

August 27, 1998

Ms. Diana Cumpian
Argonaut Insurance
120 S. State College #100
Brea, CA 92621

RE: HOLLIFIELD, Rick
CLM: 62X103499

Dear Ms. Cumpian:

Rick Hollifield was seen at THE HAND CENTER on 08-27-98. A conference was held with the patient, therapist, and case manager Ms. Dorris Harrah, R.N. Mr. Hollifield continues to make good progress following the osteotomy performed in his distal radius-forearm area in June 1998. At two months, he has good alignment in his forearm and wrist. He continues to show about 20° of extension and similar flexion in the wrist, which would not have been present if this patient had a wrist fusion. Fusion of the proximal carpal row to the radius has allowed Mr. Hollifield to maintain this 40° range.

The patient's grip strength is gradually improving. He can now grip with about 12 pounds without difficulty. We have purposely asked the patient to avoid strong gripping because of the osteotomy site, which he is at risk. Radiographs of this area appear to show slow healing, as would be expected. The patient continues to use a bone stimulator as we have advised.

Overall, Mr. Hollifield is making satisfactory progress following his radial osteotomy, which now allows the forearm to be well-positioned. He will require a strengthening program at THE HAND CENTER and will also participate in a strengthening program at home. He will continue to use his bone stimulator. He will remain temporarily disabled and will be seen again in about one month when a progress report will be forwarded.

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"I declare under a penalty of perjury that the information contained in this report and its attachment, if any, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, except as to the information that I have indicated I received from others. As to that information, I declare under a penalty of perjury that the information accurately describes the information provided to me and, except as noted herein, that I believe it to be true".

Signed this _____ day of _____, 1998,
at San Diego, California



Richard M. Braun, M.D.

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cc: Dorris Harrah, R.N.
Dean A. Goetz, Esq.