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Speaker Biography

Gerald R. Williams, Jr, MD

Dr. Williams is The John M. Fenlin, Jr Professor of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery at The Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. As a member of the Division of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery at the Rothman Institute, his practice is limited to the diagnosis and management of shoulder disorders, with extensive experience in the field of shoulder replacement. He currently serves as the Chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Shoulder and Elbow Registry Steering Committee, a member of the AAOS Registry Oversight Committee, a member of the AAOS Governance Committee, and a member of the Rothman Institute Board of Directors. He is also co-Chief of Musculoskeletal Medicine at Main Line Health System in the Philadelphia area. He has previously served as the 2nd Vice-President, 1st Vice President, President, and Past President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, President of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, President of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society, and President of the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society.

Although he was born in Ft. Myers, Florida, Dr. Williams grew up in West Chester, Pennsylvania, graduating with honors from Henderson High School (1976), with honors from Ursinus College (1980), and with honors from Temple University School of Medicine (1984). He completed his internship and residency in Orthopaedic Surgery, and Fellowship training in shoulder surgery (1984-1990) at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He was in solo private practice for 1 year (1990-1991) at Graduate Hospital, full-time academic practice at the University of Pennsylvania for 16 years (1991-2007), and private practice at the Rothman Institute and Thomas Jefferson University Health System for 13 years (2007-present).

Dr. Williams' teaching and research experience is extensive. He has participated as a faculty member or organized over 250 educational meetings, authored over 150 scientific articles and 45 review articles or book chapters, and co-edited 4 textbooks on shoulder surgery.

In addition, he has been involved in product design in the shoulder arthroplasty space for over 20 years. He is an inventor on approximately 15 patents. He currently is a member of the senior surgeon leadership team at DJO and is involved with the design of multiple shoulder arthroplasty products with them.

Dr. Williams has been married to Robin Kazanjian Williams for 36 years and they have two children—Mark (30) and Alexis (28) and 1 grandchild—Penelope Rose. They reside in Villanova, Pennsylvania.