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## Sprained Wrist Management

## How do you heal a sprained wrist fast?

Rest your wrist for at least 48 hours. Ice your wrist to reduce pain and swelling. Do it for 20-30 minutes every three to four hours for two to three days, or until the pain is gone. Compress the wrist with a bandage. Elevate your wrist above your heart, on a pillow or the back of a chair. as often as you can

## How to wrap a sprained wrist

After your injury, apply ice to reduce swelling. Wrap an ice pack with a clean towel, then place it on your wrist for 20 minutes. Repeat two or three times a day.

You can also wrap your wrist with a compression bandage to minimize swelling. Here's how:

- 1. Place one end of the bandage on the inside of your wrist. Wrap around once.
- 2. Wrap the bandage across the back of your hand. Bring it up and diagonally over your palm, moving toward your thumb.
- 3. Place the bandage between your thumb and pointer finger. Next, bring it behind your fingers.
- 4. Bring the bandage diagonally across your palm and under your thumb.
- 5. Wrap the bandage across the lower back of your hand, over your wrist, then across the back. Wrap diagonally across your palm, between your thumb and pointer finger again.
- 6. Repeat wrapping diagonally across your palm, creating a crisscross. Repeat the crisscross toward your wrist and lower arm.
- 7. Use tape to keep the bandage in place.