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## The Unkwown Facts behind Sign Language Interpretation.

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### INTRODUCTION

"The role of the sign language interpreter appears to be very straightforward to effectively facilitate communication between deaf individuals and those who are hearing"

**National Deaf Center** 













## INTERPRETER REQUIREMENTS

- \* High level of fluency in two languages
- **\* Good command of linguistics**
- \* Broad-based world knowledge
- \* High control of emotions
- \* Attention / concentration capacity
- \* Professional and ethical conduct













"The effect on signing on interpreters shows a correlation between mental and cognitive stress, which increased ergonomic risk"

Rochester Institute of Technology study, 2008



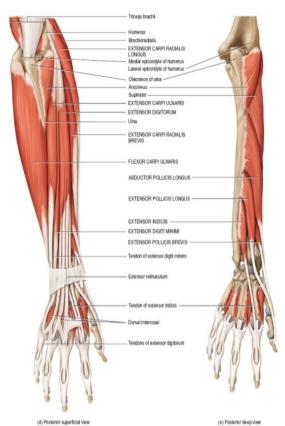




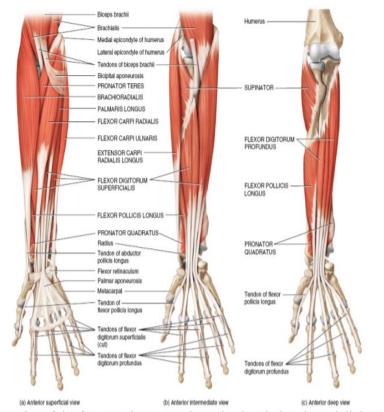








**Figure 1b:** Muscles of the forearm that move the wrist, hand, thumb, and digits (Tortora and Dickerson 2011, p. 413)



**Figure 1a:** Muscles of the forearm that move the wrist, hand, thumb, and digits (Tortora and Dickerson 2011, p. 412)













"The human hand is capable of producing a seemingly infinite number of different movements"

Fuglevand, 2011

"The hand is controlled by 21 different muscles in addition to the 19 comparably smaller intrinsic muscles that originate within the hand itself"

**Grad, 1998** 





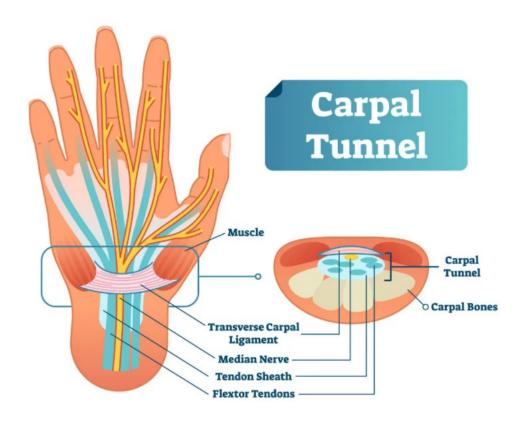








1. Carpal tunnel syndrome



"CTS has been documented frequently among sign language interpreters"

Stedt, 1992
Feuerstein et al,
1997
Smith et al, 2000





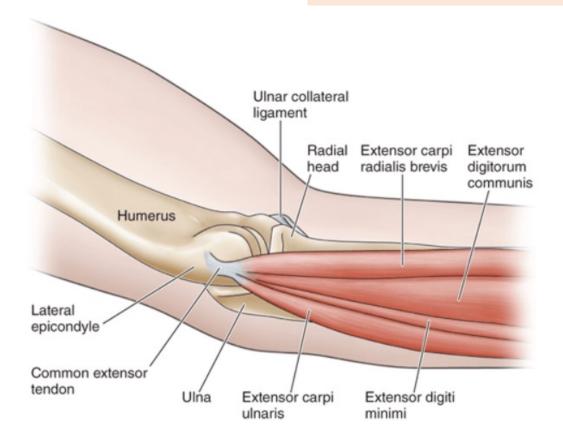








#### 2. Tendonitis



"Because tendons play such a large role in the generation of tension, they are a frequent site of irritation and inflammation"

