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Hi Hans and Janet,

I just got back from an appointment with Dr. Sam Biafora, another hand, wrist, elbow & shoulder specialist at hand surgery associates. He did what seemed to be a very thorough evaluation. He dug around pretty deep in my arm and did many different tests on my hand, arm and elbow. He recommended doing surgery to get the scar tissue out of the affected nerve and surrounding area. He said not to have any hope of restoring strength, feeling or reversing the paralyzed muscle that pulls my pinky finger in. But he said that going in and removing the scar tissue from the area will bring relief to the nerve and should stop the pains I get. He said that it will leave a long scar from the back of my elbow to the wrist and they will need to move the ulnar nerve to the inside of the elbow and that it will take approximately 3 months to recuperate. I mentioned the new medication I just started taking that was supposed to help fix the signals from the nerve. He said that all that will do is mask the symptoms for a while and that the only way to actually fix it is to go in and remove the scar tissue and see if any of the cut fibers can be grafted back together. He said that grafting the fibers probably won't work since its been almost a year since they were cut but removing the scar tissue should release the pain and should make a huge difference. He was ready to set up the surgery and I told him I needed a some time to talk with my mom and think about it. He set up another appointment for a month from now so I have time to think it over and said to call Dr. Sagerman if I should decide sooner.

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