



*ABOS Surgery of the Hand
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Blueprint*

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<i>Bone</i>	<i>13-27%</i>
Hand fracture	4-6%
Distal radius fracture	3-5%
Forearm fracture	0.5-1.5%
Carpal fracture	1-3%
Malunion/nonunion (includes bone grafting, osteotomy)	1-3%
Infection/osteonecrosis	1-3%
Physeal/growth plate	0.5-1.5%
Anatomy/physiology/metabolic/biomechanics (includes osteoporosis, bone healing, bone graft)	2-4%

Joint/ligament	14-26%
Acute dislocations and fracture dislocations (wrist, carpus, hand)	3-5%
Infection	0.5-1.5%
Degenerative and posttraumatic arthritis (wrist and carpometacarpal, metacarpophalangeal, proximal interphalangeal, and distal interphalangeal joints)	4-6%
Joint contractures/stiffness (includes heterotopic ossification of the elbow)	0.5-1.5%
Inflammatory arthritis (includes rheumatoid, crystalline deposits, medical management, systemic lupus erythematosus, psoriatic, scleroderma)	3-5%
Ligament injury/instability (includes distal radioulnar joint/triangular fibrocartilage complex, carpus, thumb, and metacarpophalangeal and proximal interphalangeal joints)	2-4%
Anatomy	1-3%

<i>Muscle/tendon</i>	<i>7.5-18.5%</i>
Flexor tendon injuries/reconstruction	2-4%
Extensor tendon injuries/reconstruction	2-4%
Compartment syndrome/Volkmann ischemic contracture	1-3%
Tendinosis/tendinopathies (includes lateral and medial epicondylitis, De Quervain tenosynovitis, intersection syndrome, stenosing tenosynovitis)	1-3%
Infection (chronic, acute, mycobacterial, fungal)	0.5-1.5%
Anatomy/physiology/biomechanics	1-3%

Nerve	9-21%
Acute nerve injury (nerve repair, grafting, nerve transfer)	2-4%
Radial, median, ulnar nerve tendon transfers	0.5-1.5%
Chronic nerve injury (neuroma, complex regional pain syndrome, TMR)	1-3%
Compression neuropathies (median, ulnar, radial)	3-5%
Anatomy/physiology (EMG, variants)	1-3%
Neuromuscular (includes stroke, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, tetraplegia, Charcot-Marie-Tooth, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis)	0.5-1.5%
Brachial plexus (pediatric, adult, anatomy, neuritis)	0.5-1.5%
Nerve transfer	0.5-1.5%

<i>Circulatory system</i>	<i>3.5-10.5%</i>
<i>Anatomy/physiology</i>	<i>0.5-1.5%</i>
<i>Revascularization/replantation</i>	<i>1-3%</i>
<i>Vasospastic disease and chronic ischemia</i>	<i>1-3%</i>
<i>Thrombosis/embolism/aneurysm</i>	<i>0.5-1.5%</i>
<i>Vascular malformations</i>	<i>0.5-1.5%</i>

<i>Skin/fascia/nails</i>	<i>6.5-17.5%</i>
Fingertip/nailbed trauma	1-3%
Coverage (includes grafts, flaps, negative pressure wound therapy, and dermal skin substitutes)	2-4%
Frostbite/burns (electrical, chemical, thermal)	0.5-1.5%
Infection (includes bites, envenomation, necrotizing fasciitis, and fungal, viral, and surgical site infection, olecranon bursitis)	1-3%
Injection/extravasation injuries	0.5-1.5%
Anatomy/physiology/wound healing	0.5-1.5%
Dupuytren disease/contracture	1-3%

General principles/other	7-19%
Ethics (includes professionalism, consent/communications, cultural competence, diversity, billing, death/dying, durable power of attorney, doctor-patient relationships)	0.5-1.5%
Pain management (opioid management, anesthesia, pain syndromes)	0.5-1.5%
Prosthetics/rehabilitation (adult/pediatric)	0.5-1.5%
Patient/physician safety (includes polytrauma, deep vein thrombosis, coagulopathy, radiation exposure, physician wellness/burnout, medication reconciliation)	1-3%
Benign (includes ganglion, giant cell, lipoma, inclusion cyst, osteochondroma, enchondroma)	2-4%
Skin tumors	0.5-1.5%
Metastatic and sarcoma	0.5-1.5%
Hand plate (includes trigger thumb, camptodactyly, clinodactyly, syndactyly, polydactyly, symbrachydactyly)	0.5-1.5%
Radial/thumb deficiency (includes absent and hypoplastic disorders)	0.5-1.5%
Common syndromes (includes multiple hereditary exostoses, constriction band syndrome, Madelung, and Apert, Poland, and Down syndromes)	0.5-1.5%