower 2-3 days after your post-operative visit.

##### **3 Weeks**

- If the incision is healed, you may submerge the ankle under water.
- Gentle exercise on a stationary bike is permitted while wearing the boot.
- May begin gentle sub-maximal peroneal isometrics.
- May work out in pool without kicking or push off (i.e. water walking).

#### **4 Weeks**

- Progress weight bearing to full weight bearing as tolerated in the boot. Add 20 lbs of weight to the ankle every other day until you are full weight bearing.

#### **6 Weeks**

- Weight bearing as tolerated in the boot permitted.
- Start physical therapy (may vary).
- Avoid walking on uneven or rocky terrain.

#### **8 Weeks**

- Wean out of boot and into a supportive tennis shoe.
- You may be given a lace up ankle brace to wear during long periods of walking and exercise.
- Light jogging and other exercise activities, such as squatting and weight-lifting, are permitted.
- Continue to increase your activity as tolerated.
- Balance/proprioception.
- Stationary bike with added resistance.

#### **10 Weeks**

- Open chain strengthening PF/DF, eversion to neutral.
- Balance/proprioception exercises on level surface.
- Gait training.

#### **3 Months**

- Begin plyometric drills starting front to back & progressing to lateral movements.

#### **14 Weeks**

- Continued gait/jogging training.
- Kicking and plantar flexion in pool program.

#### **4 Months**

- Cutting activities introduced.
- Progressive closed chain kinetic program, increasing intensity to higher level exercises incorporating proprioceptive challenges.
- Agilities.
- Progressive absorption/agility/running progression.
- Improve endurance.