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Brachial Artery Anatomic Variant

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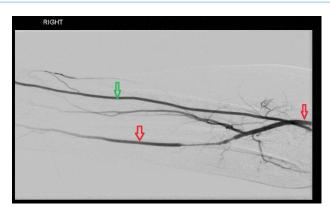
Abstract

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Description

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A 54 year man presented with defect over the right dorsum of the hand with exposed tendons post infected abscess debridement. On palpation he had weak ulnar & radial pulses. DSA was performed for planning a reconstructive procedure. DSA showed duplication of brachial artery and noted ulnar artery luminal narrowing in proximal segment with patent palmar arch. Radial artery was arising from accessory brachial artery and no flow abnormalities detected (Figure 1).



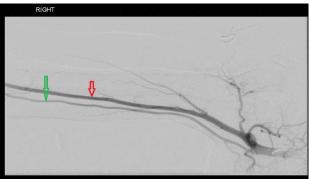


Figure 1: DSA images of upper and fore arm - Green arrow showing the duplicate brachial artery arising from axillary artery and continuing as radial artery. Red arrow showing the main brachial artery continuing to give ulnar and common interosseous artery.