## **Wrist Instability EXERCISE CHART**

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| SCAPHOLUNATE INSTABILITY                                 |                            |  |             |  |  |
|--|----------------------------|--|-------------|--|--|
| FOREARM<br>POSITION                                      | MUSCLE<br>EXERCISE         | EXERCISES: PROGRESSION<br>SEQUENCE   | IMAGE/VIDEO |  |  |
| Pronation  | Isometric                  | <ol> <li>Radial wrist extension &amp;<br/>thumb CMC radial abduction<br/>(ECRL, ECRB, and APL)<br/>alternating with</li> <li>Ulnar wrist flexion (FCU);<br/>Called dart thrower's motion</li> </ol>        |             |  |  |
| Begin in<br>pronation;<br>progress<br>into<br>supination | Isotonic                   | <ol> <li>Radial wrist extension &amp;<br/>thumb CMC radial abduction<br/>(ECRL, ECRB, and APL)<br/>alternating with</li> <li>Ulnar wrist flexion (FCU);<br/><i>Called dart thrower's motion</i></li> </ol> |             |  |  |
| Various<br>Positions                                     | Proprioceptive<br>Training | Active wrist control in mid-<br>range in a variety of positions<br>with minimal loading. See<br><u>Karagiannopoulos &amp;</u><br><u>Michlovitz</u> .   |             |  |  |



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| LUNOTRIQUETRAL INSTABILITY                        |  |  |             |  |  |
|---|--|--|-------------|--|--|
| FOREARM<br>POSITION                               | MUSCLE<br>EXERCISE                                     | EXERCISES: PROGRESSION<br>SEQUENCE   | IMAGE/VIDEO |  |  |
| Supination  | Submaximal<br>isometric                                | Ulnar wrist extension (ECU)  |             |  |  |
| Begin in<br>supination;<br>progress to<br>neutral | Begin with<br>isometric and<br>progress to<br>isotonic | Ulnar wrist extension (ECU)  |             |  |  |
| Various<br>Positions                              | Proprioceptive<br>Training                             | Active wrist control in mid-<br>range in a variety of positions<br>with minimal loading. See<br><u>Karagiannopoulos &amp;</u><br><u>Michlovitz</u> . |             |  |  |



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| PALMAR MIDCARPAL INSTABILITY   |  |  |             |  |  |
|--|--|--|-------------|--|--|
| FOREARM<br>POSITION  | MUSCLE<br>EXERCISE                                     | EXERCISES: PROGRESSION<br>SEQUENCE   | IMAGE/VIDEO |  |  |
| Supination   | Isometric  | Ulnar wrist extension (ECU)  |             |  |  |
| Begin in<br>supination;<br>progress to<br>neutral and<br>then<br>pronation | Begin with<br>isometric and<br>progress to<br>isotonic | 1) Ulnar wrist extension (ECU)<br>2) Radial wrist flexion (FCR);<br>Called reverse dart thrower's<br>motion  |             |  |  |
| Various<br>Positions   | Proprioceptive<br>Training                             | Active wrist control in mid-<br>range in a variety of positions<br>with minimal loading. See<br><u>Karagiannopoulos &amp;</u><br><u>Michlovitz</u> . |             |  |  |

