

70 Female Orthopedic and Spine Surgeon Leaders to Know

Written by Laura Miller | October 17, 2011

This list of noteworthy female orthopedic and spine surgeons was compiled based on extensive editorial research. Surgeons on this list were selected for their achievement in orthopedics, membership to professional organizations and leadership within hospitals or practice groups. Surgeons do not pay and cannot pay for inclusion on this list. Surgeons are listed in alphabetical order. Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement of any surgeon's or organization's clinical abilities.

Laura Alberton, MD (Scripps Clinic, La Jolla, Calif.). Dr. Alberton is an orthopedic surgeon at Scripps Clinic, an instructor with San Diego Sports and Arthroscopy Fellowship and on the clinical faculty at the University of California in San Diego. She has a professional interest in ACL repair outcomes and minimizing postoperative pain. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Alberton is a member of several professional societies, including Arthroscopy Association of North American and Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Alberton earned her medical degree at Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn., and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Mayo Clinic.

Sheila M. Algan, MD (University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City). Dr. Algan is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Algan has published several articles on orthopedic topics and has written an article for AAOS Now, a publication of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, about sexual dysfunction after pelvic fracture. She is a committee chair for the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She earned her medical degree at University of Wisconsin Medical School in Milwaukee and completed her residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Her additional training includes a fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Michelle Andrews, MD (Cincinnati Sportsmedicine and Orthopaedic Center). Dr. Andrews has a professional interest in sports medicine and knee and shoulder surgery. She was the first female team physician for a major league baseball team, the Baltimore Orioles, and also served as a team physician for Johns Hopkins athletics. During her career, Dr. Andrews has served on the U.S. Olympics Special Committee for Female Athletes and in several leadership positions with orthopedic and sports medicine associations. She also spearheaded an instructional course for primary care physicians in Cincinnati and served on the board of trustees for the Women's Sports Foundation. Dr. Andrews is a member of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy Association of North America. She earned her medical degree from Hahnemann University Medical School in Philadelphia and completed her residency at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. She also completed a fellowship in sports medicine at Cincinnati Sportsmedicine and Orthopaedic Center.

Carmina F. Angeles, MD, PhD (The NeuroSpine Institute, Eugene, Ore.). Dr. Angeles has a professional interest in minimally invasive procedures for treating common spinal conditions, including degenerative diseases and stenosis. She is also trained to perform cervical disc arthroplasty and treats patients with more complex pathology, such as scoliosis. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Angeles is a member of North American Spine Society, American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons. She earned her medical degree at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., and completed her residency in neurological surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Her additional training includes time working in spine neuro-oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and a fellowship in spine and peripheral nerve surgery at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

Elizabeth Arendt, MD (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis). Dr. Arendt practices with the Sports Medicine Institute at the University of Minnesota and serves as team physician for USA Soccer. She is the chairman of the Women's Health Issues Advisory Board for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and has served as a keynote speaker at the European Society for Sports Medicine, Knee and Arthroscopy last year. She has a professional interest in knee surgery and has published multiple articles on her research in the field. She also serves on the editorial board for several professional journals and is the senior editor of the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*. Dr. Arendt earned her medical degree from the University of Rochester (N.Y.), where she also completed her residency.

Annett Billings, MD (Los Angeles Orthopaedic Center). Dr. Billings has a professional interest in hand and upper extremity care. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and has earned the Musculoskeletal Infection Society's Jeanette Wilkins Award. Prior to her time at LAOC, Dr. Billings served in the Navy as a master training specialist and earned the Navy Achievement Medal. She earned her medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City and Completed her residency at Loma Linda (Calif.) University Medical Center. Her additional training includes a fellowship in hand and upper extremity surgery at LAC/USC Joseph H. Boyes in Los Angeles.

Erica F. Bisson, MD (University of Utah Health Care, Salt Lake City). Dr. Bisson has a professional interest in spine surgery, neurosurgery, occipitocervical disease and spinal fusion. She treats patients with a variety of conditions, including degenerative spinal disorders, spinal tumors, spondylolisthesis and trauma. Within her practice, Dr. Bisson performs image-guided spine surgery. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Bisson is also focused on research and has published articles in professional journals. Previously, she served on senior staff in the department of neurosurgery at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass. She earned her medical degree at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston and completed her residency in neurosurgery at the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington. Her additional training includes a fellowship in spine surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Evalina Burger, MD (University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora). This year, Dr. Burger was named to Cambridge's Who's Who list for her leadership and dedication to spine care. She is first female spine surgeon selected for the South African Orthopaedic Society's ABC fellowship in 2000. She has a professional interest in adult deformity reconstruction and experience with spinal trauma and oncology. Dr. Burger earned her medical degree at the University of Pretoria and completed her residency at a military hospital, both in South Africa. Dr. Burger currently serves as an associate professor of orthopedics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and vice chair at The Spine Center of University of Colorado Hospital. In addition to her clinical practice, she is affiliated with the Scoliosis Research Society, North American Spine Society and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Barbara J. Campbell, MD (Somerset Central Medical Associates, Somerset, Pa.). Dr. Campbell is the director of the Bone Health Clinic at Somerset Central Medical Associates and serves as a leader with the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, National Osteoporosis Foundation and International Bone and Mineral Society. She is a member of the AAOS Women's Health Issues Advisory Board. Dr. Campbell earned her medical degree at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, where she also completed her residency.

