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PROXIMAL HUMERUS FRACTURE FIXATION

Postoperative Protocol

Referral for Rehabilitation Services

Patient Name:	Date of Surgery:
	/ Week Weeks
Sling for 4 weeks	
Pins out in office at 3 we	eks (if applicable)
Pendulum exercises only	
Phase 1 – Passive	Begin:
Weeks 4-6	1. Pendulums to warm-up
	2. Begin in supine position for elevation and external rotation
	3. Internal rotation
Phase 2 – Active	Begin:
Weeks 6-11	1. Pendulums to warm-up, terminal stretch
	2. Return to supine for elevation and progress to upright
	3. Continue external and internal rotation
Phase 3 – Resistive	Begin:
Week 11	1. Pendulums to warm-up, continue with Phase 2
	2. Rotator cuff and periscapular muscle strengthening (shrugs, rows, serratus, etc using therabands and/or hand weights)
Return to Activity	
Computer	2 months
Golf	4 months
Tennis	5 months
I hereby certify these services	as medically necessary for the patient's plan of care.
	Date
Physician's Signature	

