

Hand and Wrist Fracture and Joint Injury Research – Delphi Study

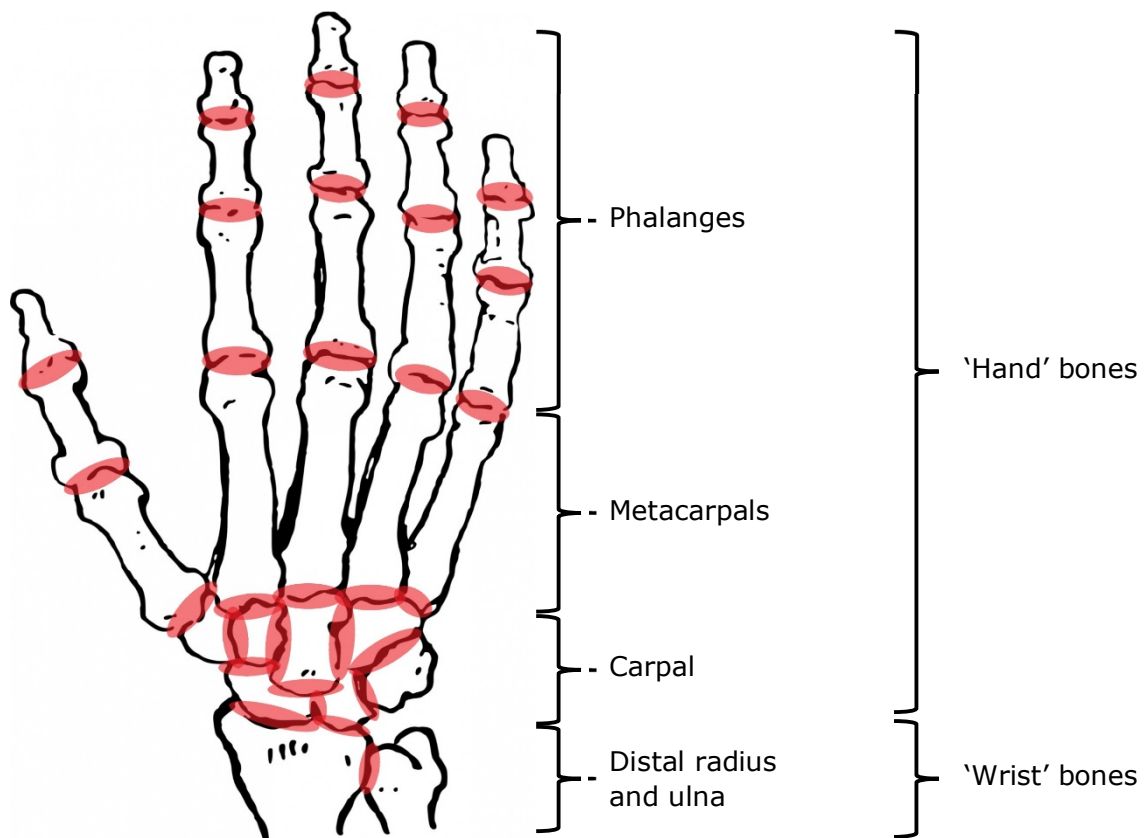
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You are invited to take part in our study because either you have had, or have experience in treating, a fracture (break) of a bone or an injury of one of the joints in the hand or wrist. Please take some time to read the information in this leaflet and consider taking part in the study. Your input will be greatly appreciated and will help guide us towards better management of these injuries to help patients in the future.

What are ‘hand fractures and joint injuries’?

These injuries are very common. The bones of the hand and wrist which we are including in our study are shown in the picture below (Figure 1), with the joints shaded red. Any of these bones can be fractured (broken), and any of these joints could be injured.

Figure 1 Diagram of the bones of the hand and wrist. Joints are shaded in red





What is this study about?

This study aims to work out what kinds of results or outcomes are the most important to check in research on treating hand fractures and joint injuries. By selecting the key outcomes that clinical studies should use, it is easier to combine results and be more confident about what the research shows.

What can I expect from taking part in this study?

This study involves completing three questionnaires over about three months. Each questionnaire will ask you to rate the importance of several outcomes. The results will be analysed at the end of each round and in the next questionnaire you will then have feedback on how the group had rated each item in the previous round. Participating in the study is entirely voluntary and you are free to withdraw from the study at any time. However, for this study to get the information it needs it is very important that people who take part complete all three rounds of questionnaires. We expect that each questionnaire will take about 20 minutes to complete.

What are the possible advantages and disadvantages of taking part?

By taking part you will help us to understand a bit more about different peoples' views on the importance of various outcomes for people with hand fractures and joint injuries. This will help us to shape future research, which in turn can guide future care for patients with similar injuries.

Patients who complete all three rounds will be given a £30 voucher in appreciation of contribution to the study and for any inconvenience caused by taking part. **All participants who complete all three questionnaire rounds will be recognised as a SO-HANDI Delphi panellist in the study report and any associated publication**, if you consent to be named.

Completing the questionnaires will take up some time, but probably no more than about 20 minutes per questionnaire. It is unlikely to happen, but if the outcomes listed in the questionnaire bring up something sensitive or upsetting you can choose not to give it a score or you can discuss it with one of the researchers.

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