Lisa K. Cannada, MD (Saint Louis University School of Medicine). Dr. Cannada is an associate professor of orthopedic traumatology at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. In addition to her clinical work, she serves as a reviewer for medical journals and has been the editor for the Orthopaedic Trauma Association's newsletter. She has ongoing research on topics such as risk factors for heterotopic ossification after elbow trauma and fracture care. Dr. Cannada is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and has been an active member in the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She earned her medical degree at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore and completed her residency at Case Western University School of Medicine in Detroit. Her additional training includes a fellowship at University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

Teresa Cappello, MD (Loyola Medicine, Maywood, Ill.). Dr. Cappello is an assistant professor at Loyola University. She has a professional interest in orthopedic surgery, rehabilitation and pediatric orthopedic care. During her career, Dr. Cappello has also had a focus on research and published in the *Journal of Pediatric Orthopedics*. She is a member of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Cappello earned her medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and completed her residency at Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago. Her additional training includes a pediatric orthopedic surgery fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Michelle G. Carlson, MD (Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City). Dr. Carlson has a professional interest in treating sports-related hand injuries and fractures as well as pediatric hand disorders and hand conditions in women. She is the director and founder of the Children and Adolescent Hand and Arm Center and an associate professor at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Carlson focuses on research and has worked on the National Registry for Injury: Surgical Treatment and Outcomes of Elite Athletes' Hand and Wrist Injury. During her career, she has won several awards, including the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society/Zimmer Research Grant, Lewis Clark Wagner Research Award and T. Campbell Thompson Prize. Dr. Carlson earned her medical degree from Weill Cornell Medical College and completed her residency and fellowship in upper extremity and microvascular surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery.

Emilie Cheung, MD (Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, Calif.). Dr. Cheung has a special interest in reconstruction of the shoulder and elbow, including joint replacement, rotator cuff repair, cartilage and soft tissue injuries and arthroscopic procedures. Her current research focuses on outcomes from revision total shoulder replacements, revision total elbow replacements and complications after reconstructive procedures. During her career, she has authored several articles based on her research that have been published in journals such as the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* and *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*. Dr. Cheung earned her medical degree from New York Medical College in New York City and completed her residency at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Her additional training includes a fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Loretta Chou, MD (Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, Calif.). Dr. Chou is a foot and ankle surgeon with a professional interest in treating lower extremity pain, deformity and acute injuries. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Chou focuses on research. Her research interests include rupture and tendonitis of the Achilles tendon, osteochondral defects of the talus, total ankle arthroplasty, arthrodesis of the foot and ankle and open fracture treatment. She has published articles in several professional journals, including the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. Dr. Chou completed her residency at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C., as well as one fellowship in Switzerland and another under Roger Mann, MD, in California, focusing on foot and ankle surgery.

Alexis Colvin, MD (Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City). Dr. Colvin is an assistant professor of sports medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital. She has a professional interest in treating athletic injuries as well as arthroscopic and reconstructive surgery of the shoulder, hip and knee. During her career, she has provided medical care to several professional athletes, including the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Penguin. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Colvin has authored several scientific presentations and lectured at professional meetings across the country. She is a member of several professional organizations, including American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy Association of North America. Dr. Colvin earned her medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine and completed her residency at New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases. Her additional training includes a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the AANA traveling fellowship.

Carol Copeland, MD (Penn State Hershey Bone and Joint Institute, Hershey, Pa.). Dr. Copeland is an assistant professor at Penn State Hershey (Pa.) Bone and Joint Institute. She has a professional interest in working with orthopedic trauma patients and provides several services, including fracture care and bone infections. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Copeland also has research interests in functional outcomes after trauma and pelvic and acetabular fractures. She is a member of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Orthopaedic Trauma Association. Dr. Copeland earned her medical degree from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore. She also completed a residency in orthopedic trauma at the University of Maryland.

