PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Squamous cell carcinoma on the right hand, incompletely excised., POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Squamous cell carcinoma on the right hand, incompletely excised., NAME OF OPERATION: , Re-excision of squamous cell carcinoma site, right hand., ANESTHESIA:, Local with monitored anesthesia care., INDICATIONS:, Patient, 72, status post excision of squamous cell carcinoma on the dorsum of the right hand at the base of the thumb. The deep margin was positive. Other margins were clear. He was brought back for re-excision., PROCEDURE:, The patient was brought to the operating room and placed in the supine position. He was given intravenous sedation. The right hand was prepped and draped in the usual sterile fashion. Three cubic centimeters of 1% Xylocaine mixed 50/50 with 0.5% Marcaine with epinephrine was instilled with local anesthetic around the site of the excision, and the site of the cancer was re-excised with an elliptical incision down to the extensor tendon sheath. The tissue was passed off the field as a specimen., The wound was irrigated with warm normal saline. Hemostasis was assured with the electrocautery. The wound was closed with running 3-0 nylon without complication. The patient tolerated the procedure well and was taken to the recovery room in stable condition after a sterile dressing was applied.