

# **CURRENT ENDOSCOPIC TECHNIQUES FOR CTS**

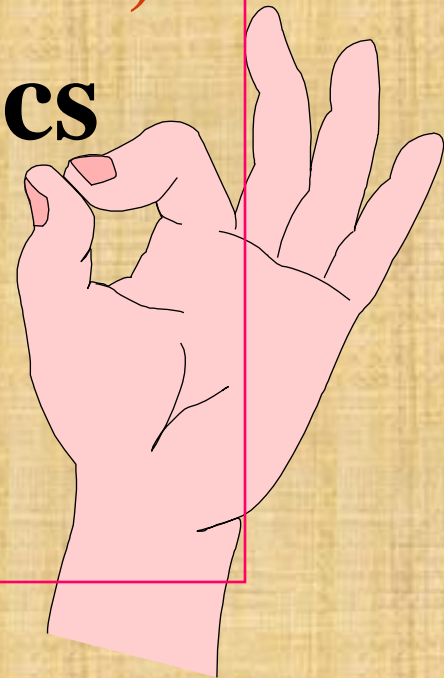
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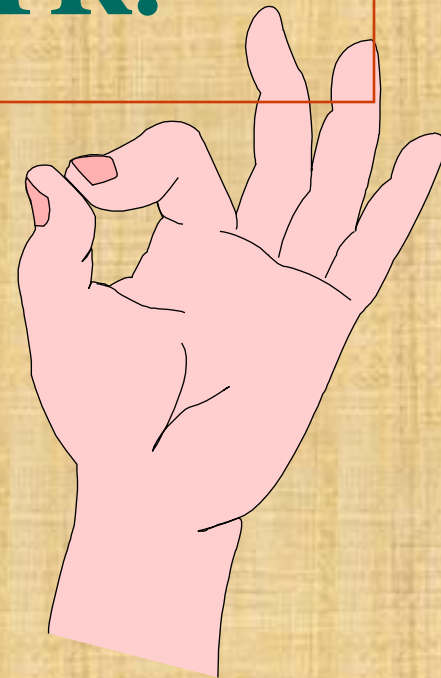
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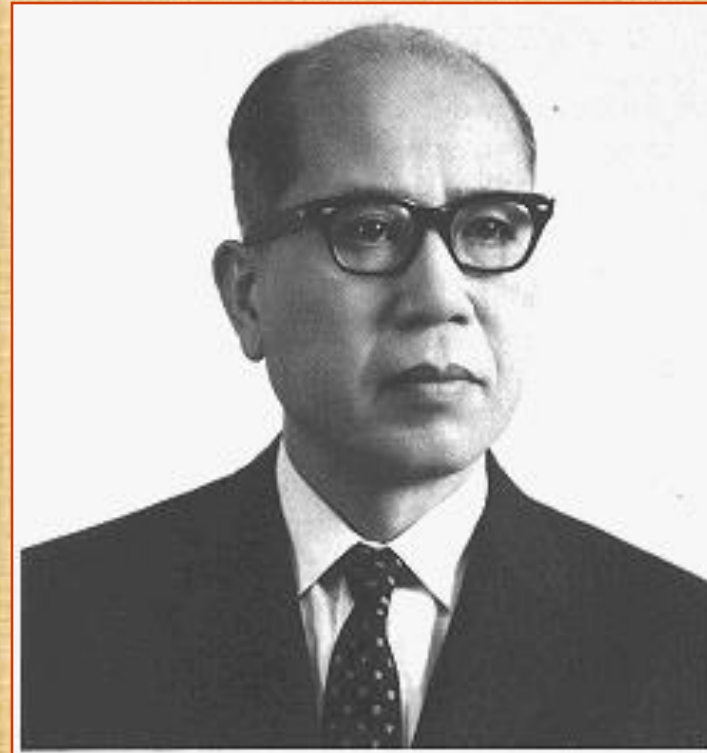


- \* **Canon & Love, 1946 :**  
**First release of TCL for CTS.**
- \* **Phalen, 1950 :**  
**Classic article (OCTR).**
- \* **Okutsu, 1987 : ECTR.**



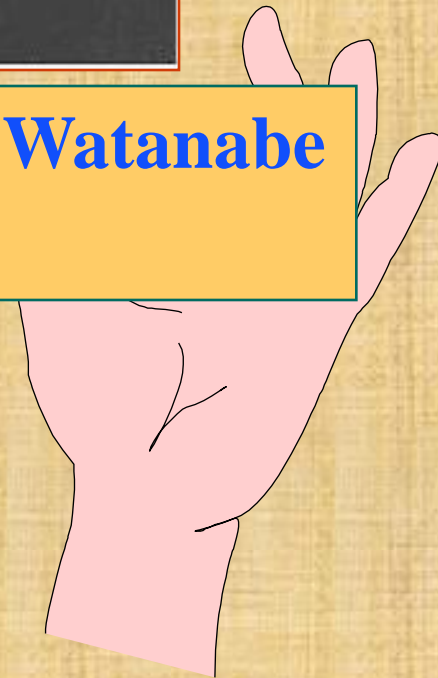


**Professor Kenji Takagi**  
**( 1888-1963)**

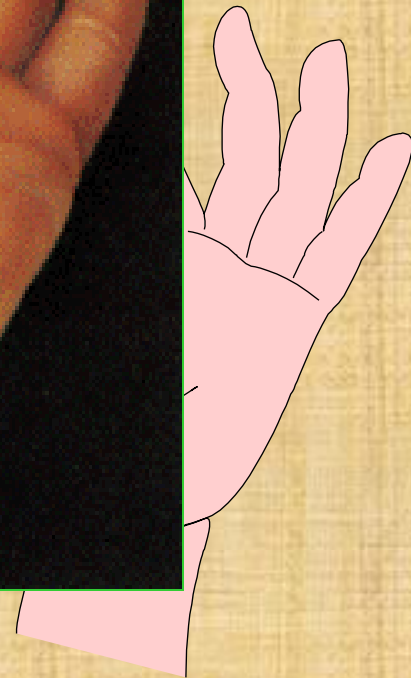
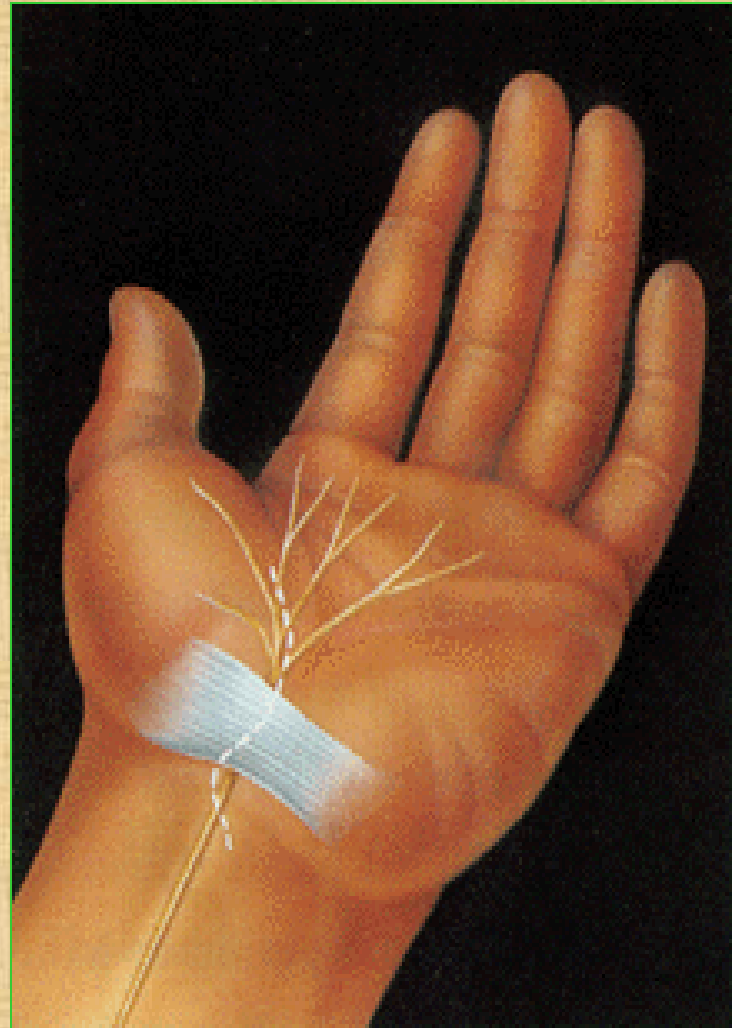


