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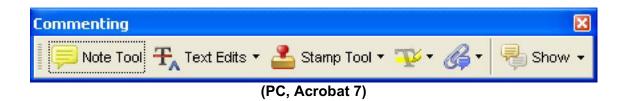
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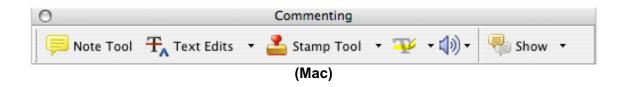
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Denervation of Wrists With Rheumatoid Arthritis

To the Editor:

I have with great interest read the review article by Dr. Trieb on the topic of treatment of the wrist in rheumatoid arthritis (J Hand Surg 2008;33A: 113-123).

However, though the aim of management in this patient group was to achieve a stable and painless joint, there was no mention of the potential benefit of wrist denervation, which can achieve a pain-free joint without the cost of losing mobility. 1 I would be interested in the author's reason for this omission, as I have personally had very positive results with this minimally disabling procedure in this group of patients who are often already functionally challenged.

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