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Orthollinois' Dr. Brian Bear Invited to Participate on Hand Disease Panel

ROCKFORD, Ill. (Oct. 26, 2020) – [Dr. Brian Bear](#), a board-certified orthopedic surgeon at [Orthollinois](#), will participate in a national research initiative for [Dupuytren's disease](#), a type of hand deformity.

Dupuytren's disease is a hand condition that causes tissue to thicken under the skin and pull the fingers inward toward the palm. Joining a select, invite-only group of more than 20 national hand surgeons, Dr. Bear will provide expert input on the appropriate use of treatment options for patients with Dupuytren's disease, which can interfere with hand function and make everyday activities difficult.

The research uses the Delphi method, where a panel of experts will respond to – and researchers will analyze – the collective survey responses. The survey will be disseminated among the panelists for three successive rounds of consensus-building refinements.

Dr. Bear's practice at Orthollinois focuses on shoulder, elbow, hand, microvascular, traumatic and reconstructive surgery. He is a clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and Rush University Medical Center. Dr. Bear is regularly featured on the Castle Connolly Regional Top Doctor and Best Doctors lists.

About Orthollinois

Established in 1967, Orthollinois serves the northern Illinois region in multi-specialty orthopedics from offices in Rockford, Elgin, and Algonquin, and offers a full range of bone and joint care, including the specialties of neurosurgery, podiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational health, and rheumatology. Orthollinois offers the ancillary services of physical therapy, MRI, and custom orthotics, and an outpatient surgery center. Visits are available with no appointments at the two Injury Express urgent care locations in Rockford and Algonquin. Visit www.orthollinois.com for more information.

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