**Professor Masaki Watanabe**  
**(1921-1994)**

**JAPAN**



# Management



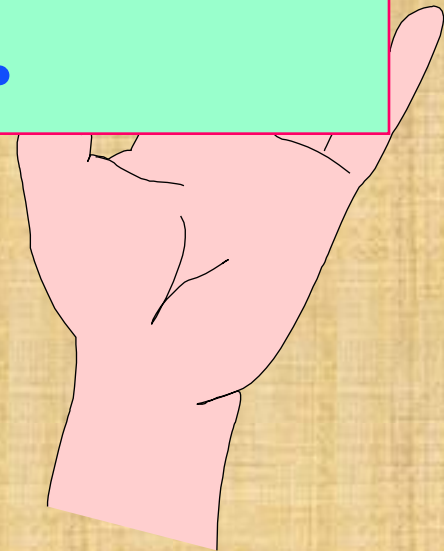


**OCTR**

- \* Direct visualization.**
- \* Safe, reliable, reproducible.**
- \* Address other problems in the canal.!!**
- \* Easy training, no equipments.**
- \* Can be done by every surgeon.**

# **OCTR (3035 cases)-Kuschner etal., Orthop. Rev. 1991**

- \* 0.8% Nerve injury.**
- \* Hypertrophic or painful scars.**
- \* 1-2% complication rate.**



# **OCTR** (McDonald Etal, 1978)

**18% Complications rate**

**\*6% inj. to Palmar cut. branch  
of Median N.**

**\*1% Superficial Palmar arch.**





**= 6.5% Neuropraxias.**

**= 2% RSD.**

**= 2% Hypertrophic scars.**

**= 0.5% Tendon adhesions**



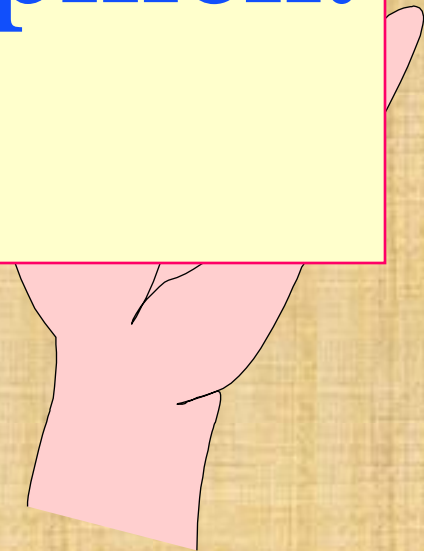
**Disadvantages of OCTR**

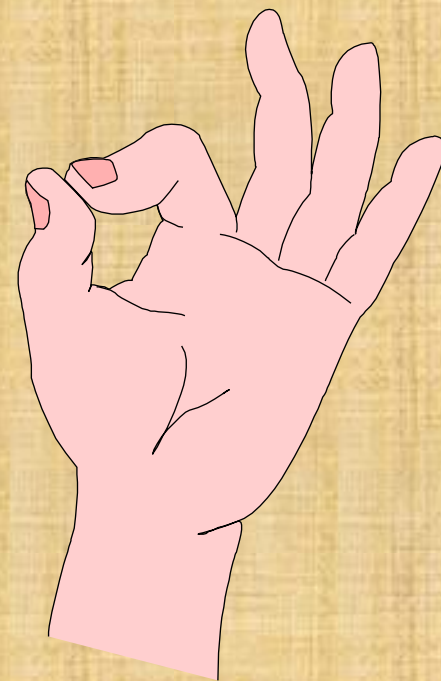
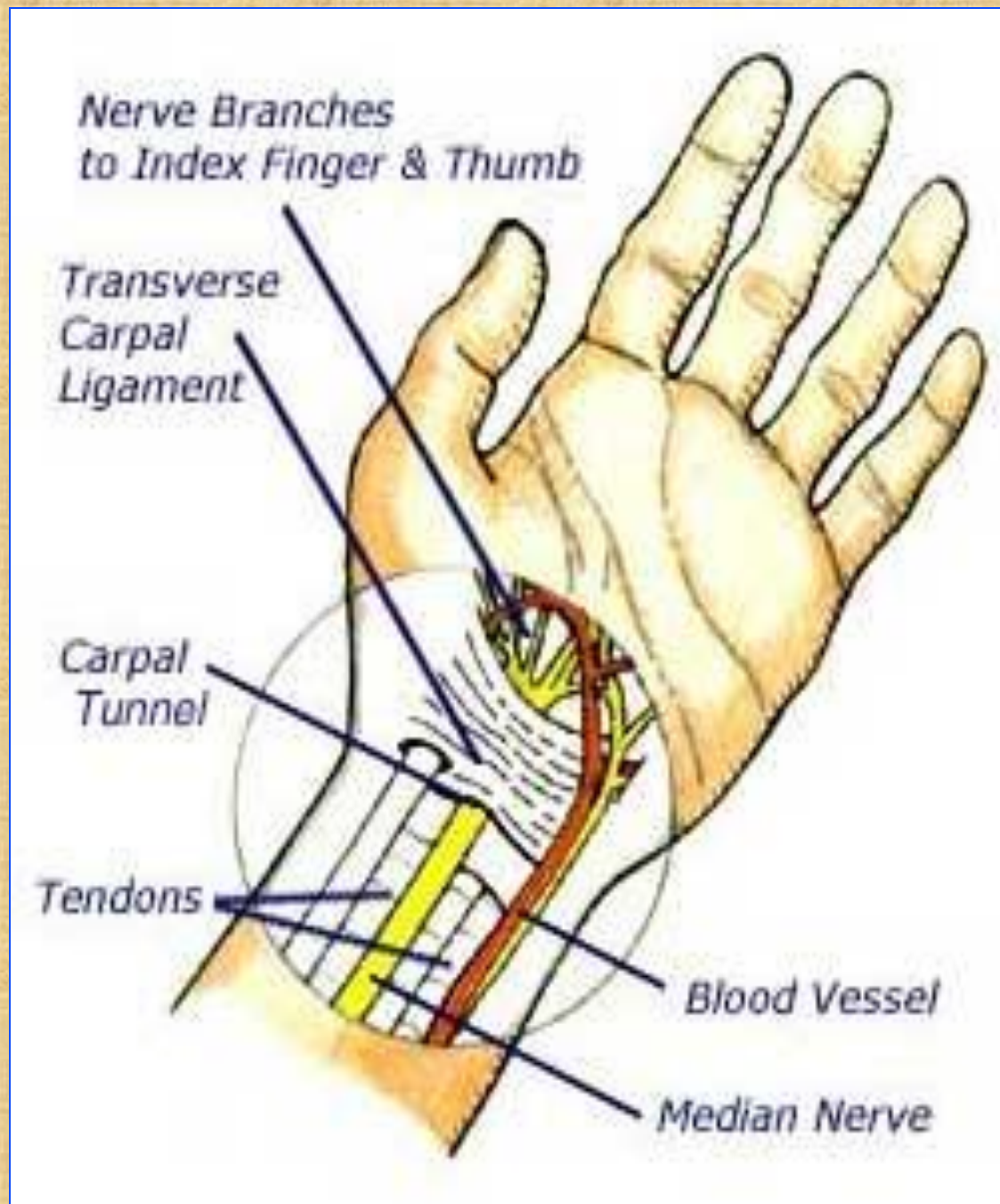
**\*Pillar pain.**

