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BRIAN BEAR, MD AUTHORS ARTICLE ACCEPTED FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL

ROCKFORD, IL ... **March 8, 2017 ... Brian J. Bear, MD** of OrthoIllinois has authored an article titled, "Treatment of Recurrent Dupytren's Contracture in Joints Previously Treated With Collagenase Clostridium Histolyticum," which has been accepted for Spring 2017 publication in the Journal of Hand Surgery. The prestigious Journal of Hand Surgery is the official journal for sharing research studies and new technologies of The American Society for Surgery of the Hand.

Dupytren's Contracture is a deformity of the hand that manifests over time by the increased thickening and knotting of a layer of tissue under the skin of the palm. This thick cord of tissue then pulls one or more fingers into a bent position, restricting the ability of the affected fingers to open or straighten. The root cause of the onset of Dupytren's Contracture is unknown. The condition is more prevalent in people of northern European descent and is twice as common in men than women.

As a Board-Certified surgeon, Dr. Bear's practice at OrthoIllinois is focused on shoulder, elbow, hand, microvascular, traumatic, and reconstructive surgery. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Rush University Medical Center, and a frequent lecturer at the AAOS Orthopaedic Learning Center in Rosemont, Illinois. Dr. Bear is actively involved in clinical research and has published numerous journal articles.

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