

Haim D. Blecher, M.D.

EDUCATION

State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse

Syracuse, New York

Medical Doctor Degree, *May 1998*

Honors: Academic Excellence Scholarship, *1997*

Binghamton University, State University of New York

Binghamton, New York

Bachelor of Arts Degree, *cum laude, May 1994*

Honors: Deans List, *1990, 1991 and 1992*; NCAA Division III Wrestling Letter Winner, *1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993*; Academic All SUNY Athletic Conference (Wrestling), *1992*; International Economics Honor Society *1992-1994*

POST GRADUATE EDUCATION

Spine Institute of New York-Beth Israel Medical Center

Spine Surgery Fellowship

Fellowship Director: Michael G. Neuwirth, M.D.

New York, New York, *August 2003-July 2004*

UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Orthopaedic Surgery Residency, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

New Brunswick, New Jersey, *July 1999-June 2003*

Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital

Orthopaedic Oncology

New York, New York, *May-June 2002*

UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Surgical Internship, Department of General Surgery

New Brunswick, New Jersey, *July 1998- June 1999*

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATION

Board Certified American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons 2006

North American Spine Society Member 2004-Present

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Candidate member

Spine Arthroplasty Society Member

PUBLISHED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Blecher HD, Neuwirth MG

Ahead of the Curve: Treating Adults with scoliosis challenges the spine care team to explore non operative treatment. An article reviewing the difficult task of managing adult scoliosis. Organizes a formulated treatment plan from presentation to long term post operative period.

Published in ADVANCE FOR DIRECTORS IN REHABILITATION May 2004, Vol 13 No 5

Blecher HD , Bitan FD, Kahn SB, Lipp MI , Panagos A, Casden AM, Kuflik PL and Neuwirth MG

Correlation of Discogram Findings With Surgical Outcomes Following Total Disc Replacement: Outcomes of the FDA trial disc replacement as they relate to discogram findings, a prospective study.

Presented at the 4th Annual Spine Arthroplasty Society, Vienna 2004

Blecher HD, Bitan F, Kuflik PL, Casden AM, Neuwirth MG

Radiographic Parameters Following Total Disc Replacement; 2 year follow up: Radiographic follow up at 2 years following the FDA trial disc replacements.

Presented at the 4th Annual Spine Arthroplasty Society, Vienna 2004

Blecher HD, Webster DA

Mechanism of ACL Tears in Skiing Injuries: Developed a Biomechanical model assessing ACL strain as a function of variables occurring in a simulated ski landing.

Presented at Dr. David Murray Day, Syracuse, New York, June 1998

RESEARCH

Malberg M, Blecher HD, Rodricks D

Laser Discectomies Using Holmium Laser: Retrospective study evaluating efficacy of LASER discectomies using the Holmium Laser.

Submitted to Spine April 2001

PRESENTATIONS

Metastatic Disease To The Spine – Surgical options and outcomes, University Medical Center at Princeton Tumor Board, *July 2006*

Cervical Myelopathy – Diagnosis and Surgical Management, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Neurosurgical/Orthopaedic Spine grand rounds, *June 2006*

Vertebral Body Reconstruction Using Expandable Cages, Spine Institute of New York National Spine Fellows Meeting, *May 2006*

Low Back Pain-Diagnosis and management, University Medical Center at Princeton Medical Grand Rounds, *March 2006*

Traumatic and Oncologic Conditions of the Spine, Stryker Instructional Course Lecture, *March 2006*

Spine Surgery In 2006- Advances and Evolution, University Medical Center at Princeton Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Conference, *February 2006*

Subaxial Cervical Spinal Trauma- Diagnosis and Management, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Neurosurgical/Orthopaedic Spine grand rounds, *March 2005*

Flat Back Deformity – Consideration of Sagittal balance in spine patients, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Neurosurgical/Orthopaedic Spine grand rounds, *May 2005*

Metastatic Spine Tumors, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Neurosurgical/Orthopaedic Spine grand rounds, *September 2004*

Correlation of Discogram Findings With Surgical Outcomes Following Total Disc Replacement, International Spine Arthroplasty Society Conference, *Vienna, Austria-2004*

Radiographic Parameters Following Total Disc Replacement; 2 year follow up, International Spine Arthroplasty Society Conference, *Vienna, Austria- 2004*

Radial Tunnel Syndrome, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Orthopaedic Grand Rounds, *February 2001*

Sternoclavicular Joint Pathology, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Orthopaedic Grand Rounds, *September 2000*

Supracondylar Humerus Fractures, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Orthopaedic Grand Rounds, *May 1999*

Anterior Cruciate Ligament Tears in Skiing Injuries
Dr. David Murray Alumni Conference
Health Science Center at Syracuse Medical School, *June 1998*

SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Charite Artificial Disc Replacement: Frequent Clinical Instructor for the charite artificial disc replacement course in Cincinnati - 2005

Thoracic Pedicle Screws Instructional course: September 2003, NJ. Instructed on thoracic pedicle screw placement and biomechanics

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Spine Universe Editorial Board – 2005 till present

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Russian and Hebrew

HOBBIES

Surfing, Scuba Diving and Golf