**\*Prolonged time to return to ADL and work.**

**\*Recovery of grip and pinch.**

**\*Scar tenderness.**





**Palmer cut. N**

**Left**

Thenar musculature

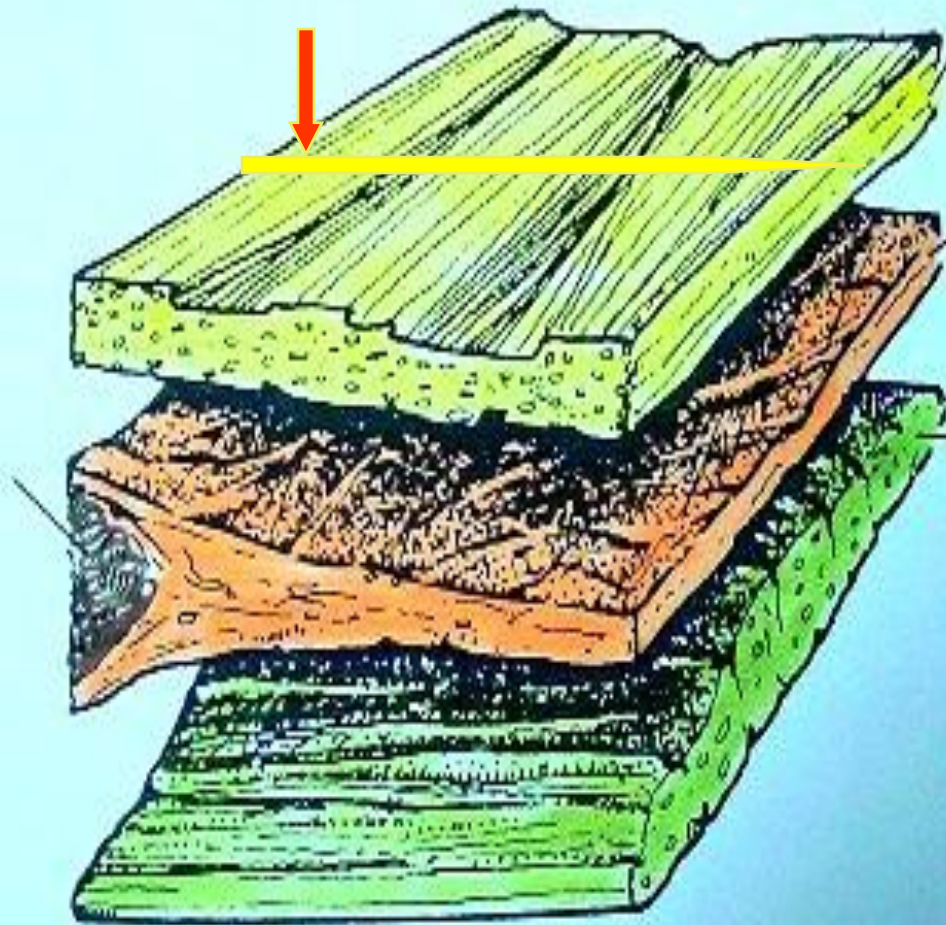
Palmar fascia

Interthenar fascia

Transverse carpal ligament

Radial

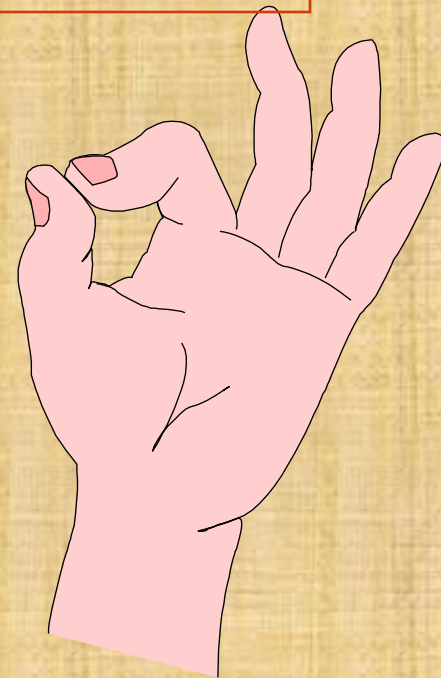
Ulnar



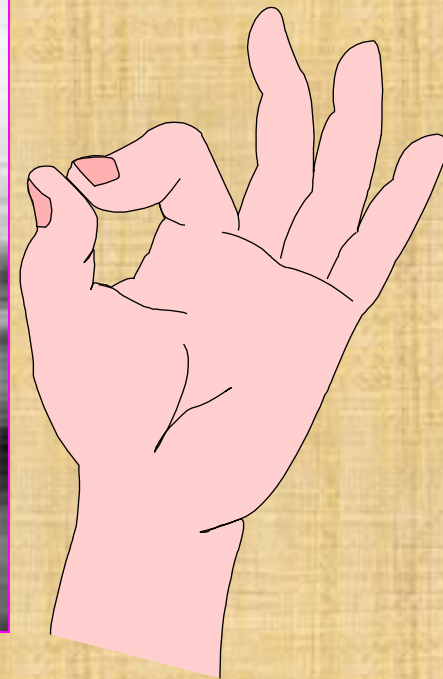
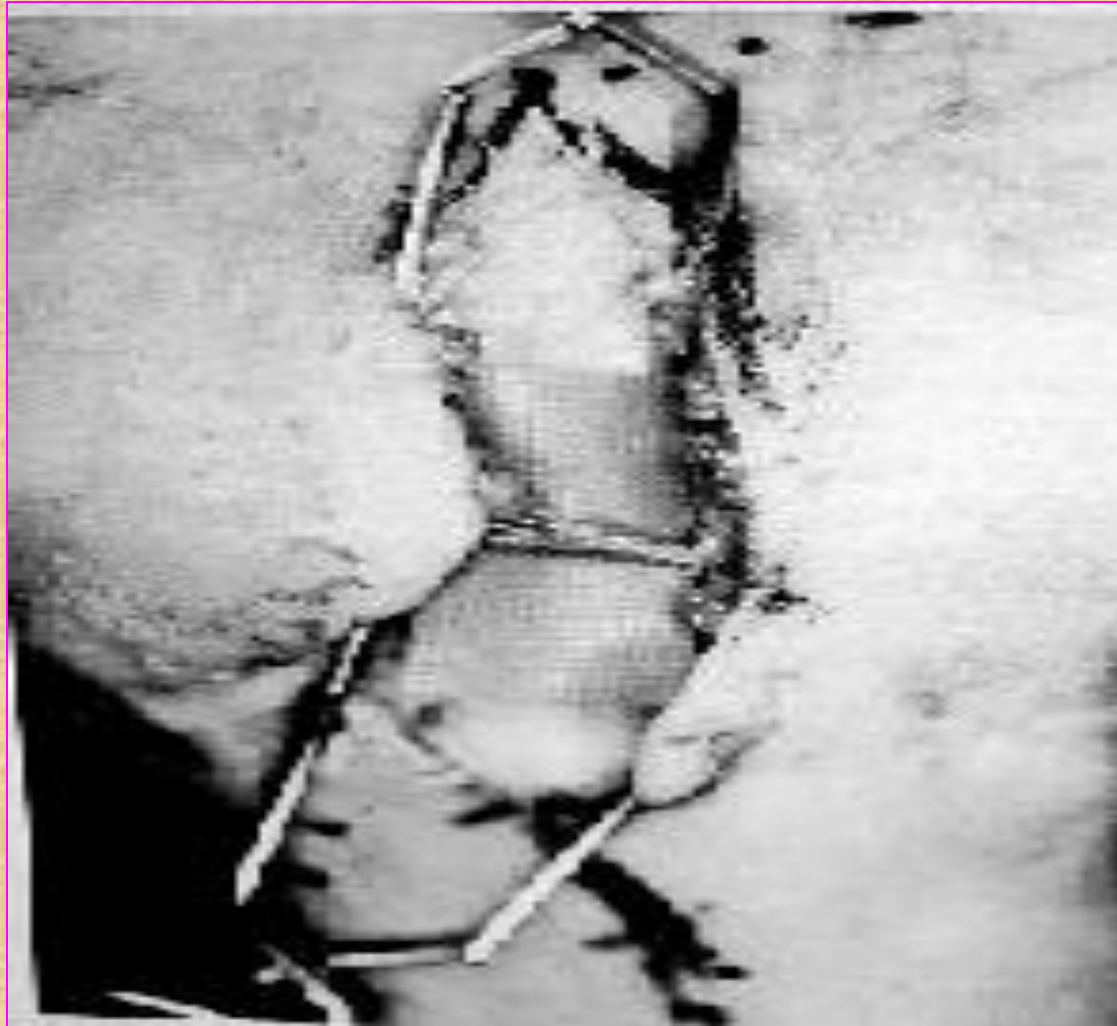
# Palmar cutaneous nerve

- \*Single branch,
- \*Multi-fascicular,
- \* 47%.

