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big hand  
for our  
community

# Fullerton Orthopaedic

As the first real surgical specialization, the hand and wrist surgeons were almost glamorized... that was 30 years ago. Now it's difficult to find a surgeon who specializes in the hand and wrist. "There's a big problem" says hand and upper extremity specialists Dr. Eugene Williams of the Fullerton Orthopaedic Medical group. "Young doctors just don't want to specialize in the hand and wrist anymore." One of the reasons according to Dr. Williams is the time commitment involved with

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a hand or wrist patient. A surgery could last eight or more hours, plus there are many additional hours necessary for follow up appointments.

Another reason is the difficulty of the hand itself. Not only are there more structures in the hand than other areas of specialty but the hand doctor must also learn additional surgical techniques and understand how problems with the hand or other area of the upper extremity (the wrist, elbow and shoulder) could affect each

other. That is why a good hand surgeon will also be an upper extremity specialist who performs surgery on every area of the upper extremity. "Most young doctors choosing a specialty will simply choose something else," says Dr. Williams. "It's unfortunate because there is a big need for experienced hand surgeons, and I don't think it's going to change anytime soon."

In answer to this need Fullerton Orthopaedic, which just celebrated its fifty year anniversary has made a recent addition to their hand and upper extremity clinic as well as their staff of orthopaedic specialists with their new partner Dr. Michael Rubinstein.

"Michael Rubinstein has exceptional training and is one of the best upper extremity specialists and hand surgeons in the area," says Dr Williams. "This is going to be a huge benefit for our community." Williams, who has been practicing at Fullerton Orthopaedic since 1972 has been the only Hand Surgeon on staff as well as one of only five in North Orange County. "I couldn't think of anyone else I would rather have working with us here at Fullerton Orthopaedic. Having an additional highly skilled hand and upper extremity specialist is a huge relief for our community."



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