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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Fellowship
The Spine Institute of Arizona – Scottsdale, AZ
Orthopaedic Spine Surgery Fellowship
Minimally Invasive & Motion Preservation Emphasis

Residency
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine – Philadelphia, PA
Orthopaedic Surgery Residency

Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine – Tulsa, OK
Orthopaedic Surgery Residency

Internship
Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine – Tulsa, OK
Orthopaedic Linked Surgical Internship

Medical Education
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine – Philadelphia, PA
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Cum Laude
Fellowship in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM)

Nursing Education
The Johns Hopkins University – Baltimore, MD
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Accelerated Program)

Undergraduate Education
Gettysburg College – Gettysburg, PA
Bachelor of Science in Biology
Minors: Chemistry, Theatrical Arts

BOARD CERTIFICATION

- **American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery (AOBOS)** – Board Certified, Orthopedic Surgery
  Recertification in process – certification active through 12/31/2027

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (ACTIVE)

Arizona • Florida • Georgia • Illinois • Ohio • Pennsylvania • Tennessee • Texas • Virginia • West Virginia
License numbers available upon request.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION & MEDICOLEGAL WORK

- Independent Medical Examiner, 2012 – Present
- Retained by both plaintiff and defense counsel
- Independent medical examinations (IME / CME / DME), records and peer review, narrative reports, depositions and trial testimony across multiple jurisdictions (Summit MedLegal Group LLC)
- Causation opinions and permanent impairment ratings, AMA Guides 4th, 5th and 6th Editions
- Workers' compensation, personal injury, commercial trucking and disability evaluation matters
- Attorney presence and videotaping of examinations permitted

DEPOSITION & TRIAL TESTIMONY

Testimony list available upon request.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Orthopedic and Acute Spine Injury Specialists, PLLC – Arizona
Founder & Orthopedic Spine Surgeon
December 2025 – Present

- Arizona-based orthopedic spine practice providing clinical care and surgical services.
- Evaluation and management of cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine pathology.
- Surgical and non-surgical spine care, including trauma, degenerative disease and complex spine conditions.

The Spine Institute of Florida, PLLC – Florida
Founder & Orthopedic Spine Surgeon
February 2024 – Present

- Active orthopedic spine practice providing comprehensive surgical and non-surgical spine care.
- Extensive experience in personal injury and workers' compensation populations.

Steel City Spine and Orthopedic Center, PLLC – Pennsylvania
Founder & Orthopedic Spine Surgeon
April 2020 – September 2025

- Owner and lead orthopedic spine surgeon in a spine-focused surgical practice.
- High-volume evaluation and management of complex spine pathology.

Advanced Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation – Pennsylvania
Orthopedic Spine Surgeon
January 2017 – April 2020

- Sole orthopedic spine surgeon in a multi-specialty orthopedic practice.
- Director, Center for Disc Replacement Surgery and Center for Advanced Spine Surgery.
- Extensive outpatient and ASC-based spine surgery experience.

Mid-Maryland Musculoskeletal Institute (CAO) – Maryland
Founder & Orthopedic Spine Surgeon
December 2012 – December 2016

- Sole orthopedic spine surgeon in a large multi-physician orthopedic group.
- Founder and Director, The Spine Institute at MMI.
- Extensive workers' compensation and complex spine case management.
- Adjunct Faculty, West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Orthopaedic Center of Central Virginia – Virginia
Orthopedic Spine Surgeon
November 2011 – November 2012

- One of three spine surgeons in a large multi-specialty orthopedic group.
- High-volume surgical and non-surgical spine practice.

ACADEMIC & TRAINING APPOINTMENTS

- Adjunct Faculty, West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Adjunct Faculty, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Trains spine fellows, residents and medical students in clinic weekly

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Independent Medical Examiner (CIME)
- Credentialed ImPACT Consultant (CIC) – June 2023
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (AOAO)
- American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- North American Spine Society (NASS)
- Society of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (SMISS)
- Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society
- Women in Neuromodulation (WIN)

HONORS & RECOGNITION (Selected)

- Becker's Spine Review: "340 Spine Surgeons to Know" (multiple years)
- Becker's Spine Review: "Spine Surgeon Leader to Know" (multiple features)
- Becker's Spine Review: Featured in "Spine and Neurosurgeons Making Headlines" (multiple features)
- Becker's ASC Review: "Spine Surgeons Performing Total Disc Replacement in ASCs"
- Parents Magazine: Featured Article (September 2026)
- Baltimore Business Journal: People on the Move
- National media appearances and invited expert commentary on spine care

CLINICAL SPECIALIZATIONS

- Minimally invasive spine surgery (MIS) – cervical, thoracic and lumbar
- Motion preservation and total disc replacement (cervical and lumbar)
- Complex and revision spine surgery

- Spinal trauma and acute spine injury management
- Degenerative spine disease – surgical and non-surgical management
- Concussion evaluation and management (ImPACT® certified)
- Metabolic bone health and osteoporosis-related spinal pathology

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Idema J, et al. "Clinical Outcomes Following Minimally Invasive Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion." Podium Presentation, AOAO Annual Conference.

Idema J, et al. "Complications in Adult Spinal Deformity Surgery: A Retrospective Review." Poster Presentation, AO Spine North America Fellows Forum.

Idema J, et al. "Nursing to Surgery: A Unique Pathway to Orthopedic Practice." Invited Grand Rounds, Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.