*Tomaino etal J.Hand S,1998*



**\*If preserved in OCTR → no pillar pain or scar hypersensitivity**







# 1987



## ECTR

### Proximal portal

\*Okutsu

\*Agee

\*Menon

### Distal portal

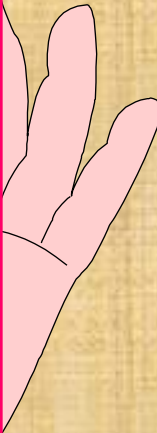
\*Mirza

### Double portal

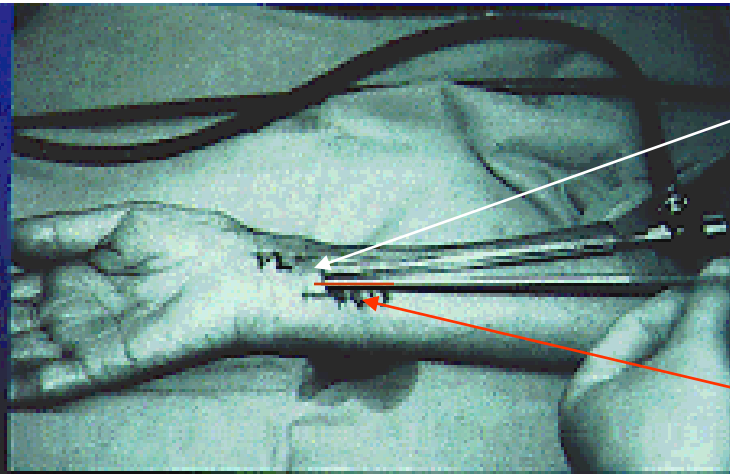
\*Chow

\*Resnick

\*Brown



# Proximal Portal ECTR



Endoscopic Release of the Carpal Tunnel:  
Technique used by Okutsu, Japan.