Frances Cuomo, MD (Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City). Dr. Cuomo is the chief of the shoulder service and director of the shoulder and elbow fellowship at Beth Israel Medical Center. She previously served as the chief of shoulder service, director of the shoulder research group and shoulder fellowship director at New York University/Hospital for Joint Diseases. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Cuomo is a member of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Her additional responsibilities include editorial work on *Techniques in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery* and *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. Dr. Cuomo earned her medical degree at New York University School of Medicine in New York City and completed her residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. Her additional training includes the Charles S. Neer II fellowship from the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons and a fellowship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

Leigh Ann Curl, MD (MedStar Sports Health, Columbia, Md.). Dr. Curl is a physician at MedStar Sports Health and the first female head team orthopedic surgeon for a professional football team, the Baltimore Ravens. She was also the first female orthopedist in the ACC when she worked for the University of Maryland. Her professional interests include arthroscopic rotator cuff repair, shoulder stabilization, ACL repair and cartilage and meniscal transplant. Dr. Curl earned her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University, where she was also the only female to pursue a residency in sports medicine at the time. Her additional training includes a fellowship in shoulder and knee surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Marybeth Ezaki, MD (Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas). Dr. Ezaki is the director of the Charles E. Seay, Jr., Hand Center at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. She also serves as the co-director of the hand surgery fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. During her career, she has served as a leader in several professional organizations, including president of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and a director of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. In addition to her clinical work, she has focused on research and is a consultant reviewer for the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, among others. Dr. Ezaki earned her medical degree at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn., and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She also completed a hand surgery fellowship at Wexham Park Hospital in Slough, England.

Maureen A. Finnegan, MD (University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas). Dr. Finnegan is an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern with a professional interest in sports medicine and trauma. During her career, she has served in leadership positions at the university and mentored orthopedic residents. Dr. Finnegan is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and an examiner of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Finnegan has authored several research articles on topics such as biologics and sports injuries. She earned her medical degree at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Ottawa in Canada. Her additional training includes an orthopedic fellowship at Ottawa General Hospital and a research fellowship at the University of Ottawa & Davos in Switzerland.

Erika Gantt Lumsden, MD (OrthoCarolina, Charlotte, N.C.). Dr. Gantt Lumsden is a hand and upper extremity specialist at OrthoCarolina. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and American Society for Surgery of the Hand. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Gantt Lumsden is focused on research and has published on topics such as arthroscopic shoulder surgery. Dr. Gantt Lumsden earned her medical degree at Harvard Medical School in Boston and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Her additional training includes a fellowship in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Laura M.B. Gehrig, MD (Medcenter One, Bismark, N.D.). Dr. Gehrig is a past president of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society and has focused on fostering interest among female medical students in orthopedics during her career. She is currently an orthopedic surgeon at Medcenter One and has served as a physician for athletes at the Olympics. Dr. Gehrig earned her medical degree at Louisiana State University Medical Center School of Medicine in Shreveport, where she also completed her residency. Her additional training includes a foot and ankle fellowship at the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock.

Barbara Grugan Frieman, MD (Rothman Institute, Philadelphia). Dr. Frieman is a shoulder and elbow surgeon at Rothman Institute. She is a member of several professional societies, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Shoulder and Elbow Society and Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Frieman has focused on research and authored several articles in professional publications. In recent years, she has given presentations in several national venues on topics such as scapular and glenoid fractures. Dr. Frieman earned her medical degree at Jefferson Medical College and completed her residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, both in Philadelphia.

Suzanne Hall, MD (Appalachian Orthopaedics, Hendersonville, N.C.). Dr. Hall founded Appalachian Orthopaedics in 2005 after serving as the acting director of orthopedics and clinical instructor of Duke University orthopedic residents in Durham, N.C. She is a shoulder surgeon who is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Association of Veterans Administration Orthopaedic Surgeons. She earned her medical degree at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine in Worcester, Mass., and completed her residency at Bronx (N.Y.) -Lebanon Hospital. Her additional training includes a fellowship in shoulder replacement at the Hospital for Joint Disease Orthopaedic Institute in New York City.

Sharon L. Hame, MD (UCLA Health System, Los Angeles). Dr. Hame has a professional interest in sports medicine and foot and ankle care. In addition to her clinical work, she also pursues research in knee biomechanics as well as gender and bone health issues. She is a clinical professor at the University of California, Los Angeles and a member of several professional societies. During her career, she has been involved with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and International Society of Arthroscopy. Dr. Hame earned her medical degree at Chicago Medical School and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at New York University Medical Center. Her additional training includes a fellowship in orthopedic surgery at UCLA School of Medicine. She also completed the Ruth Jackson Traveling Fellowship.

Jo A. Hannafin, MD, PhD (Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City). Dr. Hannafin is the director of orthopedic research at Hospital for Special Surgery and a professor in the department of orthopedic surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. During her career, Dr. Hannafin has served as a physician for the 2004 Olympic Games in Greece as well as team physician for various rowing teams and the New York Mets. She currently serves as the vice president of the board of trustees of the National Rowing Foundation. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Hannafin has a focus on research and has published more than 60 papers in professional journals. She has also served as the chair of the Enduring Education Committee of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and is a member of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Hannafin earned her medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y., and completed her fellowship in sports medicine and shoulder surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery.

