

Course Title: Course Title: Hand Therapy 144 - Elbow Fracture-Dislocations: Determining

Treatment Strategies

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Course Description: Elbow dislocations represent the second most common medium to large joint dislocation of the upper extremity after the glenohumeral joint. The incidence has been reported at 5.2 cases per 100,000 person-years. Roughly one-quarter of all elbow dislocations involve a fracture. These injuries can be debilitating for patients, and the sequelae may be fraught with complications, including recurrent instability, posttraumatic arthritis, contracture, and poor functional results. Although these can be difficult injuries to manage, there are workable algorithms for care. The goal of treatment of these injuries is to achieve stable fixation of the appropriate ligamentous and bony structures in order to achieve a stable, functional, and pain-free elbow. Early determination and appreciation of the magnitude and scope of injury generally leads to a more favorable result. This lesson reviews the relevant periarticular anatomy of the elbow and discusses appropriate evaluation and treatment of elbow fracture-dislocations. The 3 mechanism-based classifications of elbow fracture-dislocation are discussed individually because the treatment strategies differ between them.

Target Audience: OT / OTA and other healthcare professionals

Course Type: Video vs. Text-based

Educational Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

CE Hours: 2 contact hour / .2 ceu

Course Prerequisites: None

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Learning Objectives:

- Outline and describe the three main patterns of elbow-fracture dislocation
- Describe 3 important components of a work-up for elbow-fracture dislocations seen in the emergency room
- Outline and describe 5 fixation techniques for elbow-fracture dislocation
- Recite 3 main principles related to aftercare and rehabilitation
- Examine various complications that occur following elbow-fracture dislocations

Agenda:

Hour #1 Introduction Anatomy

Classification by Mechanism
Valgus Posterolateral Rotatory Instability Pattern
Varus Posteromedial Rotatory Instability Pattern
Transolecranon (Axial Load) Pattern
Emergency Room Management
Work-Up and Definitive Treatment
Transolecranon Work-up
Posteromedial Rotatory Instability Work-up

Hour #2

Fixation Strategies

Radial Head Fractures
Olecranon Fractures
Coronoid Fractures
Lateral Collateral Ligament Complex
Medial Collateral Ligament Complex

Aftercare and Rehabilitation Principles

Complications

Recurrent Instability Heterotopic Ossification Elbow Stiffness Post Traumatic Arthritis

Course Completion Requirements:

A passing score of 100% is required for course completion. You will have as many attempts as needed until your passing score of 100% is achieved. Upon successful completion of course and completing a satisfaction survey, you will receive your certificate of completion.

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