

CC:, Left third digit numbness and wrist pain., HX: , This 44 y/o LHM presented with a one month history of numbness and pain of the left middle finger and wrist. The numbness began in the left middle finger and gradually progressed over the course of a day to involve his wrist as well. Within a few days he developed pain in his wrist. He had been working as a cook and cut fish for prolonged periods of time. This activity exacerbated his symptoms. He denied any bowel/bladder difficulties, neck pain, or weakness. He had no history of neck injury., SHX/FHX:, 1-2 ppd Cigarettes. Married. Off work for two weeks due to complaints., EXAM: , Vital signs unremarkable., MS:, A & O to person, place, time. Fluent speech without dysarthria., CN II-XII: , Unremarkable, MOTOR:, 5/5 throughout, including intrinsic muscles of hands. No atrophy or abnormal muscle tone., SENSORY:, Decreased PP in third digit of left hand only (palmar and dorsal sides)., STATION/GAIT/COORD:, Unremarkable., REFLEXES: , 1+ throughout, plantar responses were downgoing bilaterally., GEN EXAM: , Unremarkable., Tinel's maneuver elicited pain and numbness on the left. Phalen's sign present on the left., CLINICAL IMPRESSION: , Left Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, EMG/NCV: , Unremarkable., MRI C-spine, 12/1/92: Congenitally small spinal canal is present. Superimposed on this is mild spondylosis and disc bulge at C6-7, C5-6, C4-5, and C3-4. There is moderate central spinal stenosis at C3-4. Intervertebral foramina at these levels appear widely patent., COURSE:, The MRI findings did not correlate with the clinical findings and history. The patient was placed on Elavil

and was subsequently lost to follow-up.