Serena Hu, MD (University of California, San Francisco). Dr. Hu is a professor of orthopedics at the University of California, San Francisco, and has a professional interest in treating adult scoliosis. Her research interests include the prediction and prevention of metastatic spinal fractures that could lead to paralysis and disc degeneration. Her research has resulted in several publications in journals such as *Spine* and presentations across the country. Dr. Hu earned her medical degree at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Her additional training includes a fellowship in spine and scoliosis surgery at Rancho Los Amigos in Downey, Calif. Dr. Hu is a member of several professional societies, including the Scoliosis Research Society, American Spinal Injury Association, AOSpine North America and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Michelle A. James, MD (Shriners Hospital for Children, Sacramento, Calif.). Dr. James is the chief of the division of pediatric orthopedic surgery and chief of orthopedic surgery at Shriners Hospital for Children in the UC Davis Health System. She has a professional interest in treating hand and upper extremity conditions for pediatric patients. During her career, Dr. James has participated in the Leadership Fellows Program of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and is the vice president of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She is a member of several other professional organizations, including the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and Pediatric Society of North America. In addition to her clinical practice, she conducts research on topics such as functional outcomes for treating brachial-plexus birth palsy, upper-extremity cerebral palsy and tetraplegia. She earned her medical degree at UC San Diego School of Medicine in La Jolla, Calif., and completed her residency at UC San Francisco. She also completed a fellowship at Indiana Hand Center in Indianapolis.

Mary Ann E. Keenan, MD (Penn Orthopaedics, Philadelphia). Dr. Keenan is a member of the department of orthopedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. She has a professional interest in upper extremity care and treats patients with arthritis, deformity, trauma and fracture disorders. Throughout her career, Dr. Keenan has maintained membership in several professional groups, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society and American Society for Surgery of the Hand. She earned her medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania and completed her residency at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Her additional training includes fellowships in arthritis, joint replacement and neuro-orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Medical Center in Downey, Calif.

Youjeong Kim, MD (Orthopaedic Consultants of North Texas, Dallas). During her career, Dr. Kim has volunteered with Orthopaedics Overseas and has spent time treating patients in South Africa and China. She has also authored several book chapters and articles in professional journals about orthopedics and spine surgery. Her professional interests include treating patients with degenerative conditions of the spine and cervical spine disease. Dr. Kim is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and member of the North American Spine Society. Dr. Kim earned her medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Medicine in Houston and completed her residency at the University of California, San Francisco. Her additional training includes a fellowship in spine surgery at Emory Spine Center in Atlanta.

Melanie Kinchen, MD (North Texas Orthopedics, Keller). Dr. Kinchen has a professional interest in treating patients with back, neck and spine pain with an emphasis on arthritis, deformity, trauma and oncology. Previously, she served as the medical director for The Spine Center at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier, Calif. She is a member of several professional organizations, including North American Spine Society, Scoliosis Research Society and J. Robert Gladden Society. She is also a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Kinchen earned her medical degree at Harvard Medical School in Boston and completed her residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Her additional training includes a spine fellowship at Johns Hopkins.

D. Kay Kirkpatrick, MD (Resurgens Orthopaedics, Atlanta). Dr. Kirkpatrick is the co-president of Resurgens Orthopaedics, where she also serves as an orthopedic hand and upper extremity surgeon. Dr. Kirkpatrick has also served as president of Resurgens Charitable Foundation and has been appointed to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce by the state governor. In her practice, she also has a special interest in treating workers' compensation patients. Dr. Kirkpatrick is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Society for Surgery of the Hand and American Medical Association. She completed her medical degree at the University of Louisville (Ky.) School of Medicine, where she also completed her residency. Her additional training includes a fellowship at the Kleinert Institute of Hand & Microsurgery in Louisville.

Monica Kogan, MD (Rush University Medical Center, Chicago). Dr. Kogan is the director of pediatric orthopedics and an assistant professor at Rush University Medical Center. She has a professional interest in treating children with broken bones and other orthopedic problems such as developmental dysplasia, club foot and genetic anomalies. Dr. Kogan is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and American Academy for Cerebral Palsy. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Kogan focuses on research and has published articles in professional journals such as the *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery*. She earned her medical degree at University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago and finished her residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Her additional training includes a fellowship at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

Rebecca Kuo, MD (Meridian Medical Associates, Joliet, Ill.). Dr. Kuo has a professional interest in surgical and non-surgical treatment of adult and pediatric spinal disorders and conditions. When possible, she uses minimally invasive surgical techniques with her patients. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Kuo is a member of the North American Spine Society and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. She is also currently the vice president of the North American Taiwanese Medical Association. Dr. Kuo earned her medical degree at Rush Medical College in Chicago and completed her residency at Rush University. Her additional training includes a fellowship in spine surgery at the University of Texas in Houston.

Amy Ladd, MD (Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, Calif.). Dr. Ladd is the chief of Chase Hand & Upper Limb Center at Stanford University School of Medicine and chief of the Children's Hand Clinic at Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. During her career, Dr. Ladd has been honored with the Woman of Achievements award from the San Jose Mercury News & Women's Fund for her contributions to the field. Dr. Ladd is also focused on research and her current interests include bone graft substitutes and congenital anomalies of the upper limb. Dr. Ladd completed her medical degree at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y., and completed her residency at the University of Rochester (N.Y) School of Medicine. Her additional training includes a fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston.

Elly LaRoque, MD (Post Street Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, San Francisco). Dr. LaRoque is a shoulder and knee surgeon practicing at Post Street Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. She is also a clinical instructor in the department of orthopedic surgery at the University of California in San Francisco. She has a special interest in sports medicine, particularly arthroscopy and women's sports injuries. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. LaRoque has participated in orthopedic research and received a research grant from the Iris F. Litt, M.D. fund of the Stanford Institute for Research on Women and Gender for her research on distal radius fracture. During her career, she has been the president of the American Medical Women's Association. She earned her medical degree from the University of California in Irvine and completed her orthopedic surgery residency at Stanford (Calif.) University. Her additional training includes a sports medicine and arthroscopy fellowship at SOAR Orthopedics in San Jose, Calif., and Stanford.

Lisa Lattanza, MD (University of California, San Francisco). Dr. Lattanza is the chief of the elbow reconstructive service and an assistant adjunct professor at the University of California, San Francisco. She has a professional interest in adult and pediatric arm reconstruction, with a focus on congenital problems and post-traumatic reconstruction. Dr. Lattanza is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. She is also a leadership member of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Lattanza has published articles in professional journals on topics such as extensor tendon repair and reconstruction. She earned her medical degree at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo and completed her orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Her additional training includes a fellowship in hand surgery at Roosevelt Hospital, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City.

Valerae Lewis, MD (MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston). Dr. Lewis is chief of orthopedic oncology and an associate professor in the department of orthopedic oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. During her career, Dr. Lewis has served in leadership positions with the Western Orthopaedic Association, Musculoskeletal Tumor Society and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. She has been a member of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society mentoring committee and served on several committees at MD Anderson. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Lewis has also focused on research and published several articles in professional journals. Dr. Lewis earned her medical degree at Harvard Medical School in Boston and completed the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program. She also completed a clinical fellowship in musculoskeletal oncology at the University of Chicago.

Nina Lightdale, MD (Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sport Medicine Group, Santa Monica, Calif.). Dr. Lightdale is the director of the upper extremity program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and an assistant professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at the University of Southern California. She has a professional interest in treating upper extremity trauma disorders and performing microsurgery. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Lightdale is a member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and the California Hand Society. Dr. Lightdale earned her medical degree at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, N.H., and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Duke University in Durham, N.C. Her additional training includes a fellowship in hand and upper extremity and microsurgery at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. She is also a member of the Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group.

Taruna Madhav Crawford, MD (MidAmerica Hand to Shoulder Clinic, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.). Dr. Madhav Crawford is a hand and upper extremity surgeon who has a professional interest in treating acute trauma patients. She has experience performing complex reconstructive hand surgery for conditions such as arthritis and carpal tunnel syndrome. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Madhav Crawford has served as a Washington Health Policy Fellow for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and is a member of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. Dr. Madhav Crawford earned her medical degree at Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago and completed her residency at University of Cincinnati. Her additional training includes a fellowship in hand surgery at Philadelphia Hand Center/Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Jennifer L.M. Manuel, MD (Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute, Jacksonville, Fla.). Dr. Manuel is a hand surgeon at Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute. Before joining JOI, she spent time investigating the biomechanical strength of simulated partial scaphoid fractures in cadavers at Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minn., and the long-term functional and physical limitations of shoulder adhesive capsulitis treated with physical therapy while at Brown University in Providence, R.I. She is a member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and has won several awards throughout her career, including the AMWA Outstanding Women in Medicine Award. Dr. Manuel earned her medical degree at Boston University School of Medicine and completed her orthopedic surgery residency at Brown University. She also completed a fellowship in hand surgery at Mayo Clinic.

Mary-Blair Matejczyk, MD (Cleveland Clinic). Dr. Matejczyk has a professional interest in total hip and knee replacements and revision surgeries. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Matejczyk is a team physician for the Westgate Wheelers Cycling Association and she has authored numerous articles published in professional journals. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Orthopaedic Research Society and Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. Dr. Matejczyk earned her medical degree at Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University in Philadelphia and completed her residency at Cleveland Clinic. Her additional training includes a fellowship in pediatric orthopedics at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

Patricia L. McHale, MD (OrthoCarolina, Charlotte, N.C.). Dr. McHale is a sports medicine specialist at OrthoCarolina. During her career, she has been a member of several professional organizations, including American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. Dr. McHale earned her medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and completed her residency at the University of California at Irvine. Her additional training includes a fellowship in sports medicine at Baylor.

