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Grabow Hand to Shoulder Center
Dupuytren's Clinic of Nevada

Dear Dr. Grabow,

It has been three weeks since you completed the Needle Aponeurotomy procedure on my hands. I am completely satisfied with the results, as they have exceeded my expectations. Therefore, I am compelled to render my sincere appreciation and gratitude for a job well done.

Several years ago, when I was first diagnosed with Dupuytren's Contracture, the orthopedic surgeon I had contacted indicated to me that I had limited options on treating this condition. His only recommendation was surgery, but he informed me that there were no guarantees that the disease would not return. Due to the trauma that surgery would cause to my hands, and the extensive therapy that would be needed following the surgery, he recommended that I wait until my fingers were so contracted that I could no longer use them effectively before I consider having the damage repaired. This diagnosis gave me little hope that my hands could ever be normal again.

Frustrated, I began my own research on Dupuytren's Contracture via the internet and was surprised to find out that there was another option available. I discovered that a procedure called "Needle Aponeurotomy" could be performed in an "out patient" environment, with much less trauma to the hands, less possible nerve damage, less pain, and would not require extensive physical therapy. I truly believed that this was the option for me.

I also discovered that this procedure had been performed successfully in Europe for decades with amazing results, but very few orthopedic surgeons in the United States were providing Needle Aponeurotomy as an option. Even though this procedure might not always replace traditional surgery, I still believed that I would be a good candidate. My mission to find the right "professional", with the knowledge, skill and ability to perform this procedure, led me to Dr. Ryan J. Grabow and the Dupuytren's Clinic of Nevada.

The rest is history. Dr. Grabow, your skill as an Orthopedic Surgeon, your knowledge of the disease, your understanding of the anatomy of the hand, and your training in the performance of this procedure produced excellent results. My fingers are straight again for the first time in many years, the natural flexibility of my hands and fingers has returned, and my palms no longer feel hard and calloused. I am further convinced that any tell-tale signs that I ever had the disease will soon be gone completely.

I would recommend the "needle" procedure over surgery to anyone who suffers with Dupuytren's Contracture, and I would recommend you and your clinic to anyone seeking a positive experience and wonderful results. Kudos also for choosing "Las Vegas" as your location in which to practice and perform your talents. Bravo and thank you again.

With Great Respect,

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