

Elbow Arthroplasty (Overview)

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* Types

1. Interpositional
2. Implant
 - 1) constrained
 - 2) semiconstrained
 - 3) unconstrained

* Indication

1. Interpositional
 - 1) painful, posttraumatic loss of motion in the absence of sepsis (untreated elbow dislocation)
2. Implant
 - 1) pain
 - 2) instability
 - 3) bilateral elbow ankylosis

* Contraindication

1. Infection
2. Ankylosis of ipsilateral shoulder
3. Neurotrophic joint
4. Excessive bone loss
5. Poorly functioning flexor and extensor mechanism