Jennifer Moriatis Wolf, MD (University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington). Dr. Wolf is a hand surgeon in the New England Musculoskeletal Institute at University of Connecticut Health Center. She also serves as an associate professor at UConn Health Care with a special interest in carpal tunnel syndrome, basilar thumb arthritis and lateral epicondylitis. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Wolf has participated on research on hand conditions and earned the United States Bone and Joint Decade Young Investigator recognition. She is currently the secretary of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She earned her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia and completed her residency at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. Her additional training includes a fellowship in orthopedic trauma at Brown/Rhode Island Hospital and in hand surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Mary K. Morrell, MD (Midwest Sports Medicine, Elk Grove Village, Ill.). Dr. Morrell is a trauma and fracture specialist with a special focus on hand and wrist conditions. She is also interested in arthritis pain and women's health issues, such as osteoporosis and conditions specific to female athletes. In her practice, she employs joint preservation techniques and minimally invasive surgery when conservative treatment has failed. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Morrell is a member of several professional societies, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society and American Fracture Association. She earned her medical degree at State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Her additional training includes a fellowship in orthopedic traumatology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mary I. O'Connor, MD (Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla.). Dr. O'Connor is an orthopedic surgeon at Mayo Clinic with a professional interest in hip and knee surgery and limb salvage. During her career, she has served as president for the International Society of Limb Salvage and the Musculoskeletal Research Society as well as president-elect of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. O'Connor has also been involved in several research projects and published articles in professional journals such as the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. Dr. O'Connor earned her medical degree at Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and completed her residency at Mayo Clinic. Her additional training includes a fellowship in bone and soft tissue surgery at Mayo.

Joan O'Shea, MD (The Spine Institute of Southern New Jersey, Marlton). Dr. O'Shea is trained in both neurosurgery and orthopedic spine surgery. During her career, she has been involved in cutting-edge surgical treatment for patients with cancer of the spine and complex spinal disorders. She has published several papers on her research in this area and has spoken at professional meetings across the country. She is a member of the North American Spine Society, Women in Neurosurgery, Medical Society of New Jersey and American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Dr. O'Shea earned her medical degree at State University of New York Upstate Health Center in Syracuse and completed her neurosurgical residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. Her additional training includes an orthopedic spine surgery fellowship at the Hospital for Joint Disease and the Spine Institute of Beth Israel Medical Center, both in New York City.

Lois K. Osier, MD (OrthoCarolina, Charlotte, N.C.). Dr. Osier is a hand and microsurgery specialist at OrthoCarolina. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and has a professional interest in pediatric and congenital hand deformities. During her career, Dr. Osier has been honored as a top physician by Charlotte Magazine for four years. Dr. Osier earned her medical degree at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Boston, where she also completed her residency and fellowship in orthopedic surgery. Her additional training includes a fellowship in hand and microsurgery at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Elizabeth A. Ouellette, MD (Miami International Hand Surgical Services). Dr. Ouellette is the director of the Miami International Hand Surgical Services, chief of hand surgery and director of the hand surgery fellowship program at Jackson (Fla.) Memorial Hospital. In addition to her clinical interests, Dr. Ouellette has research interests that include biomechanics of the wrist, nerve repair, skin coverage and psychological intervention for upper extremity and trauma patients. She has authored more than 20 peer-reviewed articles and given presentations based on her research internationally. Dr. Ouellette earned her medical degree at the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio and completed her residency at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. Her additional training includes a hand fellowship at the University of Miami, where she practiced for 20 years and eventually served as chief of hand surgery.

Laura Prokuski, MD (Sonoran Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeons, Scottsdale, Ariz.). Dr. Prokuski has a professional interest in providing care for orthopedic trauma patients. Throughout her career, Dr. Prokuski has served as a leader in several hospital committees. She is also a member of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Orthopaedic Trauma Association and Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She has given several presentations around the country on orthopedic trauma and published articles in professional journals on the topic. Dr. Prokuski earned her medical degree at the University of Iowa College of Medicine in Iowa City, where she also completed her residency in orthopedic surgery. Her additional experience includes a fellowship in orthopedic trauma at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

Yvonne E. Satterwhite, MD (Resurgens Orthopaedics, Atlanta). Dr. Satterwhite is a general orthopedic and sports medicine physician with a special interest in arthroscopic surgery. She is a member of several professional societies, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and FORUM Women's Orthopaedic Society. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Satterwhite previously served as head team physician for the Atlanta Beat women's professional soccer team and as a United States Olympic Committee medical staff physician. She was named Georgia Team Physician of the Year in 2002. Dr. Satterwhite earned her medical degree at the University of Georgia in Athens and completed her residency at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. Her additional training includes a fellowship under James Andrews, MD, and William Clancy, MD, in Birmingham, Ala.

Jessica Shellock, MD (Texas Back Institute, Plano). Dr. Shellock joined Texas Back Institute in 2009 after completing her fellowship training at the practice. She earned her medical degree at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at University of Florida in Gainesville. She is a member of several professional organizations, including North American Spine Society and the Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Shellock has participated in research about lumbar disc arthroplasty and spinal sports injuries. She has also given presentations nationally and internationally on subjects such as the failure of metal-on-metal artificial discs.