> Daenen et al, 2004 Fischer and Woodcock, 2012













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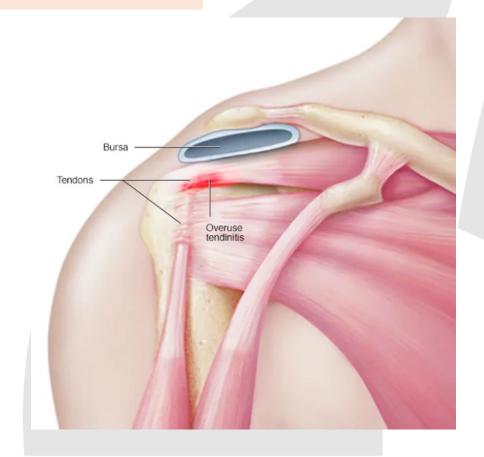
- \* Shoulder tendonitis
- Wrist tendonitis

"Tendons running through the wrist are subjected to frictional forces resulting from repetitive movement within the wrist itself"

Maganaris et al, 2004

"Tendons are in areas of high friction or mechanical stress as well as repetitive and excessive mechanical stress"

**Kahn et al, 1999** 









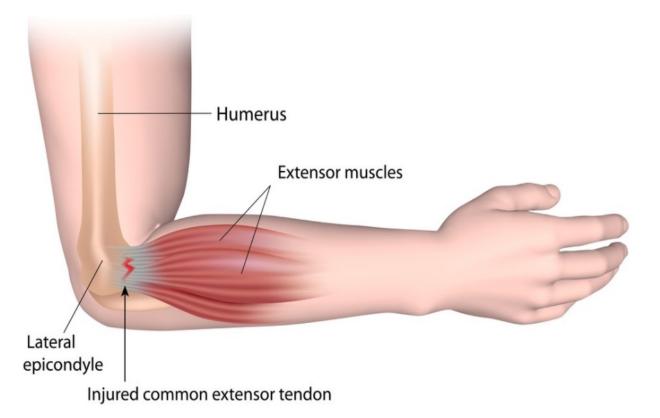






3. Lateral Epicondylitis

(Tennis Elbow)



"Lateral epicondylitis has been that chronic overuse of the elbow joint causes microtears in the common extensor tendon that continually heal and pull apart causing chronic inflammation"

Hayter and Adler, 2012 Waugh, 2005













4. Medial Epicondylitis

(Golfer's elbow)















