

I am writing to inform you about a research study being conducted at Georgia Hand, Shoulder and Elbow by Dr. Randall Alexander for the treatment of carpal tunnel syndrome. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. If you or someone you know suffers from carpal tunnel syndrome and would like to learn more about the study, please read below.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a condition that causes pain and tingling in your hand due to a compressed nerve in your wrist. These symptoms may keep you awake at night, and they may affect your ability to perform routine tasks and activities with your hand. Carpal tunnel release is a procedure that may help address the symptoms associated with carpal tunnel syndrome.

Dr. Alexander is an expert in performing carpal tunnel release procedures at Georgia Hand, Shoulder and Elbow. This research study is designed to evaluate the effectiveness of a carpal tunnel release technique in an office setting – carpal tunnel release with real-time ultrasound guidance (CTR-US) using the FDA-cleared device, UltraGuideCTR™.

Our researchers are looking for patients over 18 years old who have symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome that have not improved with other treatment options including bracing, splinting, or injections. Participation would involve 2 visits to Georgia Hand, Shoulder and Elbow each lasting about one hour. The first visit would involve a formal diagnosis of carpal tunnel syndrome, and the second visit would involve the carpal tunnel release procedure. Participation includes a diagnosis, procedure, and completion of online follow-up questionnaires through a secure website post-procedure, 1-14 days, and 1, 3, 6, 12 and 24 months after the procedure. Study subjects will be paid up to \$800 for sharing their experiences at these follow-up time periods after the procedure. Please note that your participation is voluntary. Whether you participate or not will have no effect on the medical care you receive here at Georgia Hand, Shoulder and Elbow.

If you or someone you know is suffering the symptoms from carpal tunnel syndrome and have interest in participating in the study and would like to learn more, we invite you to join us for a free carpal tunnel screening event on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Georgia Hand, Shoulder and Elbow. Dr. Alexander will be sharing more details about the study, including potential risks and benefits, as well as performing a complimentary carpal tunnel assessment to determine if you are eligible to participate in the study. **Please call 1-888-285-0404 or visit [CTRstudy.com](http://CTRstudy.com) to register for this screening event.**

Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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