## SEAN ROBINSON, MD CAPITAL ORTHOPEDICS

# Distal Biceps Repair Postoperative instructions

### • Weight bearing

- o You are NON weight bearing after surgery
- o Keep your splint on until your follow up appointment

#### Movement

- o You may use the pillow portion of the sling for comfort if desired
- o **DO NOT STAY IN BED.** We recommend at least 10 minutes of walking every hour.

## • Sleep

o Keep your splint on during sleep

### • Wound care, Dressings/Bandages

- Leave Splint in place until follow up visit (~1 week)
- o After your appointment, the splint will be removed.
- o Leave steri-strips (white tape) in place.
- o Cover splint with garbage bag and secure. DO NOT GET SPLINT WET.
- o Do not apply lotions or ointments to the incisions.
- o Do not soak incisions in any pool/spa/bath water until 3 weeks after postoperatively or until your incisions are completely closed.

## After surgery, call the clinic if you have....

- A fever higher than  $101^{\circ}$  (38.3° C).
- Changes in your incision: opening, drainage, redness.
- Numbness or tingling or loss of function of your leg.
  - o Numbness around the incisions is normal.
- Increased pain or swelling in your calf.
- Nausea or other side effect not controlled by the medications you are given.
- CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IF YOU HAVE CHEST PAIN OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH.