



Ryan M. Garcia, MD

Bio

- Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- Member of the American Medical Association (AMA)
- Member of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)
- Member of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)
- Member of North Carolina Medical Association
- Candidate Member of the American Association of Hand Surgery (AAHS)
- Candidate Member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH)

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Patient Rating:

4.7 out of 5 Stars

LOCATIONS

- Hand Center
- Indian Land

CLINICAL SPECIALTIES

- Elbow
- Hand
- Trauma
- Wrist

Education

- **University of California, Los Angeles** - *Bachelor of Science*
- **The George Washington University** - *Doctor of Medicine*
- **University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Case Western Reserve** - *Internship*
- **University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Case Western Reserve** - *Residency, Orthopedic Surgery*
- **Duke University Medical Center** - *Residency, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery*
- **Duke University Medical Center** - *Fellowship, Hand, Upper Extremity, Microvascular Surgery*

Practice

- Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Specializes in Hand & Upper Extremity Surgery
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Microsurgical reconstruction including free tissue transfers
- Clinical interests are traumatic, degenerative, vascular and neuromuscular disorders

- Minimally invasive techniques including arthroscopic procedures & endoscopic carpal tunnel surgery
- Cosmetic rejuvenation for the aging hand

Awards

- **Named a 2023 Top Doctor by Charlotte Magazine**
- **2022 [North Carolina's Top Doctors](#)**, Charlotte Region, SouthPark Magazine
- Named a 2021 Top Doctor by Charlotte Magazine
- Named a 2019 **Top Doctor** by Charlotte Magazine
- Named a 2018 **Top Doctor** by Charlotte Magazine
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Society
- Julius Nevaizer Award of Distinction in Orthopaedic Surgery

Research

Published papers:

- Watkins R 4th, Watkins R 3rd, Williams L, Ahlbrand S, **Garcia R**, Karamanian A, Sharp L, Vo C, Hedman T. Stability Provided by the Sternum and Rib Cage in the Thoracic Spine. *Spine*. 2005 Jun; 30(11):1283-6.
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- **Garcia RM**, Goldberg VM. Update on Contemporary Lower Extremity Total Joint Arthroplasty. *Minerva Ortopedica E Traumatologica*. 2008 Dec;59:355-63.
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- Treatment of Migraine Headaches. *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*. 2012 April; 129(4):871-877.
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book chapters

- **Garcia RM**, Guyuron B. Chin : Augmentation. *Aesthetic Head and Neck: An Operative Atlas*
- **Garcia RM**, Ruch DS, Hultman CS. Hand Surgery. *50 Articles Every Plastic Surgeon Should Know*

peer-reviewed publications

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Team

- Clinical – Denise, CMA
- Surgery Scheduler – Barbara
- Administrative Assistant – Kim Haynes