



# CARPAL TUNNEL DECOMPRESSION

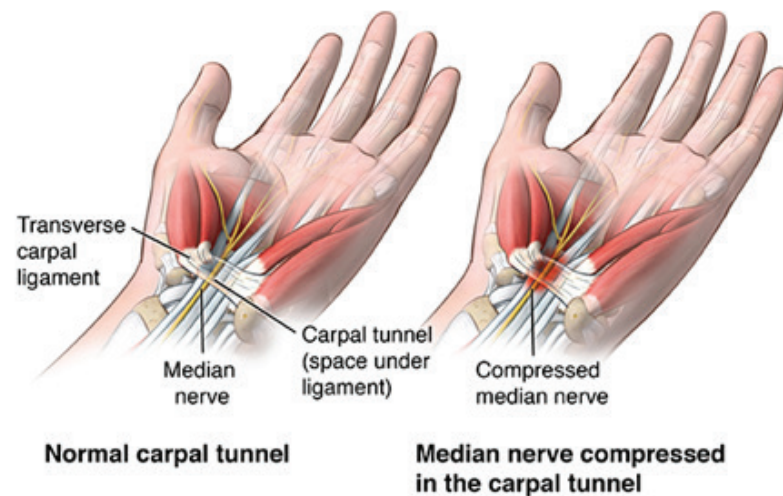


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Digital Version



#### PROCEDURE

Carpal tunnel decompression through a cut along the underside of the wrist. The nerve is found and will be freed by removing the tissue from it. The wound will be closed with either dissolvable or Non - dissolvable stitches.

#### RISKS OF THIS PROCEDURE

- (a) The numbness and tingling in the fingers and thumb may persist.
- (b) Damage to the median nerve. This may require re-operation and nerve repair.
- (c) Damage to the tendons, which may require surgical repair of the tendons.
- (d) The operation occasionally does not work and needs to be done again.
- (e) Pain at the wrist when making a fist or leaning on the wrist.
- (f) Scar tenderness - may be permanent or temporary.
- (g) Weakness of the muscles at the base of thumb, which does not go away.
- (h) Abnormal pain response to surgery with worsening of pain and disability.

(i) The surgical cut may cause changes to the sensation and colour of the limb.

(j) In some people, healing of the wound may be abnormal, and the wound can be thickened and red and the scar may be painful.

(k) Increased risk in obese people of wound infection, chest infection, heart, and lung complications and thrombosis.

(l) Increased risk in smokers of wound and chest infections, heart, and lung complications and thrombosis.



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