

Dupuytren's script

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	wide of NYT article	This video is a response to a New York Times article from March 15, 2010. I saw it in the March 16 print edition.
	see Xiaflex section of article	The article is mainly about a new <u>drug</u> treatment for Dupuytren's contracture, which curls up your hand.
	see needle section of article	But it also mentions, almost in passing, a treatment that breaks apart the collagen cords using a needle.
	hand—new video	I had that treatment, which is called needle aponeurotomy, more than two years ago.
	before pic	Here's a before picture. I couldn't put my right hand flat on a tabletop. No way!
	nodule pic	And I had a big nodule in my pinkie.
	reprise before pic and move in	A surgeon here in Boston recommended open surgery. The more I read about that, the less I wanted it.
	beauty shot of Jupiter, FL	So, I went to Jupiter, Florida, where Dr. Charles Eaton performed the needle aponeurotomy.
	beach still ... slow move in	It was so un-traumatic that 45 minutes later I was walking on the beach with my wife. I had tiny band-aids on my hand ... and when the local anesthetic wore off, I didn't even need an aspirin for the pain.
	new video: wide then tight of pinkie	More than two years later, I can still put my hand flat on a table, and I can't even feel the nodule in my pinkie.
	new video: wide	I just wanted you to know about this, in case you're considering treatment for Dupuytren's contracture. It may not work for you, but it sure worked for me.

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