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Bio

BIO

Dr. Freehill is a board-certified, double fellowship-trained specialist in orthopaedic surgery with a sub-specialty certification in sports medicine and serves as Chief of Shoulder & Elbow Surgery. His concentration is in shoulder and sports elbow. Dr. Freehill serves as Head Team physician for the Athletics Major League Baseball organization. He is also a team physician for Stanford University athletics and Head Team physician for the Stanford University baseball.

Dr. Freehill's practice focuses on all shoulder conditions including rotator cuff tears, instability, arthritis, arthropathy, complex shoulder pathology, and sports related shoulder injury. In addition, he is also passionate about sports-related elbow injuries, with an emphasis on thrower's elbow.

Professional and amateur athletes, as well as non-athletes, come to Dr. Freehill for expert care. His sports medicine training and specialization in shoulder replacement procedures enable him to treat patients across the lifespan. Depending on factors including the patient's condition and occupation, he may recommend treatment ranging from non-operative solutions (such as physical therapy), to cutting-edge biologics procedures, to complex surgery.

Previously, he was a team physician for the Detroit Tigers and the Winston-Salem Dash (affiliated with the Chicago White Sox); he assisted with the Baltimore Orioles while in residency. He has also served as Director of Sports Medicine for Wake Forest University Athletics.

As executive director of the Stanford Baseball Science CORE, Dr. Freehill draws on his previous experience as a professional baseball player to help athletes of all skill levels and push baseball science forward. He conducts cutting edge research on the biomechanics of overhead throwers and has studied pitch counts in adolescent players funded by Major League Baseball and is currently studying post-ulnar collateral ligament surgery in professional baseball hitters funded by the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. (AOSSM). He is a member of the MLB Team Physicians Association and its Research Committee. Additionally, he was the pioneering mind behind the Pitching Lab at Wake Forest.

Dr. Freehill has pioneered the use of some of the latest techniques and technology for leading-edge shoulder care. Among the advanced technologies he utilizes is a virtual reality (VR) planning software system that enables him to perform a simulated shoulder arthroplasty procedure prior to entering the operating room with a patient. He is also a member of the robotics team which will revolutionize the manner in which shoulder replacement is performed.

Dr. Freehill has over 100 peer-reviewed articles and his work has been featured in the American Journal of Sports Medicine, Orthopedic Journal of Sports Medicine, Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Arthroscopy, and elsewhere. He has written numerous book chapters and made over 400 presentations at regional, national, and international conferences. Dr. Freehill's honors include the Orthopaedic Residency Research Award in residency at Johns Hopkins University. He is also a Neer Award winner, denoting the highest research award selected annually by the American Shoulder and Elbow Society and was awarded a research grant from the National Institutes of Health to investigate stromal vascular fractionated mesenchymal cells and their potential for healing rotator cuff tendon tears.

Currently, the Associate Editor for Shoulder & Elbow for the American Journal of Sports Medicine, he is also a committee member for the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons Society, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, International Congress of Arthroscopy and Sports Traumatology, Arthroscopy Association of North America, and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Association and has been elected into the Herodicus Society.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Orthopaedic Sports Medicine
- Orthopaedic Shoulder & Elbow Surgery
- Orthopaedic Sports Shoulder & Elbow Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor - University Medical Line, Orthopaedic Surgery
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Medical Education: Tulane University School of Medicine (2005) LA
- Board Certification: Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (2017)
- Residency: Johns Hopkins University Hospital Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery (2010) MD
- Board Certification: Orthopaedic Surgery, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (2014)
- Fellowship: Massachusetts General Hospital Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery (2012) MA
- Fellowship: Stanford University Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellowship (2011) CA

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Subscapularis Repair Augmentation for Total Shoulder Arthroplasty, Recruiting

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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