

POOR prediction

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Information for the clinical team

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- They are unlikely to recover useful upper limb function, though may be able to use their weaker hand as a stabiliser in bimanual tasks.
- Upper limb rehabilitation can focus on preventing secondary complications such as pain, spasticity, and shoulder instability, and reducing disability by helping the patient learn to compensate with their other upper limb for activities of daily living.
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