Triphalangeal thumb; three is a crowd

1. The position of the growth plate of the first metacarpal in the triphalangeal thumb is more ‘finger’ like. *(this thesis)*

2. The first metacarpal is longer compared to a normal population in all types of triphalangeal thumb. *(this thesis)*

3. Strength of the intrinsic musculature of the thumb is diminished in all types of triphalangeal thumb. *(this thesis)*

4. Results of removal of the extra phalanx in delta type triphalangeal thumb are comparable to reduction osteotomy with arthrodesis. *(this thesis)*

5. While adults with non-operated triphalangeal thumbs rate their function as good, appearance is rated much lower. *(this thesis)*

6. In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God’s existence. *Sir Isaac Newton*

7. The fingers must be educated, the thumb is born knowing. *Marc Chagall*

8. Een open hand is beter voor vooruitgang dan een gesloten vuist

9. Het al oude adagium “cut as you go” kan in de congenitale handchirurgie en waarschijnlijk de gehele plastische chirurgie beter vervangen worden door “reconstruct as you go”.

10. Emotion is contagious. *Malcolm Gladwell*

11. There are two rules for success: 1. Never tell everything you know. *Roger H. Lincoln*

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