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Following a Hemiarthroplasty of the Elbow

	Rehabilitation
On Discharge	 Early mobilisation, flexion extension, in supine with shoulder at 90 degrees Closed chain elbow flexion/extension tables slides Active Pro and Supination Full shoulder movements, hand and wrist exercises Postural and scapular education Sling for comfort only Advice and education re: limitations and joint protection Mobility/ADL check
2 Weeks Aim: Regain flexion, extension, pro-and supination	 Active ROM in all directions Overhead extension No stretches Incorporate unloaded kinetic chain rehab'
6 weeks or as AROM returns to >100 degrees arc	Kinetic chain rehab'Functional rehab'
12 + Weeks	Return to full function
Sling	For comfort only
Physiotherapy Follow Up	Within 2 weeks PO

Milestones		
Full AROM	6 weeks	
Driving	6 weeks	
Light/Sedentary Work	6-8 Weeks	
Heavy/Manual Work	n/a	
Sport	Swimming 8-12 weeks	