

Median Nerve

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Median palmar cutaneous nerve arises from radial side of median nerve approximately 5 cm proximal to TCL and travels superficial to carpal tunnel to provide sensory innervation to thenar eminence.

Recurrent motor branch (innervation to opponens pollicis, abductor pollicis brevis, and flexor pollicis brevis) arises from median nerve distal to TCL.

- Lanz classified anatomic variations into three main groups:
 - extraligamentous (50%)
 - subligamentous (30%)
 - transligamentous (20%)
- important anatomic variant is **RICHE-CANNIEU anastomosis** - innervation of thenar muscles is provided by ulnar nerve.

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