



James R. Andrews, MD

Dr. James R. Andrews, orthopedic surgeon, is one of the founding members of the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center (ASMOC) and American Sports Medicine Institute (ASMI) in Birmingham, Alabama. He serves as Chairman and Medical Director of ASMI.

Doctor Andrews is internationally known and recognized throughout the world for his scientific and clinic research contributions in knee, shoulder and elbow injuries, and his skill as an orthopedic surgeon.

Doctor Andrews came to Birmingham in 1986 to help from the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center. He has been the mentor for more than 150 orthopedic/sports medicine fellows and more than 30 primary care sports medicine fellows who have trained under him through the American Sports Medicine Institute Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. Involved in education and research in sports medicine and orthopedic surgery, he has made major presentations on every continent, and has authored numerous scientific articles and books.

Education and Certifications

Doctor Andrews graduated from Louisiana State University in 1963, where he was Southeastern Conference indoor and outdoor pole vault champion. He completed LSU School of Medicine in 1967, and completed his orthopedic residency at Tulane Medical School in 1972. He has surgical fellowships in sports medicine at the University of Virginia Medical School in 1972 with Doctor Frank McCue, III and at the University of Lyon, France in 1972 with late professor Albert Trillat, M.D., who was known as the Father of European Knee Surgery.

Doctor Andrews is a member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Orthopedic Society of Sports medicine, and currently serves as Secretary of that Board. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Arthroscopy Association of North America and International Knee Society. He is Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical School, the University of Virginia School of Medicine, the University of Kentucky Medical Center, and the University of South Carolina Medical School. He has been awarded a Doctor of Laws Degree from Livingston University, Doctor of Sciences Degree from Troy State University and a Doctor of Science Degree from Louisiana State University.

Current Endeavors

At present, Doctor Andrews serves as Co-Medical Director for Intercollegiate Sports at Auburn University. He is Senior Orthopedic Consultant for Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Alabama. He is the orthopedic consultant for the athletic teams of Troy State University, University of West Alabama, Tuskegee University and Grambling University.

He is Senior Orthopedic Consultant for the Washington Redskins Professional Football team. He is the Medical Director of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Professional Baseball Team. He is the team physician for the Birmingham Barons Double A Professional Baseball Team, an affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

He has been a member of the Sports medicine Committee of the United States Olympic Committee having served during the last two quadrennials.

He served on the NCAA Competitive Safeguards in Medial Aspects of Sports Committee.

He currently service on the Medical and Safety Advisory Committee of USA Baseball.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the following companies: HealthTronics Corporation, Fast Health Corporation, American Club Systems, Banc Corporation, and Robins Morton Construction Company. He is a member of Troy State University's Board of Trustees.

Personal Information

Doctor Andrews and his wife Jenelle have six children, Andy, Amy, Archie, Ashley, Amber, Abby and two grandchildren.

Yacht racing is one of Doctors Andrews' keen interests. His 50-foot racing sloop, Abracadabra III, won the 1990 International 50-Foot Yacht Association Yacht Cup. He has also won many other yacht racing off shore regattas. His offshore racing sloop, Abracadabra, was recently named on the best 100 vessels of the twentieth century by Sail Magazine. He served as President and Chairman of the Board of Aloha Racing Foundation, an America's Cup XXX Syndicate based in Honolulu, Hawaii, which challenged for the 2000 America's Cup contested in Auckland, New Zealand. His other hobbies include golf and hunting.