



Out Of Town Needle Aponeurotomy Patient Checklist

Pre-visit assessment

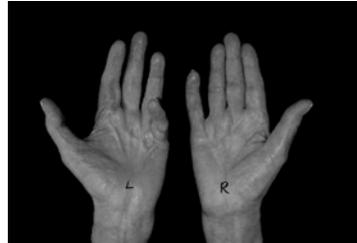
Call (262)241-9224 to talk with our staff and receive preliminary paperwork and instructions. Our staff will ask you to forward records regarding any prior treatment of your Dupuytren's contracture to our office for our review. We will also send you a health history sheet and pre-operative questionnaire to help us safely schedule your procedure

Insurance

Please make a photocopy of the front and back of your insurance card and send this copy to us. For our out-of-town patients who are contemplating a visit or procedure at The Milwaukee Hand Center, we try to perform insurance verification prior to your visit. Although we participate in many insurance networks, it is important that you also personally verify that our office and providers are covered. The needle aponeurotomy procedure is recognized by Medicare and most major insurance carriers as a covered service, however, it is important to check with your policy to confirm coverage. Our office staff will talk with you about prior payment of the deductible, coinsurance, or uncovered amounts left by insurance

Photographs

Please take a front view and side view photograph of your left and right hands with your fingers as straight as they can for us to evaluate. Use a marking pen to label your left hand 'L' and your right hand 'R' so that the marking is visible in each photograph. Your name should also be visible in the photograph. Please include these photographs with the completed registration forms and copies of your insurance card.



Scheduling

Once our office has received and reviewed your paperwork, we will call you to schedule your procedure. We will send you more specific instructions regarding clothing, diet, medications, and physical activity once a procedure date has been set. Do not schedule elective dental procedures, colonoscopy, or urologic procedures for the week before or 2 weeks after your Dupuytren's procedure. Also, plan only light activities for the week following your procedure. Do not drive after your procedure until the strength and comfort in your hand allows you to hold the wheel and control the vehicle safely. Talk with your insurance agent regarding driving while wearing a bandage for the day or two following your procedure. We advise against it since it impairs your use of the hand.

Traveling to the office

We have offices north and south of Milwaukee. Directions are available at www.themilwaukeehandcenter.com/offices.html. Following any hand procedure, you will have numbness related to the use of local anesthetic. Please arrange to have a driver come with you to your visit for the trip home.

Questions

You may email us questions at www.themilwaukeehandcenter.com using the 'Contact Us' area. Our phone number is (262)241-9224.