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Distal Biceps Repair Rehabilitation with Milestones

Patient Name: Date:	
Sling – the sling is to be worn for 4 weeks. A splint may also be used.	
Specific instructions: No passive stretching.	
<u>0-2 weeks</u>	
> Bandages to be taken down after 2-3 days and replace with tubigrip if inpatient or at	t 5-7 days if discharged.
Early elbow rehabilitation exercises – distal biceps.	
2-6 weeks	
Early Closed Kinetic Chain exercises.	
Progressive Closed Kinetic Chain exercises.	
Milestones:	<u>Tick Box</u>
 Full activity range of movement by 3-4 weeks post op 	
❖ Driving at 6 weeks	
<u>6-12 weeks</u>	
Open Kinetic Chain Exercises	
> Isometric strengthening	
Theraband extension strengthening	
Milestones:	<u>Tick Box</u>
❖ Light /sedentary work at 6-8 weeks	
❖ Swimming 8 to 12 weeks	
❖ Golf at 8 weeks	
<u>12 weeks</u>	
Progressive theraband strengthening	
Plyometrics	
> Specific biceps strengthening	
Milestones:	Tick Box
❖ Return to sports	
❖ Heavy / Manual labour 4 to 6 months	

Patient Appointment Notes		
2 Weeks		
6 Weeks		
12 Weeks		