#### 5. Epitrocleitis







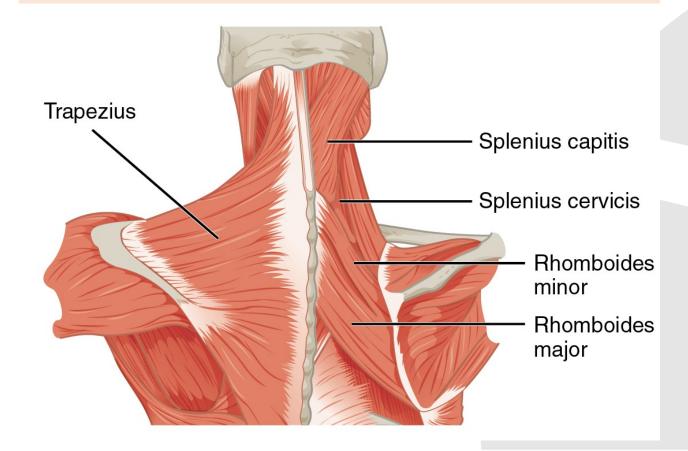








#### 6. Trapezius myalgia







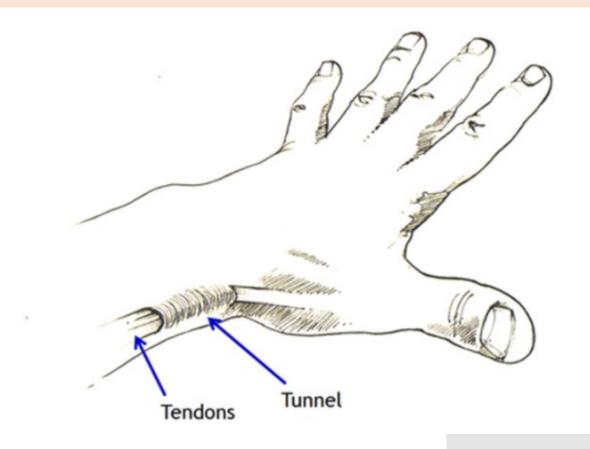








7. De Quervain's syndrome







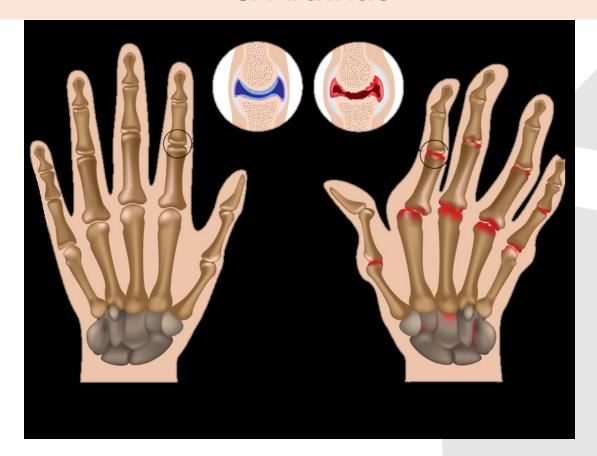








#### 8. Arthritis







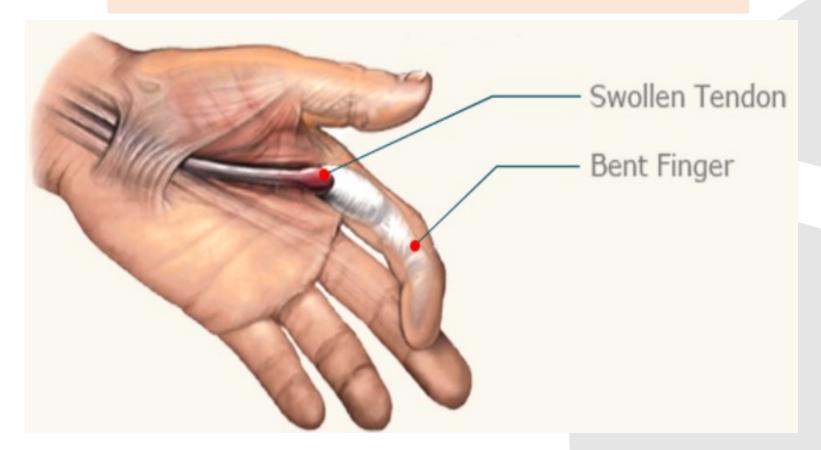








#### 9. Trigger Finger







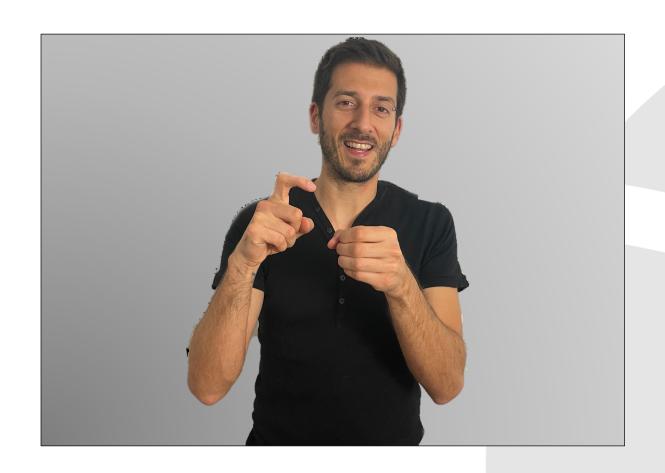








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