3cm

**Universal Subcutaneous  
Endoscope System**

2cm

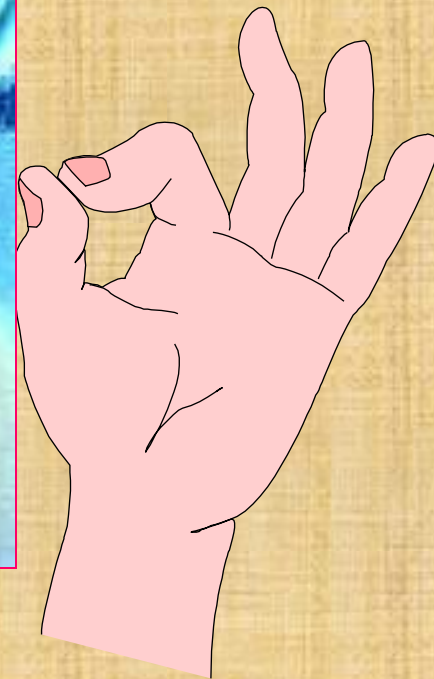
**1987**



Okutsu

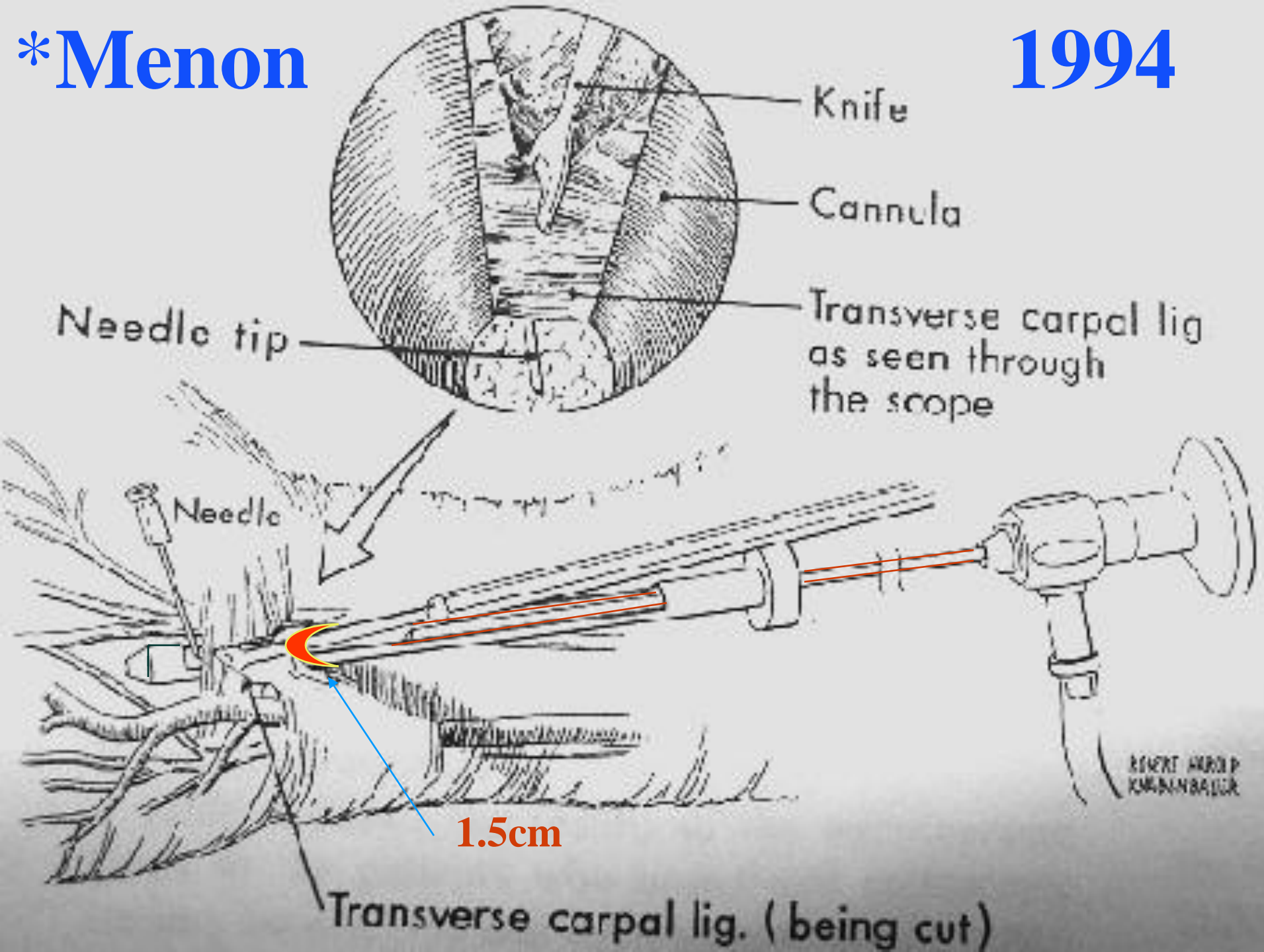
**\*Agee**

**1990**



# \*Menon

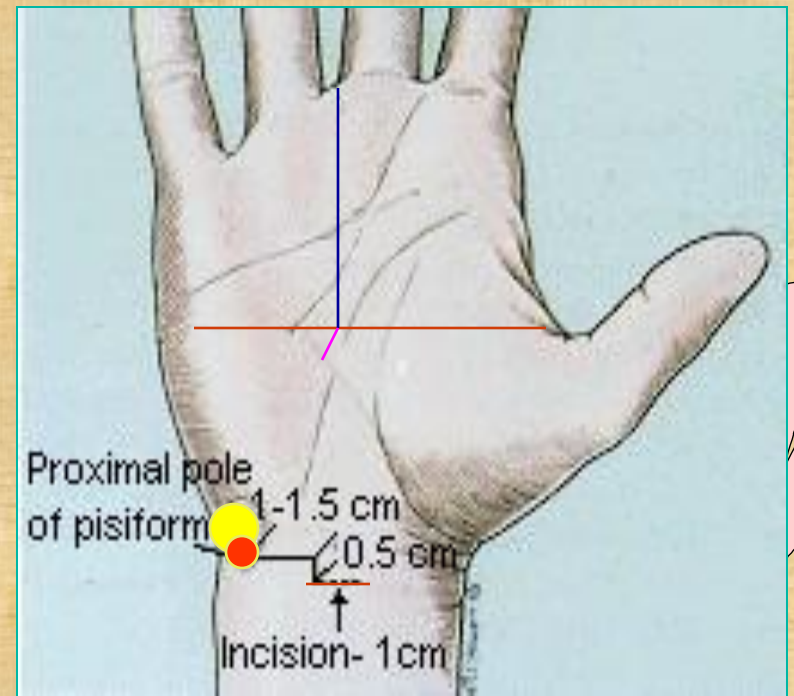
1994



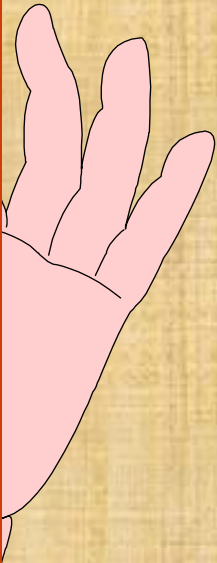
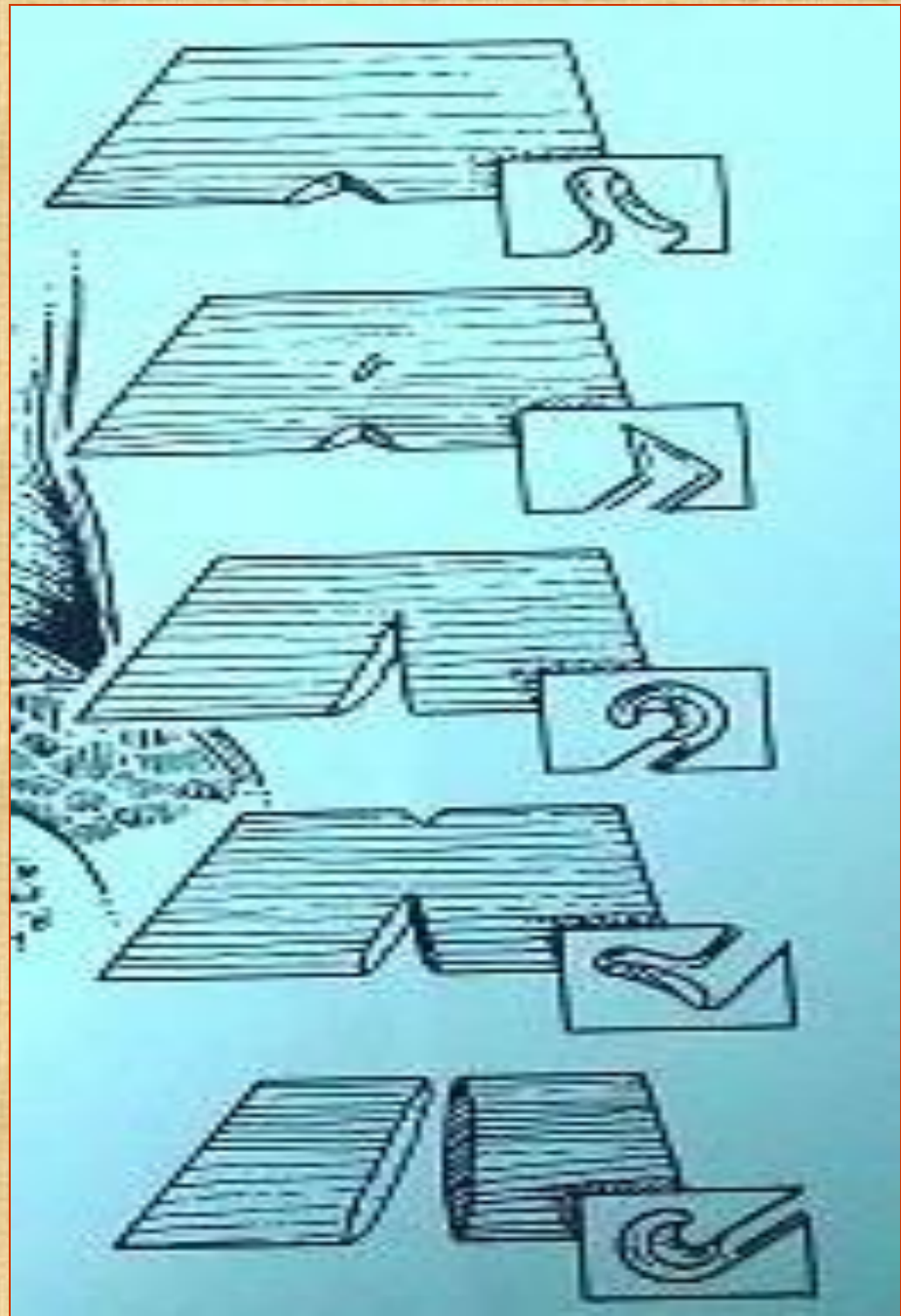
# Double Portal ECTR



# Chow **Subbursal** 1989



**Step by step**

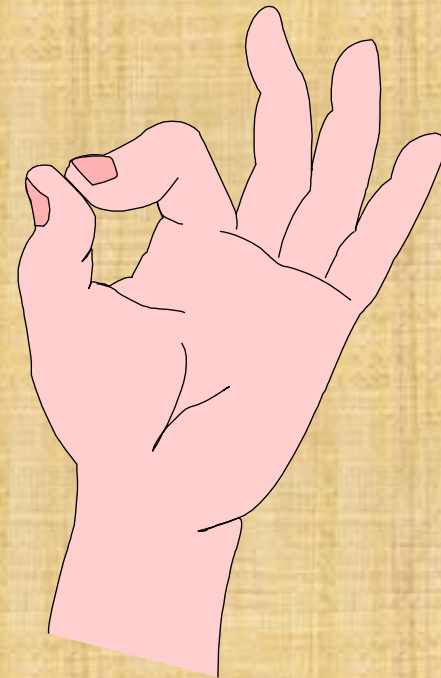
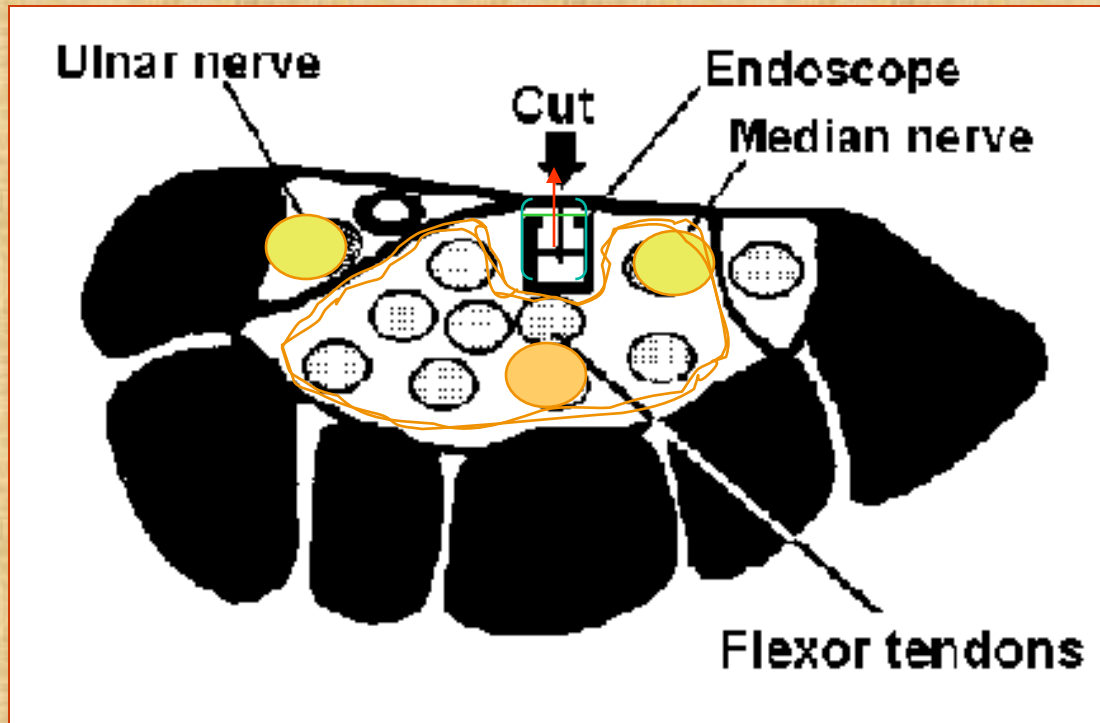






