

# Post-Operative Care for Removal of Radial Artery

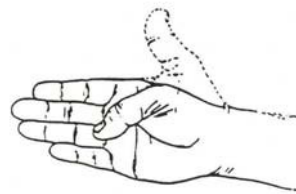
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In order to decrease the swelling and complications, the following exercises should be performed with the involved hand **10 times each, twice a day** for four weeks:

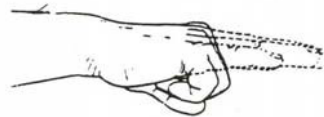
1. Touch the tip of the thumb to the tip of the other fingers, one at a time, to form a round letter "O".



2. Touch the thumb to the base of the small finger then straighten the thumb out away from the hand.



3. Curl the fingers into the palm, making a loose fist, and then straighten them.



You may experience numbness, tingling, prickling, burning or pain in the involved hand. This should be discussed with your physician.

Be aware that you will no longer have radial pulse in the involved arm. Anyone providing your medical care should be aware of this information.

The affected arm should not be used to obtain blood pressure, blood work, or IV's for six months after surgery.

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