

## ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER

	Post-op protocol for <i>Daniel Myer, M.D.</i>
Phase I: 0-7 days	<ul> <li>Immobilization in post-op splint / hinged elbow brace</li> <li>Wrist is free: encourage full A/PROM wrist and fingers</li> <li>Sling for comfort</li> <li>Shoulder PROM and simple AROM as needed for ADL's</li> </ul>
Phase II: 1-6 wks	<ul> <li>Edema and scar management</li> <li>Full A/PROM pronation, supination, wrist and fingers</li> <li>Transition from splint into hinged elbow brace</li> <li>OK to be out of sling</li> <li>Progressive active elbow flexion and passive, gravity-assisted elbow extension through ROM determine at time of surgery (based on tension, chronicity, tissue, patient compliance, healing risk, etc.)</li> <li>Common Post-op Guideline: Brace unlocked in the range below.         <ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> week: splint</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> week: 0-40</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> week: 0-90</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> week: 0-120</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> week: 0-120+</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Phase III 6wks – 4mo	<ul> <li>Discontinue brace</li> <li>Simple AROM elbow extension without resistance</li> <li>OK to use elbow fully for ADL's</li> <li>Start gradual strengthening at 10 weeks post-op <ul> <li>*1-2lb PRE's with gradual progression using low weight / high rep</li> <li>Continue full shoulder / wrist / hand exercises</li> <li>Goal of full resisted triceps / bench / military press / etc. at 4 months: at a low weight, high rep rate</li> <li>Typical full return to unrestricted sporting activity around 5-6 months <ul> <li>*contact sports and heavy lifting included</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>
Special Notes:	