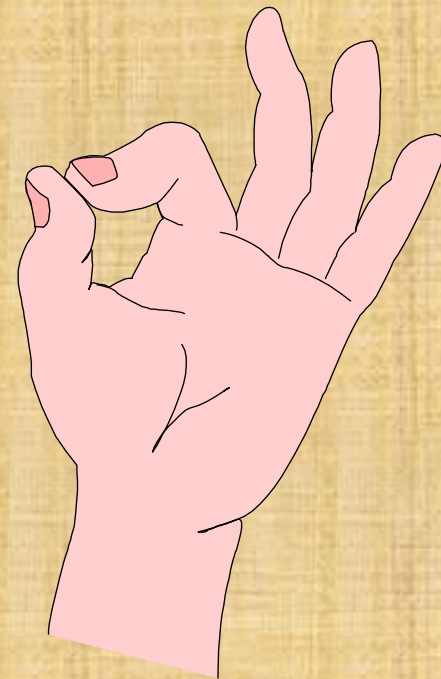
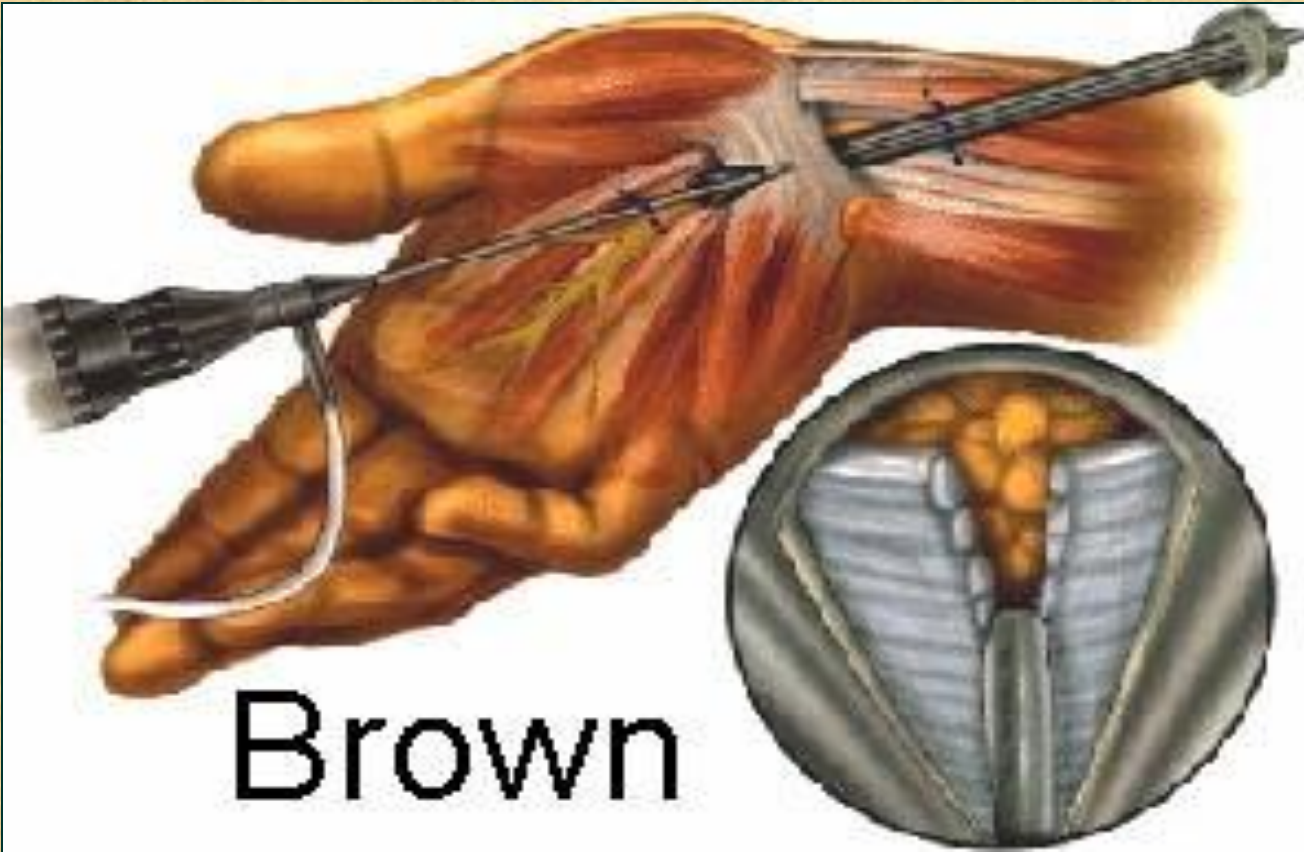
# Resnick & Miller 1991

