

## Role of Hand Surgery in Managing Nerve Injuries and Deformities

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## DESCRIPTION

Hand surgery is a specialized field of medicine that deals with surgical procedures of the hand, wrist, and forearm. It involves the diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of various conditions that affect the hand, including injuries, fractures, deformities, and diseases. Hand surgery is a complex and delicate procedure that requires advanced surgical skills and knowledge of the anatomy and function of the hand.

The hand is a vital part of the human body, and any injury or deformity can significantly affect the quality of life of an individual. Hand surgery aims to restore the normal function and appearance of the hand, allowing patients to perform everyday tasks with ease and confidence. Hand surgeons are trained to handle a wide range of hand conditions, from minor injuries to complex reconstructive surgeries.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is among the disorders that necessitate hand surgery most frequently. The median nerve, which travels from the forearm to the hand, becomes constricted at the wrist in this syndrome. The hand and fingers experience tingling, numbness, and weakening as a result of carpal tunnel syndrome. During hand surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome, the ligament that surrounds the median nerve is removed in order to relieve pressure on the nerve.

Another common condition that requires hand surgery is trigger finger. This is a condition in which the finger becomes locked in a bent position, making it difficult to straighten. Trigger finger is caused by inflammation or scarring of the tendon that controls the movement of the finger. Hand surgery for trigger finger involves releasing the tendon and removing any scar tissue.

Hand surgery is also used to treat fractures of the hand, wrist, and forearm. Fractures can occur as a result of a fall, a sports injury, or a car accident. Depending on the severity of the fracture, hand surgery may be required to realign the bones and

stabilize them with pins, wires, or plates. Hand surgeons may also use bone grafts to promote healing and restore the strength and function of the hand. Hand surgery is also used to treat deformities of the hand, such as Dupuytren's contracture. This is a condition in which the tissue underneath the skin of the hand becomes thick and tight, causing the fingers to curl inward. Hand surgery for Dupuytren's contracture involves removing the affected tissue and releasing any tight tendons or ligaments.

Hand surgery is also used to treat nerve injuries of the hand. Nerve injuries can occur as a result of a laceration, a crushing injury, or a disease such as diabetes. Hand surgery for nerve injuries involves repairing or replacing the damaged nerve, allowing the hand to regain sensation and movement.

Hand surgery can also be used to treat tumors of the hand. Tumors can be benign or malignant and can occur in the bones, muscles, or soft tissues of the hand. Hand surgery for tumors involves removing the tumor and any affected tissue, while preserving the function and appearance of the hand.

Hand surgery is a complex and delicate procedure that requires a skilled and experienced surgeon. Hand surgeons are trained to diagnose and treat a wide range of hand conditions, from minor injuries to complex deformities and diseases. They use a variety of surgical techniques and tools, including microsurgery, arthroscopy, and endoscopy, to minimize scarring and promote healing. Recovery from hand surgery can take several weeks or months, depending on the type and extent of the procedure. Patients may need to wear a cast or splint for several weeks and undergo physical therapy to regain strength and function in the hand. Pain medication and anti-inflammatory drugs may also be prescribed to manage pain and reduce inflammation.

In conclusion, hand surgery is a specialized field of medicine that plays a crucial role in restoring the function and appearance of the hand. Hand surgeons are trained to diagnose and treat a wide range of hand conditions, from minor injuries.

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