

MEDIA ALERT

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PRESTIGIOUS HAND SURGEON, PHILANTHROPIST, AND INVENTOR UNDERGOES HAND SURGERY....THE OPERATION HE INVENTED

It's a good thing that Dr. Michael G. Brown, Founder of The Hand Center in Houston, Texas and Brown Hand Center across the country invented TWO new endoscopic hand surgery techniques. He is known for THE BROWN PROCEDURE, an endoscopic carpal tunnel technique that allows patients to return to work and full activities in 7 days, all with no stitches. His work has been reported in the prestigious Journal of Reconstructive and Plastic Surgery and considered to be the most significant medical advancement in 60 years for the world's most common condition.....carpal tunnel syndrome which affects 10% of the world's population. Now Michael G. Brown, M.D. will undergo the BETR procedure he invented to treat another common hand problem, trigger finger.

The **Brown Endoscopic Trigger Release (BETR)** is an outpatient, minimally invasive technique of releasing the A1 pulley in the palm of the hand that is the culprit in "trigger finger." Trigger finger causes the finger to lock in a clenched position in the palm and left untreated the tendon will rupture leading to months of recovery. Open techniques were associated with pain from the incision. After urging from other doctors that Dr. Brown taught THE BROWN PROCEDURE for carpal tunnel to finally Dr. Brown developed the BETR technique and the instruments to perform the procedure. BETR has been successfully performed on many thousands of patients at The Hand Center. Now the tables are turned and Dr. Brown will become the patient and place his hand in that of surgeon Randy Lopez, M.D. who was trained in these techniques personally by Dr. Brown. *For interviews with Dr. Brown, the technique's developer, or with Dr. Lopez call 713 586 3120 or 281 435 0235 (THE HAND CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS) www.thehandcenter.com*