Modification of Chow technique to A subligamentous or extrabursal approach



**\*Brown**

**1993**

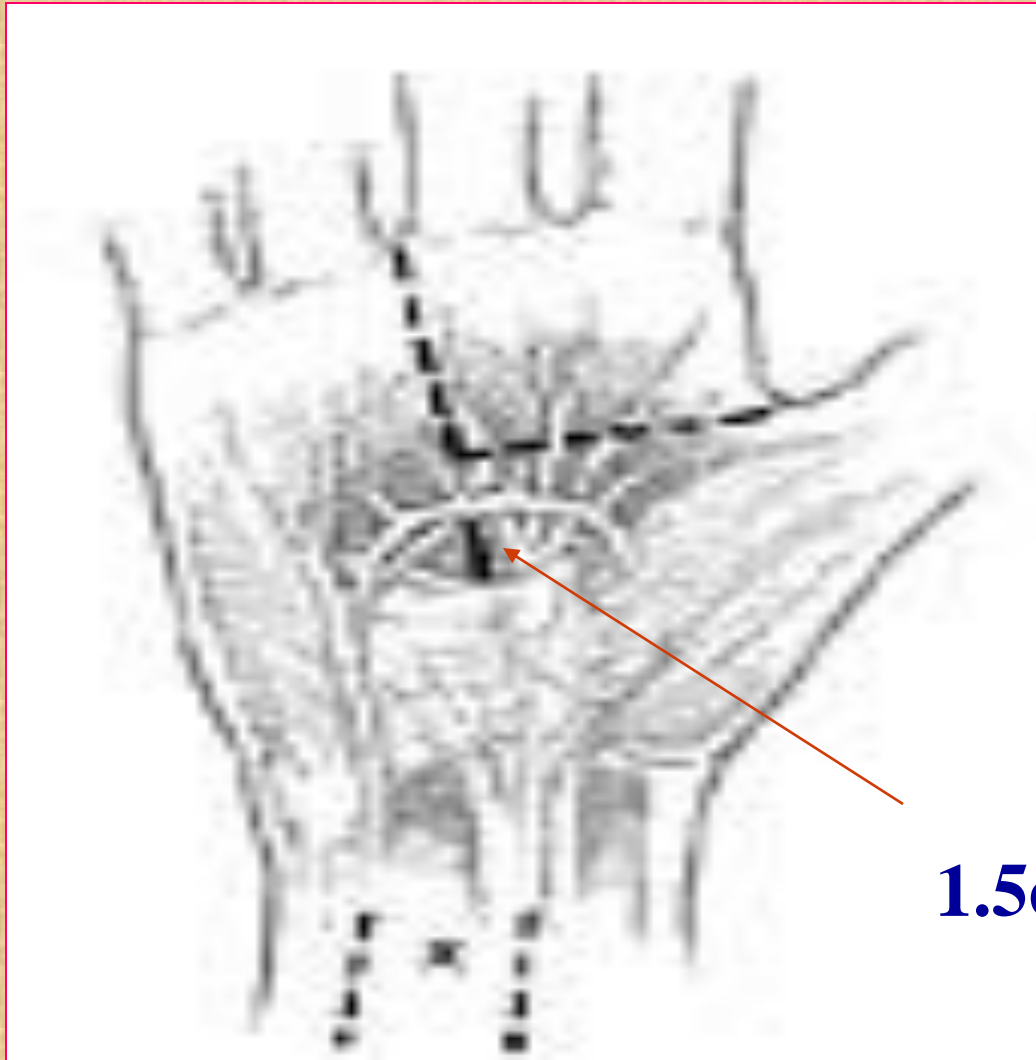


# Complications (Nagle Etal)

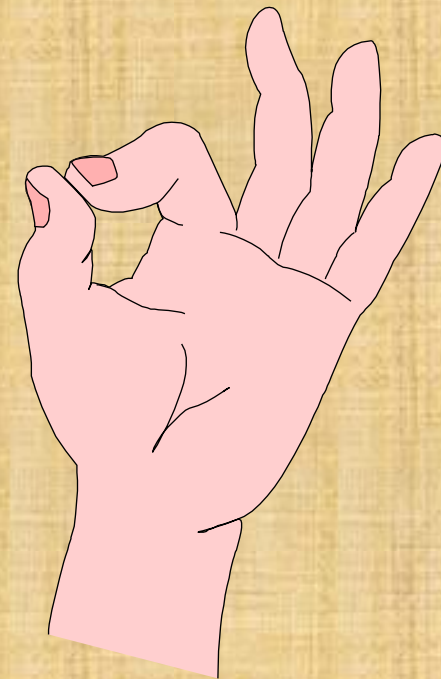
## Arthroscopy, 1996

<b>Complication</b>	<b>Transbursal</b>	<b>Extrabursal</b>
	<b>110 case</b>	<b>530 case</b>
<b>Nerve injury</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Failed surgery (OCTR)</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>RSD</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Other injuries</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>0.75%</b>

# Mirza Distal Portal ECTR

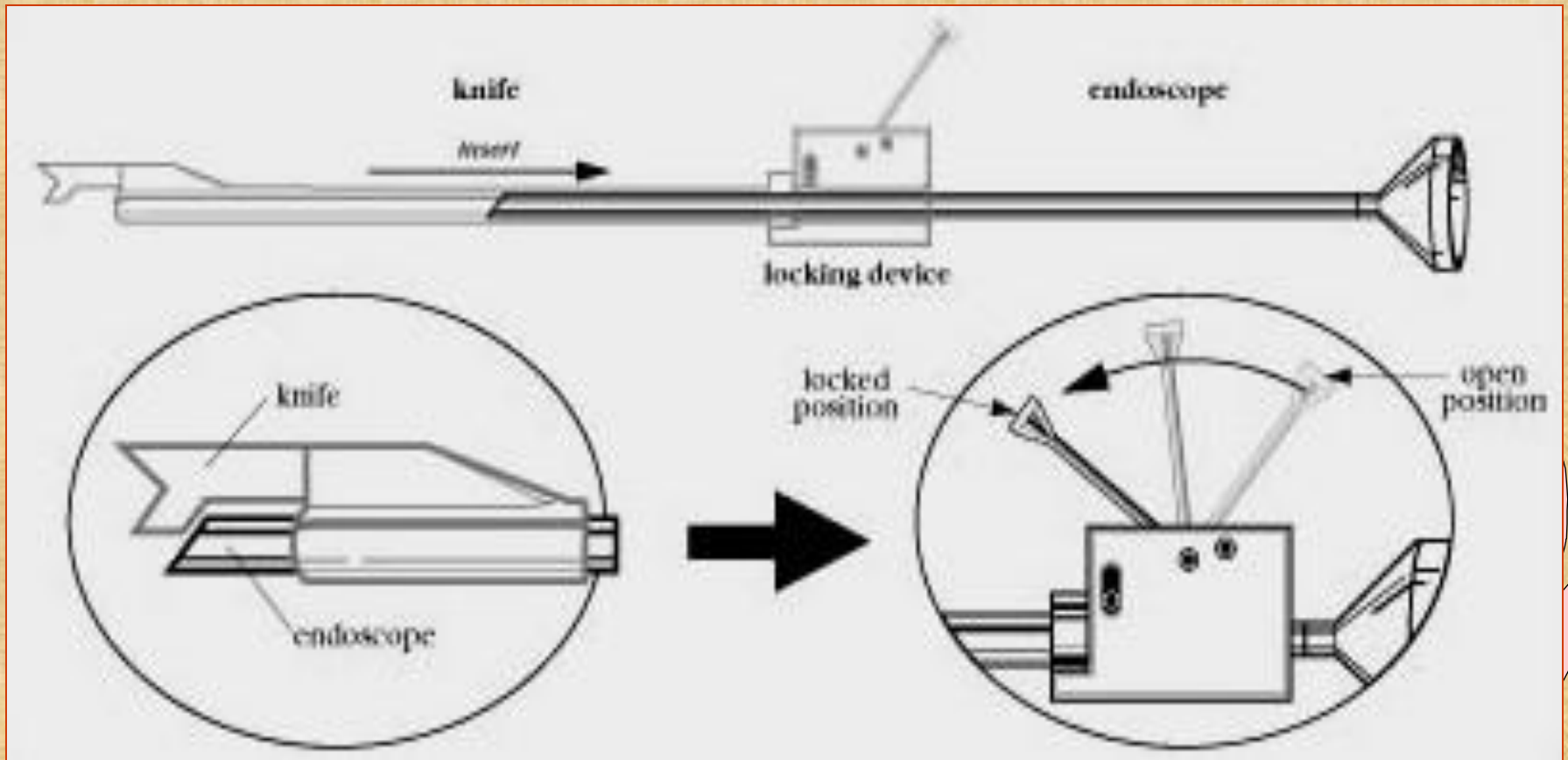


**1.5cm**

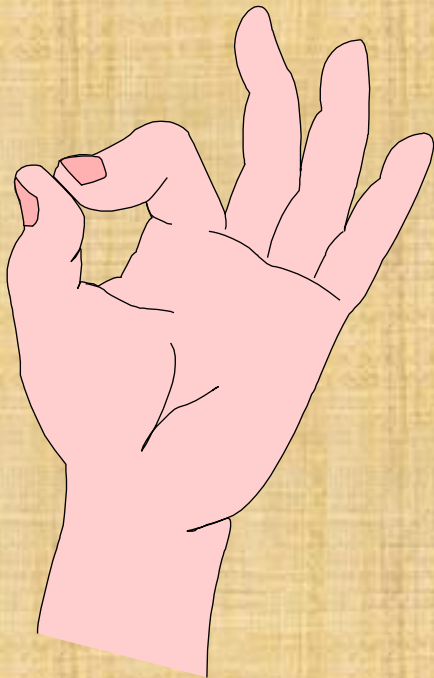


# Mirza

# 1995



## Pushing knife



**Jimenes etal, (1987 - 1997)**

**J. Neuro Surgery, 1998**

- \* 52 Article.**
- \* 8068 Procedure.**
- \* 2484 Single portal.**
- \* 5584 Dual portal**

