

## **NEEDLE FASCIECTOMY FOR DUPUYTREN'S**

Needle fasciectomy for Dupuytren's contracture is carried for temporary relief from the effects of a Dupuytren's contracture. Recovery is usually rapid; however, the effects of this needle fasciectomy may not last longer than 2-5 years. There is a small chance of nerve damage as this is a blind procedure. The procedure is carried out under local anaesthetic in the minor operations theatre. After local anaesthetic has been injected a small needle is used to break the fibres of the Dupuytren's contracture. A small part of the band may be removed. Although there is usually an improvement of the deformity, complete correction may not be obtained. It is essential to use a splint at night after a needle fasciectomy.

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