



Medial Epicondylitis

Medial epicondylitis refers to inflammation of the surface of the bone and adjacent tendons on the inside of the elbow. It is frequently referred to as “golfer’s elbow” because of the frequent association with golfers but it can occur to anyone. The tendons that flex the wrist and fingers and rotate the forearm to turn the palm down all originate from the point of bone on the inside of the elbow known as the medial epicondyle. Tightness of these muscles as well as overuse may cause repetitive irritation and inflammation here.

As with most inflammatory conditions, treatment is focused at first decreasing the amount of inflammation. This can be performed with appropriately prescribed anti-inflammatory medication or ice to the area four times daily for 20 minutes. You and your surgeon may consider an injection with a steroid such as cortisone. There is a brace available that applies gentle pressure to the muscles of the forearm to offload tension within these tendons that are inflamed. Despite treating the inflammation, the problem is only partially solved and may return without properly stretching the muscles and modifying any provocative activities.

We have assembled a series of stretches which have proven clinical benefits in treating medial epicondylitis. Please visit our website www.floridajointcare.com/PT to view our instructional videos created by our surgeons and therapists to correctly perform these stretches at home.

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1. Forearm flexor stretch – hold for 30 seconds, perform twice daily

* May adjust number of repetitions and number of sets as tolerated.