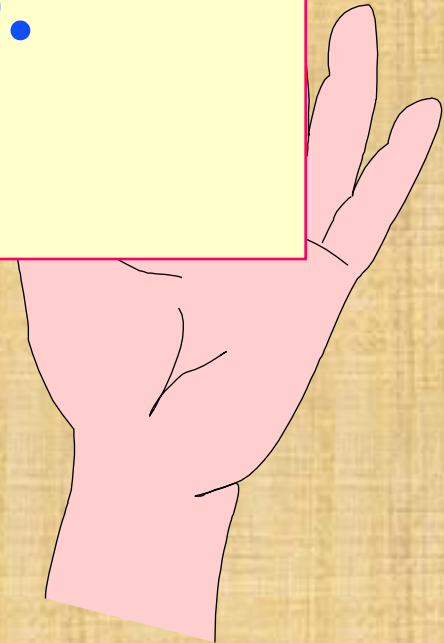
# **Results** a Critical Review

**\* 96.52% success.**

**\* 2.67% complications.**

**(Mostly temporary).**

**\* 2.61% Failure rate**



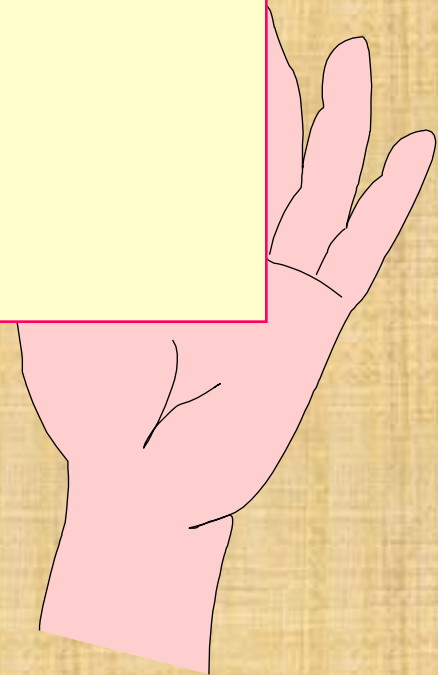


# **Return to work** *A critical Review*

**\* Range: 10 - 22 days.**

**\* Mean : 17 days.**

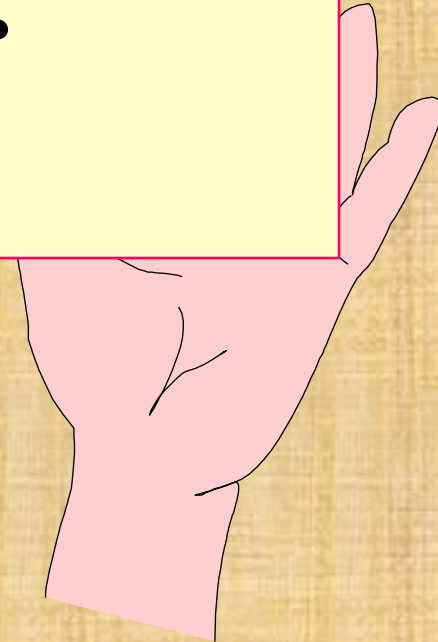
**\* Double in OCTR**



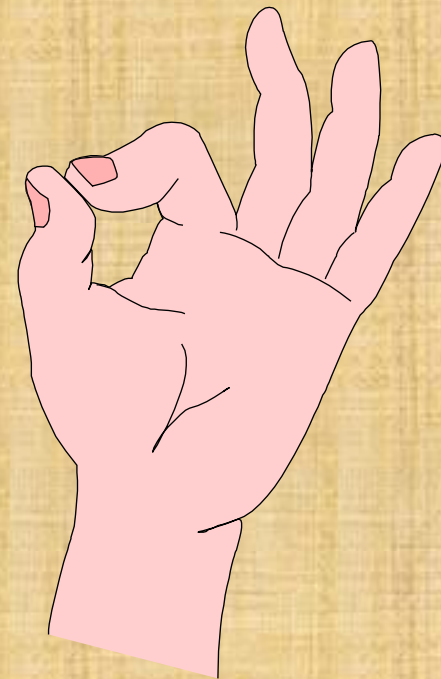
# **Contraindications to ECTR**

## **Acritical Review**

- 1. Restriction of wrist movement.**
- 2. Altered Carpal anatomy.**



# Hand surgeons



# **ECTR Vs OCTR**

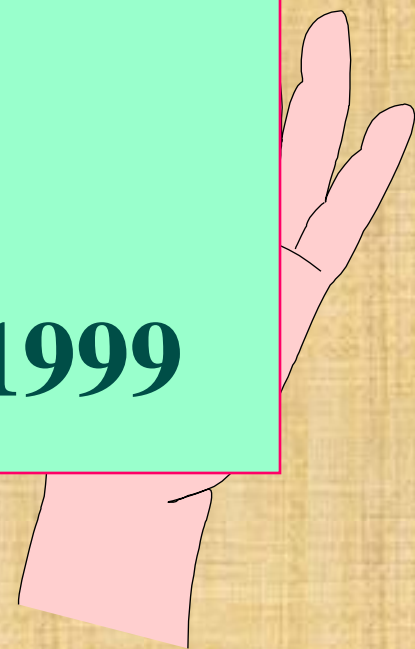
**54 Publications.**

**9514 ECTR**

**1203 OCTR**

**1983 ----- 1996**

**Boeckstyns Etal, J.Hand. S. 1999**



# PCR Studies (10)

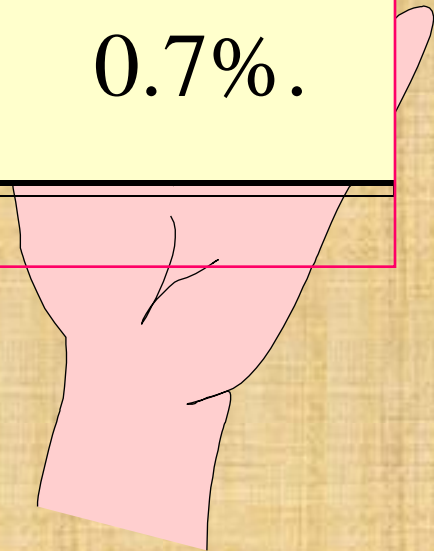
<i>ECTR</i> <i>N : 461</i>	<i>Complications</i>	<i>OCTR</i> <i>N : 572</i>
<i>00</i>	Permanent N Problems.	02
<i>20</i>	Transient N Problems.	05
<i>00</i>	Tendon lesion.	01
<i>06</i>	Other complications	07

# All Controlled Studies (20)

<b>ECTR</b> <b>N : 1016</b>	<b>Complications</b>	<b>OCTR</b> <b>N : 1124</b>
<b>0.4%</b>	Permanent N. Problems.	0.2%.
<b>4.7%</b>	Transient N. Problems.	1.4%.
<b>0.1%</b>	Tendon Lesion	0.1%.
<b>1.2%</b>	Other Complications.	0.7%.

<b>Single portal N :1877</b>	<b>Complications</b>	<b>Double portal N: 6247</b>
<b>0.2%</b>	<b>Permenant N inj.</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>1.6%</b>	<b>Temporary N. inj</b>	<b>2.55%</b>
<b>0.8%</b>	<b>Other complications</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

<b>ECTR</b> N : 9516	Complications	<b>OCTR</b> N : 1203
0.3%.	Permanent N. Problems.	0.2%.
2%.	Transient N. Problems.	1.4%.
0.03%.	Tendon Lesion.	0.1%.
1%.	Other Complications.	0.7%.





# ECTR Vs OCTR

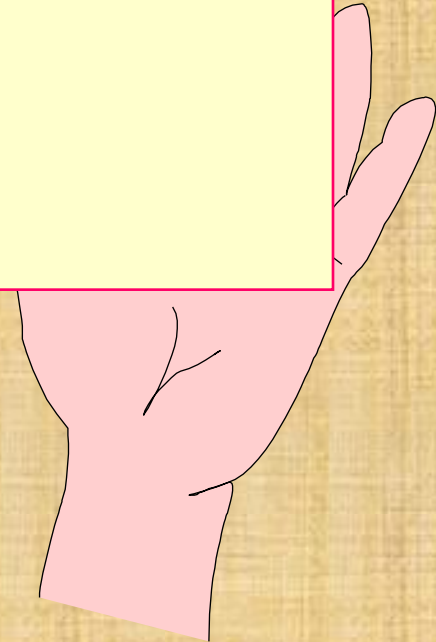
- \* **Comparable permanent N. problems.**
- \* **Only case reports indicates high risk of ECTR.**
- \* **Reversible N. problems > with ECTR.**

**\* Tendon lesions extremely rare.**

**\* Other complications**

**(RSD, haematoma, wound problems  
... etc).**

**(Same in both)**





# Failed ECTR

**22 Patient , 24 hands**

**All needed revision open surgery**

**\*22 → incomplete division of TCL**

**\*02 → Median N. Inj.**

**Varitimidis etal, J.Hand S, 1999**

# CONCLUSION

- 1- Technique born to live like Ilizarov**
- 2. Needs Surgeons with hand interest.**
- 3. It has a definite advantages of early recovery and less tender scar and pillar pain.**

**4. Success and complications as OCTR.**

**5. Needs proper training.**

**6. Cost !!!**



A scenic photograph of a lighthouse on a rocky island at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow orb partially obscured by the lighthouse's tower, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a dark purple at the top. The lighthouse is a dark, cylindrical structure with a lantern room on top. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of the island and the calm water of the sea.

**THANK YOU**