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### **Kevin Roulhac joins n motion Hand and Physical Therapy in Alpharetta, GA**

**Working with a Certified Hand Therapist (CHT) is beneficial to patients, physicians.** People value the use of their hands; therefore, any loss of function through injury or disease can devastate lives. The Certified Hand Therapist (CHT) credential offers assurance to the public that the therapist treating them has achieved the highest recognition of competency in the profession of upper quarter therapy.

The Hand Therapy Certification Commission, Inc., (HTCC), the only organization granting hand therapy certification in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, The Netherlands, Australia, and New Zealand. Requirements include at least five years of clinical experience as an/a [occupational therapist or physical therapist], a minimum of 4,000 hours in direct practice in hand therapy, and successful completion of advanced clinical skills and theory in upper quarter rehabilitation. There are approximately 4500 individuals worldwide hold this marked designation.

According to Dr. Roy Meals, a hand surgeon at UCLA, many physicians direct patients to Certified Hand Therapists to ensure good results after hand surgery. Dr. Meals says, "Treatment of most hand conditions requires modulation of scar tissue. The good news is that scar sticks tissue together; the bad news is that scar sticks tissue together. The hand is such a compact structure that the margin between good and bad may only be the thickness of a few collagen fibers. The only way for a surgeon to look good in this scenario is to enlist a Certified Hand Therapist to oversee the modulation. CHTs are entirely familiar with the diseases and injuries that I treat. CHTs efficiently and effectively manage my patients' hand rehabilitation."

Kevin Roulhac is an occupational therapist with n motion Hand and Physical Therapy. He has worked directly with treatment of the upper extremity for 10 years. He specializes in the treatment of tendon repairs of the hand and shoulder, cumulative trauma injuries, post fracture rehabilitation and ergonomic training and modification. Kevin fabricates both custom dynamic and static splints.

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