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# **OBJECTIVES**

- At the end of the lecture, students should be able to:
- Describe the anatomy of the deep fascia of the wrist & hand (flexor & extensor retinaculae & palmar aponeurosis).
- List the structures passing superficial & deep to flexor retinaculum.
- Describe the anatomy of the insertion of long flexor & extensor tendons.
- Describe the anatomy of the small muscles of the hand (origin, insertion action & nerve supply)

# Retinacula







- Flexor & Extensor Retinaculua:
- Bands of Deep Fascia at the Wrist
- Function:
  - Hold the long flexor and extensor tendons at the wrist in position.
- Attachments:
  - <u>Medially</u>: Both retinacula attached to Pisiform & Hook of Hamate.
  - <u>Laterally:</u>
  - Flexor Retinaculum attached to Tubercle of Scaphoid & Trapezium.
  - Extensor Retinaculum attached to Distal end of Radius

### **Structures Superficial to Flexor Retinaculum**

### From Medial to Lateral

- Tendon of Flexor carpi ulnaris.
- 2. Ulnar nerve.
- 3. Ulnar artery.
- Palmar cutaneous branch of ulnar nerve.
- 5. Palmaris longus tendon.
- Palmar cutaneous branch of median nerve.





# **Carpal Tunnel**



Formed from Concave anterior surface of the Carpus covered by Flexor Retinaculum

#### **Contents**

### From Medial to Lateral

- Tendons of flexor digitorum superficialis & profundus
- Median nerve
- Flexor Pollicis Longus
- (Flexor carpi radialis)

# **Carpal Tunnel Syndrome**



#### Causes :

• Compression of the median nerve within the carpal tunnel

#### **Manifestations:**

- 1. Burning pain (pins and needles ) in the lateral three and half fingers.
- No paresthesia over the thenar eminence?

## **Carpal Tunnel Syndrome**





- 2. Weakness or atrophy of the thenar muscles (Ape Hand).
- Inability to <u>Oppose</u> the thumb.

# **Palmar Aponeurosis**



#### • The Thickened deep fascia of the Palm.

• It is Triangular in shape , occupies the central area of the palm.

#### • <u>Apex:</u>

 Attached to the distal border of flexor retinaculum and receives the insertion of palmaris longus tendon.

Base:

• Divides at the bases of the fingers into four slips that pass into the fingers.

#### Functions:

- 1. Firmly attached to the overlying skin and improves the grip.
- 2. Protects the underlying tendons, vessels & nerves.
- 3. Gives origin to palmaris brevis muscle.

## **Palmaris Brevis**

Origin	Insertio n	NS	Action
FR and PA.	Skin of Palm	UN (Superficial ). Branch	Prevents Corrugation of skin to improve grip

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### **Short Muscles of Thumb & Little Finger**



# **Hypothenar Eminence (3)**



	Origin	Insertio n	NS	Action
Ab Dig Min	Pisifor m	Base of Prox ph	All by Deep branc h of Ulnar	Abduction
Flx Dig Min	FR	With AB DIG MIN		Flexion
Opp Dig Min	Palmar surface of 5 <sup>th</sup> metacar pal			Pulls the 5 <sup>th</sup> metacarpal forward (Cup the palm)

# **Thenar Eminence (3)**

Hand Muscles Adductor		Origin	Insertion	NS	ACT
Abductor digiti minimi brevis Flexor digiti minimi	Ab Poll B	<b>FR</b> Scaphd& Trapez	(Base of Prox ph)	All from Median N	AB
	Flex Poll B	FR	With AB Poll B		FLX
	Opp Poll	FR	Lateral part of 1 <sup>ST</sup> Met		Орр
Opponens Flexor Abductor Opponens pollicis pollicis pollicis digiti minimi brevis brevis					

## **Adductor Pollicis**



## **Movements of Thumb**



## **Insertion of** Flexor Dig Superficialis & Profundus

### <u>Flexor dig superficialis</u>

- Each tendon:
  - <u>**Divides</u>** into two halves & pass around the Profundus Tendon.</u>
  - The two halves <u>Meet</u> on the posterior aspect of Profundus tendon (partial decussation of fibers).
  - <u>Reunion of the two halves.</u>
  - <u>Further Division into two slips</u> attached to the **Borders of Middle** <u>Phalanx.</u>
- <u>Flexor dig Profundus</u>
  - Inserted into the **Base of the Distal Phalanx.**



### Fibrous Flexor (Digital) Sheath



A Strong Fibrous Sheath, which covers the anterior surface of the fingers and attached to the sides of the phalanges.

- Its Proximal end is **opened**
- Its Distal end is **closed**
- The Sheath with the anterior surfaces of the phalanges & the interphalangeal joints form an *Osteofibrous blind Tunnel* for the long flexor tendons of the fingers.

## **Synovial Flexor Sheaths**

### • <u>Common Synovial sheath</u> (Ulnar Bursa)

- Contains tendons of Flexor Digitorum Superficialis & Profundus
- The <u>Medial</u> part of the sheath extends distally (without interruption) on the tendons of the *little finger.*
- The <u>Lateral part</u> of the sheath stops on the middle of the palm.
- The distal ends of the long flexor tendons to (Index, Middle & Ring) fingers acquire Digital Synovila Sheaths.



# **Synovial Flexor Sheaths**



- Flexor Pollicis Longus tendon has its own synovial sheath (<u>Radial</u> <u>Bursa</u>)
- <u>Function of Synovial</u> <u>Sheaths:</u>
- They allow the long tendons to move smoothly with a minimum of friction beneath the flexor retinaculum and the fibrous flexor sheaths.

## **Lumbrical Muscles (4)**



#### Action:

Flex metacarpophalangeal joints and extend interphalangeal joints of fingers Except thumb

## Palmar Interossei (4)



Origin	Insertion	NS
<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup>: Base of 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>metacarpal.</li> <li>Other three:</li> <li>Ant. Surface of</li> <li>Shafts of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>rd</sup> &amp;</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> metacarpals.</li> </ul>	Proximal phalanges of thumb ,index, ring, & little fingers and <b>Extensor expansion</b>	Un: deep Branch

### Action:

Adduction of fingers toward center of the 3<sup>rd</sup> one.

### **Dorsal Interossei (4)**



Origin	Insertion	NS
Contiguous sides of shafts of Metacarpals	Proximal Phalang of index, ring ,mid finger & EX	Un deep Branch

Action:

Abduction of fingers away from the 3<sup>rd</sup> one.

### **Action of Lumbricals & Interossei**



# **Extensor Expansion**



- Formed from the expansion of the tendons of extensor dig. at the **PIJ**,
- The tendon splits into three parts:
  - <u>One Central</u>: inserted into the base of Middle phalanx.
  - <u>Two laterals</u>: inserted into the base of the Distal phalanx.
- <u>The Expansion Receives the</u> <u>insertions of:</u>
  - Corresponding Interosseous muscle (on each side).
  - Lumbrical muscle (on the lateral side).



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