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Bio

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Foot/Ankle Trauma
- Foot and ankle ligament tears and sprains
- Foot and ankle surgical reconstruction
- Surgical treatment of foot and ankle deformities
- Surgical treatment of arthritis of the ankle joint
- Surgical treatment of foot arthritis
- Foot and Ankle Surgery

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Emeritus (Active) Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Chief of Foot and Ankle Surgery, Stanford, (2005- present)
- Director Foot and Ankle Fellowship, Stanford, (2015- present)
- Editor, Orthopaedic Knowledge Update, Edition 5 and 6, (2014-2019)
- Deputy Editor of Foot and Ankle, JAAOS Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, (2018-2022)
- Stanford Medicine Leadership Academy, Stanford, (2016-2017)
- Stanford University Faculty Senate Member, Stanford, (2009-2013)
- Chair of the School of Medicine Assistant Professor Review Committee, Stanford, (2014-2016)
- Diversity Liaison Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Stanford, (2015-2016)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Fellow, American Orthopaedic Association (2006 - present)

- Member, AOFAS American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (1995 - present)
- Fellow, AAOS American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (1995 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Residency: Howard University Hospital Orthopaedic Surgery Program (1992) DC
- Internship: UC Irvine General Surgery Residency (1987) CA
- Medical Education: University of California Irvine Office of the Registrar (1986) CA
- Board Certification: Orthopaedic Surgery, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (1995)
- Fellowship: Roger Mann Foot and Ankle Surgery (1993) CA
- Fellowship: Inselspital (1992) Switzerland

LINKS

- Get a Second Opinion: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion/overview.html>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

I am a Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon, subspecializing in Disorders of the Foot and Ankle. My clinic offers diagnosis and treatment of deformities and acute injuries of the foot and ankle.

My research interests include: rupture and tendinitis of the Achilles tendon, osteochondral defects of the talus, Total Ankle Arthroplasty, arthrodesis (fusion) of the foot and ankle, open fractures treated with operations, and anatomy of the foot and ankle.

Publications

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