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Major breakthroughs in hand surgery

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During my 40 years of involvement with hand surgery, I have witnessed the following major breakthroughs:

- Tendon surgery and tendon program
- Development of artificial finger joints
- Microsurgery
- Various fixation systems for fractures
- Wrist arthroscopy

Certain breakthroughs are appearing in the horizon:

- 3-D printing
- Tissue engineering
- Genetic engineering
- Intra-uterine surgery

At organizational level, the following are also important:

- Team approach for rehabilitation
- IFSSH, APFSSH, national societies

However, all these technical and scientific advances should be guided by future breakthroughs in the arts and humanities of medicine – the love and care for our patients.

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