

Fractured Neck of Humerus

You have broken the long bone between your shoulder and your elbow near to the shoulder joint. This is treated with a collar and cuff type of sling and you will be seen in follow-up clinic by the Orthopaedic (bone and joint) doctors. The fractures heal well with conservative management..

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These fractures are very painful and take approximately 6 to 12 weeks to heal. You may experience all sorts of pains including aching, crunching or grating sensations around your shoulder.

Things to help:

- Wear loose clothing over your sling to prevent excessive movement don't try and thread clothing over your arm
- Exercise you fingers, wrist and elbow to prevent them becoming stiff and help control the swelling.
- Keep your sling on at all times
- Sleep sitting upright by using pillows in bed or in a reclining arm chair.
- Don't rest your elbow on anything, allow it to hang unsupported at all times
- Take regular pain killers don't wait for the pain to become unbearable •
- To wash under your arm lean forward allowing your arm to hang down and use wet wipes or a damp flannel
- Don't wear rings or bracelets on the affected arm

Things to look out for: -

If you develop any of the symptoms below please return to the Emergency Department:

- A change in the ability to use your hand or wrist on the affected side
- Unbearable pain despite painkillers
- Numbness or tingling in the affected hand or arm

Tell us your views

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your treatment and care, please speak to a senior member of staff or to the nurse looking after you. The matrons are also available during normal working hours and they welcome your views.

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