



Olecranon/Radial Head Fracture (Conservative) Dr. Staiger

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Phase I Initial Visit	 Evaluate and Treat Hinged elbow brace allowing motion from 30° extension lag to full flexion. Instruct in edema management techniques. Educate in gentle AROM for elbow, forearm, wrist, and hand. PROM may be completed to the hand and wrist if needed. Instruct that home exercises should be completed in the elbow brace. Continue seeing client for ROM as indicated by eval. May use modalities as indicated Modalities may include Ketoprofen, Dexamethasone, or Potassium lodide as indicated. 	 Pain management Edema control ROM
Phase II 6 Weeks	Unrestricted AROM is completed to elbow and forearm.	Functional ROM
Phase III 7 Weeks	 Begin AAROM place and holds for elbow flexion and forearm rotation and/or dowel exercises for elbow extension. Dynamic flexion orthosis may be issued if needed. Initiate progressive upper extremity strengthening. 	 Continued progressing towards functional ROM PREs
Phase IV 8 Weeks+	 Instruct in PROM elbow and forearm exercises provided fracture is healing well. Weight bearing may begin depending on doctor's instructions. 	Continued progression to functional ROM and PREs