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Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine, Spine Surgery

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Valley Orthopaedic Specialists

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August 2014 – Present

Coastal Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

7710 South US Federal Hwy 1
Port St Lucie, FL 34952

July 2013 – January 2014

Crossroads Orthopedic

Waterford, CT

December 2006 – June 2013

Orthopaedic Specialty Group

Fairfield, CT

January 1999 – June 2004

Sutton Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, P.C.

Stockbridge, GA

August 1996 – July 1997

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

Griffin Hospital

180 Division St
Derby, CT 06418

Full Privileges

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Fellowship	Spine Fellowship Postdoctoral Subspecialty Training UCLA School of Medicine Department of Orthopedic Surgery	1997 - 1998
	Research Fellowship Emory University School of Medicine Department of Orthopedic Surgery Atlanta, GA Hand & Upper Extremity Reconstructive Microsurgery Research	1991 - 1992
	Research Fellowship; Postdoctoral Emory University School of Medicine Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology Atlanta, GA Developmental Neurobiology Research	1990 - 1991
	Research Fellowship; Premedical Duke University Dept. of Anatomy/Division of Neuroscience Durham, NC Neuroanatomy/Neurophysiology Research	1982 - 1983
Residency	Postdoctoral Specialty Training Emory University School of Medicine Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Atlanta, GA Orthopaedic Surgery Residency (PGY2-PGY5)	1992 - 1996
	Postdoctoral Specialty Training Emory University School of Medicine Department of Neurological Surgery Atlanta, GA Neurosurgery Residency (PGY2-PGY3)	1988 - 1990
Internship	Postdoctoral Medical Training Emory University School of Medicine Department of General Surgery Atlanta, GA General Surgery Internship (PGY1)	1987 - 1988

Medical Education

University of Connecticut School of Medicine 1983 - 1987
Farmington, Connecticut
Degree: M.D.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- North American Spine Society

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURES

- Board Certification: American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- Licensure:

State Medical Licenses:

Connecticut – Active	1999 – Present
California - Inactive/Renewable	1997 – Present

Drug Enforcement Administration Licenses:

Federal - Active
Connecticut - Active

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Activities / Awards

- High School: Valedictorian
National Merit Scholars
- College: Honors Degree; Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry
- Medical School: Scholar in Surgery
Class President 1983-1987
- Residency: First Place Outstanding Paper Award: “Intraarterial Administration of Urokinase Increases Patency After Anastomosis In A Crush-Avulsion Injury Model.” Southeastern Orthopaedic Residents Research Conference, 1992.

Best Clinical Paper Award: “MRI Evaluation of Arthroscopically Assisted Cryopreserved Meniscal Allograft Transplants in 23 Consecutive Patients.” Emory University Annual Kelly Society Research Conference, 1994.

PUBLICATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Publications:

Rooks, M., Rodriguez, J., Blechner, M., et al., "Comparative Study of Intraarterial and Intravenous Anticoagulants in Microvascular Anastomoses," *Microsurgery*, 1994; 15(2): 123-129.

Blechner, M., and Seiler, J., "Tire Explosion Injuries to the Upper Extremity", *Journal of the Southern Orthopaedic Association*, 1995; 4(4): 255-262

Heller, J., Klekamp, J.W., and Blechner, M., "Posterior Cervical Instrumentation" in *Surgery of the Cervical Spine*, ed. Emery, S. and Boden, S., Saunders/Elsevier Science (U.S.A.), 2003.

Presentations:

"Intraarterial Administration of Urokinase is More Effective than Equivalent Intravenous Doses at Increasing Patency after Anastomosis in a Crush-Avulsion Injury Model." Annual Conference of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, 1992.

Posters:

"Clinical Evaluation of the Distractive Properties of Cages for Anterior Spinal Fusions." Annual Meeting of the International Society for Surgery.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST