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Dear Dr Uppal

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Diagnosis: Fractured right humerus in May 2011, treated with IM nailing for non-union and re-done with ORIF on 18 June for another non-union. Unfortunately that was complicated by post-operative radial nerve neuropraxia.

On examination she has a very decreased range of movement with abduction only to 30° and forward flexion only to 30°. She tells me that the whole arm is numb, which doesn't quite make sense. However, the radial nerve distribution is definitely numb but so is the rest of the arm. She can spread her fingers only just and cannot abduct the little finger and she definitely has a wrist drop, for which I gave her a Futura splint to correct that.

I have sent her to physiotherapy to increase range of movement and to keep the wrist supple because, if the nerve recovers, it will be difficult for her to gain normal movements if she doesn't keep the wrist supple. I explained this to her.

We will see her again in 3 months' time. If there are no signs of recovery we will ask for nerve conduction studies at that stage.

Yours sincerely



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Specialist Registrar in Orthopaedics

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PS: I note that there were nerve conduction tests done which show that there is reinnervation and that only the radial nerve was affected and actually the operation dates back to 4 May 2009 with IM nailing done on 11 May 2009 and plating done with bone grafting on 18 June 2010 and nerve conduction tests done thereafter show that the radial nerve was reinnervating and it is only the radial nerve which is affected.