

# **Distal Biceps Tendon Repair Rehab Protocol**

## First 7 - 10 days

- Immobilization in Splint with Elbow at 90° of flexion
- Encourage digital, shoulder ROM
- Elevation
- Pain Control

#### Phase I (1 week to 6 weeks)

- Elbow immobilized in flexion-assisted Bledsoe brace with extension stop at 30°
- Gentle supervised passive ROM (active extension) from 30° to 150°
- Passive supination / pronation with elbow at 90° flexion
- Digital / Wrist ROM encouraged
- Edema control
- May initiate gentle biceps isometrics at 4 weeks

### Phase 2 (6 weeks to 3 months)

- Discontinue Elbow brace
- Unrestricted active and passive ROM and supination/pronation
- Light strengthening Avoid Eccentric Contractions

### Phase 3 (3 months – 6 months)

- Continue with Strengthening protocol
- Clearance for full unrestricted activity between 4 6 months at discretion of surgeon