Naomi N. Shields, MD (Advanced Orthopaedic Associates, Wichita, Kan.). Dr. Shields has a professional interest in foot and ankle care, knee care, arthroscopy and sports medicine. She is also a committee chair for the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society and was elected to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors this year. During her career, Dr. Shields has also participated in humanitarian activities and volunteered for eleven medical mission trips to Vietnam. Dr. Shields earned her medical degree from Albany (N.Y.) Medical College and completed her residency at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in Lackland Air Force Base. Her additional training includes a fellowship in foot and ankle surgery at Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Jane Siegel, MD (Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance, Nashville). Dr. Siegel has a professional interest in hand and upper extremity surgery. She works with patients who have arthritis, sports and workplace injuries and rheumatic diseases. During her career, Dr. Siegel has served as president of the Tennessee Hand Society and as a Founders Circle Member of the American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand. She is also currently in the physician leadership program through the Tennessee Medical Society. Dr. Siegel earned her medical degree from Vanderbilt University Medical School in Nashville, Tenn., and completed her orthopedic surgery residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center/North Shore program in New York. Her additional training includes a hand and upper extremity fellowship through the combined program at Tufts University/New England Medical Center in Boston.

Beth E. Shubin Stein, MD (Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City). Dr. Shubin Stein has a professional interest in sports medicine and shoulder surgery. She serves as an assistant professor at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City and as a team physician for the United States Federation Cup Tennis team. Previously, she served as a team physician for New York's professional soccer team. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Shubin Stein has conducted research and published articles on topics such as PCL reconstruction and is a reviewer for the multiple journals, including *Journal of Arthroscopy*. Dr. Shubin Stein is a member of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. She earned her medical degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Columbia Presbyterian. Her additional training includes a fellowship at Hospital for Special Surgery.

Stephanie Renee Stephens, MD (Elite Orthopaedics of Las Colinas, Irving, Texas). Dr. Stephens has a professional interest in sports-related injuries of the shoulder and knee. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and member of several other professional groups, including the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society and Arthroscopy Association of North America. Dr. Stephens earned her medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Her additional training includes a fellowship in sports medicine at Allegheny University Hospitals in Philadelphia.

Sabrina M. Strickland, MD (Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City). Dr. Strickland is an attending orthopedic surgeon at Hospital for Special Surgery and chief of Orthopedics at Bronx (N.Y.) Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. She has a professional interest in sports medicine, with a particular focus on ACL injuries in women, rotator cuff repair and shoulder instability. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Strickland's research has received honors from the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She is a member of the Arthroscopy Association of North America, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. Dr. Strickland earned her medical degree at Rush University in Chicago and completed her residency and fellowship at Hospital for Special Surgery.

Julie Switzer, MD (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis). Dr. Switzer is an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Minnesota, with a special interest in geriatric patients, trauma and bone metabolism diseases. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Switzer has published several articles and given presentations on topics such as wilderness orthopedics and pelvic fractures. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, National Osteoporosis Foundation and Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She earned her medical degree at Stanford (Calif.) University and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle. Her additional training includes a fellowship in orthopedics and sports medicine at Vail (Colo.) Valley Medical Center and a medical scholars research fellowship at Stanford.

Kimberly Templeton, MD (University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City). Dr. Templeton is the director of musculoskeletal oncology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She has been elected twice as president of the Kansas Orthopaedic Society as well as served as the president of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society and Women in Medicine & Science at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Templeton was the second woman inducted into the American Orthopaedic Association, where she remains an active member. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Templeton has focused on research and mentoring young orthopedic students. She earned her medical degree at the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia and completed her residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's medical Center in Chicago. Her additional training includes a fellowship in musculoskeletal oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Claudia Thomas, MD (Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore). Dr. Thomas is among the first black female orthopedic surgeons, and through her work with Johns Hopkins Medical Center residents, she increased the number of female residents to 20 percent and the proportion of black residents to 32 percent. She has received the Diversity Award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and has served president of the Virgin Islands Medical Society. She has a focus on providing orthopedic care for underserved inner-city populations. Dr. Thomas earned her medical degree at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed her orthopedic residency at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., where she was the first black female to graduate from the program. She has also completed a fellowship in trauma care at Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services in Baltimore.

Ruth L. Thomas, MD (University of Arkansas, Little Rock). Dr. Thomas is the director of the Center for Foot and Ankle Surgery and a professor of orthopedics at the University of Arkansas. Prior to earning her medical degree, she served as a physical therapist and worked with spina bifida patients. Her current practice encompasses all forms of foot and ankle care, including complex reconstruction. Her research interests include biomechanical alterations related to hind foot fusions and reconstructive procedures. In addition to her medical practice, Dr. Thomas serves as a committee chair for the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. Dr. Thomas earned her medical degree from the University of Arkansas and completed her orthopedic surgery residency at UAMS. Her additional training includes a foot and ankle fellowship at Campbell Clinic in Memphis, Tenn.

