



Olecranon Fracture ORIF

Dr. Staiger

*Schedule OT same day as doctor.

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I Post-Op Day 10-14	 Evaluate and Treat. Usual care includes fitting the client with a prefabricated hinged elbow brace (L3760) with allowed motion of 0° to 90°. This may be completed in the doctor's office. Educate in/Review wear schedule. Instruct in edema management techniques, Educate in AROM elbow flexion with gentle gravity assisted elbow extension. Initiate gentle AROM forearm rotation. Begin AROM wrist and hand exercises as needed. May use modalities as indicated (ultrasound typically not done until 4 weeks post-op) 	 Edema control Limited ROM
Phase II 4 Weeks	 Adjust elbow brace to allow for full flexion. Begin gentle AAROM place and holds for elbow flexion and forearm rotation and/or dowel exercises for elbow extension. May begin using ultrasound, phonophoresis, or iontophoresis. Modalities may include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or Potassium Iodide as indicated at 4 weeks. Instruct in scar management techniques (to begin once incision is healed). Issue scar pad (to be worn once incision is healed). 	 Continued edema control Pain management Scar management Progressing ROM
Phase III 6 Weeks	 Initiate PROM exercises to the elbow and forearm. 	Progressing ROM
Phase IV 8 Weeks	 May begin progressive strengthening for the elbow, forearm, wrist, and hand. 	PREs