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Hand Reconstruction



Hand surgery is a delicate art form. The complex interactions between bones, ligaments, tendons, nerves and soft tissue, mean that any surgery undertaken requires the utmost precision and function and form are inseparably intertwined.

While clinicians of diverse backgrounds practice exclusively in the area of hand (and upper limb) conditions, it is widely accepted that to practice the full gamut of hand surgery, a training in plastic surgery is imperative. Micro-surgical techniques are required for repairing digital nerves and vessels, and plastic surgery soft tissue handling is imperative for tendon and ligament surgery.

Hand surgery however, also requires an understanding of both bone handling and bone healing and is an area where there has really been a marriage of the two specialties orthopaedic and plastic, particularly when it relates to surgery involving the wrist.

The other beautiful thing about hand surgery is that it requires an intricate knowledge of the anatomy. Because of the complexity of the relationships of the bones, ligaments, joints and tendons to each other in this area, believe it or not, scientific knowledge is still developing. Mr. Crock has a special interest in understanding wrist anatomy, and has spent much time furthering his understanding of this area. This has included collaboration with Interstate and International colleagues, and he regularly gives seminars and training to the next generation of surgeons as they study for their fellowship qualifications.



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