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## **Distal Biceps Reconstruction Rehabilitation and Milestones**

Patient Name: Date:	<u> </u>
Sling – to be worn for 6 weeks	
Specific instruction – No passive stretching	
<u>0-2 weeks</u>	
<ul> <li>Bandages to be taken down after 2-3 days and replace with tubigrip if inpatient or at</li> <li>Early elbow rehabilitation exercises – distal biceps.</li> </ul>	5-7 days if discharged.
<u>2-6 weeks</u>	
> Early closed kinetic chain exercises limiting extension to 45 degrees.	
6-8 weeks	
> Early closed kinetic chain exercises full range.	
<u>8-12 weeks</u>	
Progressive closed kinetic chain.	
Milestones:	Tick Box
❖ at 8 to 10 weeks full active range of motion	
<u>12 weeks +</u>	
Open kinetic chain.	
Isometric strengthening	
Therabands extension strengthening.	
Milestones:	Tick Box
❖ Light / sedentary work to be discussed with Dr Smith	
4-6 months	
Progressive theraband strengthening – flexion and extension.	
6 months+	
Plyometrics.	
Specific biceps strengthening.	
Return to sport – discuss with Dr Smith.	
Milestones:	Tick Box
❖ at 6 months heavy/manual work to be discussed with Dr Smith	

Patient Appointment Notes	
2 Weeks	
6 Weeks	
12 Weeks	