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Craig Phillips, MD

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY, HAND & UPPER EXTREMITY

“ I specialize in hands, wrists, elbows and shoulders because they’re an integral part of our life activities. It’s an especially intricate subspecialty of orthopaedics.”

Dr. Craig Phillips is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon with a subspecialty certification in hand and upper extremity surgery, who specializes in treating the hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder. His practice focuses on all conditions affecting the arms with common conditions such as hand and wrist fractures, wrist arthritis, nerve problems such as carpal tunnel syndrome, rotator cuff tears, shoulder arthritis and shoulder replacements.

Dr. Phillips offers all current treatments but prefers minimally invasive surgery such as the use of the medication Xiaflex for treatment of Dupuytren’s disease.

Dr. Phillips takes a conservative approach that utilizes surgery as a last resort only after options such as braces and injections have been exhausted. In each case, he seeks to provide empathetic care and educate patients so they can take an active role in their treatment. His goal for his patients is to return them to their normal lifestyle in the most rapid time period possible while providing the least disruptive treatment.

Dr. Phillips has designed widely used implants for treating fractures including plates and screws for the wrist and elbow. He keeps informed of the latest developments in his field through his work as associate editor of the *Journal of Hand Surgery* and director of the combined hand surgery fellowship program at The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.



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