Jennifer Tucker, MD (Resurgens Orthopaedics, Atlanta). Dr. Tucker is a hand and upper extremity specialist at Resurgens Orthopaedics. During her career, Dr. Tucker has been the recipient of the AO Foundation travel scholarship, which allowed her to study shoulder and elbow care in Switzerland. She has also been a volunteer hand surgeon at Access Orange County and president of Operation Spine, University of Louisville (Ky.) Chapter. Dr. Tucker is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Society for Surgery of the Hand and Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She earned her medical degree at the University of Louisville, where she also completed her residency. Her additional training includes a hand and upper extremity fellowship at the University of California in Irvine and Kaiser Permanente in Orange County, Calif.

Cathleen S. Van Buskirk, MD (Alpine Spine, Boulder, Colo.). Dr. Van Buskirk practices at Alpine Spine and is on staff at the Minimally Invasive Spine Institute Outpatient Spine Surgery Center in Lafayette, Colo. During her career, Dr. Van Buskirk has published multiple teaching books, such as *Surgical Approaches to Spine and Contemporary Management of Spinal Cord Injury*, in addition to various articles on spine surgery. Her goal is to stay on the cutting edge of new techniques to advance the field of spine surgery through research and continuing education. She is a member of the North American Spine Society, Scoliosis Research Society and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Van Buskirk earned her medical degree at Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of New Mexico. Her additional training includes a fellowship in spine surgery at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and in pediatric orthopedic spine surgery at Vincent De Paul Hospital in Paris.

Ann E. Van Heest, MD (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis). Dr. Van Heest is a past president of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She currently serves as an associate professor of orthopedics at the University of Minnesota and has a professional interest in hand and upper extremity surgery. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Van Heest is a consultant reviewer for professional journals, including *Journal of Hand Surgery* and *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. Dr. Van Heest earned her medical degree and completed her residency at the University of Minnesota. Her additional training includes the Harvard Hand and Upper Extremity Fellowship in Boston.

Alexis M. Waguespack, MD (SpineCare Medical Group, New Orleans). Dr. Waguespack has a professional interest in treating patients with cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine disorders and trauma, including adult scoliosis and osteoporotic fractures. In addition to her clinical work, she is a member of North American Spine Society, Cervical Spine Research Society and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Waguespack earned her medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, where she also completed her residency in orthopedic surgery. Her additional training includes a spine fellowship at San Francisco Spine Institute.

Kristy Weber, MD (Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore). Dr. Weber is the division chief of orthopedic oncology and director of the Sarcoma Center at Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore. She has a special interest in bone tumors, soft tissue tumors, limb salvage surgery at metastatic bone disease. Dr. Weber currently holds leadership positions within the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Weber is focused on research. She has published articles in professional journals on topics such as bone metastasis. Dr. Weber earned her medical degree at Johns Hopkins and completed her residency at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Her additional training includes a fellowship in orthopedic oncology at the Mayo Clinic.

Jennifer Weiss, MD (Children's Hospital Los Angeles). Dr. Weiss is the director of the sports medicine program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and an assistant professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at the University of Southern California. She has a professional interest in treating patients with foot and hip disorders, trauma and sports medicine injuries in children. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Weiss is a member of the Osteochondritis Dissecans Study Group of North America, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. She earned her medical degree at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City and completed her residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Her additional training includes a fellowship in pediatric orthopedic surgery at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She is also a member of the Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group.

Michelle L. Wolcott, MD (University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver). Dr. Wolcott is an associate professor of orthopedics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She has a professional interest in sports medicine, focusing on arthroscopic surgery and articular cartilage restoration. She is also interested in foot and ankle care. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Wolcott has also authored several articles on sports medicine topics that were published in journals such as the *American Journal of Sports Medicine*. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. Dr. Wolcott earned her medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Loyola University in Chicago. Her additional training includes a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Karen Wu, MD (Loyola University Health System, Maywood, Ill.). Dr. Wu is an assistant professor at Loyola University with a focus on joint replacement and reconstruction. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Wu earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. Her additional training includes a fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston in adult reconstructive surgery. She was the first woman to undergo the Aufranc fellowship at NEBH, where colleagues were initially skeptical about her ability to reduce a dislocated hip on a larger woman. She accomplished the procedure successfully during her first try.

Debra A. Zillmer, MD (Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.). Dr. Zillmer is an orthopedic surgeon with a professional interest in sports medicine. She serves as a team physician for the United States Soccer Federation and was a team physician for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team at the 2011 National's Cup in China. She has a professional interest in the bone and joint health of girls and women as well as sports injury prevention. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Zillmer has engaged in research and published articles on various topics, such as rotator cuff tears in young athletes, in professional journals. She earned her medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y., where she also completed her residency. Dr. Zillmer also completed a fellowship in spine surgery at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.