

10 Orthopedic and Spine Industry Leaders

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Here are 10 orthopedic and spine physician leaders.

Tal S. David, MD, of Arthroscopy & Orthopedic Sports Medicine Associates in San Diego.

Referred to as "soccer savior" by one of his patients, Dr. David has proven his leadership among orthopedic surgeons by performing ACL reconstructions using the AperFix system. In addition to treating his patients, Dr. David is a clinical instructor in the department of orthopedic surgery at the University of California, San Diego, and serves on the North American board of editors for *Orthopedics*.

Read more about [Dr. Tal S. David](#).

Lawrence D. Dorr, MD, of Dorr Arthritis Institute in Los Angeles. Dr. Dorr was recognized as the Humanitarian of the Year in 2006 by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for his work with the Operation Walk. He is the current president of the Hip Society as well as a past president of the Knee Society and the American Association for Hip and Knee Surgeons, both of which he founded. He is currently the only physician who is a member of all three organizations.

Read more about [Dr. Lawrence D. Dorr](#).

Frank Jobe, MD, of Kerlan-Jobe Clinic in Los Angeles. Dr. Jobe, pioneer of the Tommy John Surgery, has served on the president's council on physical fitness and sports. He is an orthopedic consultant for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Kings, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the PGA Tour. He has also been the medical director of the biomechanics laboratory at Centinela Hospital Medical Center in Inglewood, Calif., and clinical professor at the University of Southern California School of Medicine in Los Angeles.

Read more about [Dr. Frank Jobe](#).

Choll Kim, MD, PhD, of the Spine Institute of San Diego. Dr. Kim is a nationally known expert on computer-assisted minimally invasive spine surgery. He shares his expertise with fellow spine surgeons as director of the education lab in the minimally invasive spine center at Alvarado Hospital in San Diego. He uses image guidance and navigation techniques in order to perform spine surgery on complex spinal disorders, spinal stenosis, deformities, traumatic injuries and tumors.

Read more about [Dr. Choll Kim](#).

Craig Levitz, MD, of Orlin & Cohen Orthopedic Group in Rockville Centre, N.Y. Dr. Levitz currently spreads his expertise on knee, shoulder and elbow disorders to future physicians around the world. He is lead faculty for Smith & Nephew's minimally invasive knee and shoulder surgery course and serves as consultant to other major orthopedic companies.

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Read more about [Dr. Craig Levitz](#) .

Kenneth Light, MD, of San Francisco Spine Center. Dr. Light recently became one of the only physicians in the United States to successfully reverse a spinal fusion. Spinal fusions were thought to be permanent procedures, until recently, and many fusions severely limit the patient's range of motion. This was the case for Dr. Light's patient, who also suffered from constant pain before the reversal.

Read more about [Dr. Kenneth Light](#) .

Bert Mandelbaum, MD, of Santa Monica (Calif.) Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group. Dr. Mandelbaum established his leadership within sports medicine by heading a development team in creating a warm-up program specifically designed to help female athletes prevent common knee injuries. Female athletes who completed the Prevent Injury and Enhance Performance (PEP) were 1.7 times less likely to have ACL injuries than other female athletes, according to the research.

Read more about [Dr. Bert Mandelbaum](#) .

Thomas P. Sculco, MD, of the Hospital of Special Surgery in New York City. Dr. Sculco became the surgeon-in-chief of a top hospital orthopedic program when the *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the Hospital of Special Surgery in New York City as [number one in orthopedics](#) this past July. Dr. Sculco is also chairman of the department of orthopedic surgery and professor of orthopedic surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City.

Read more about [Dr. Thomas P. Sculco](#) .

James St. Louis, MD, of Laser Spine Institute in Tampa, Fla. Dr. St. Louis is the founder and chief physician at Laser Spine Institute in Tampa, Fla. He is committed to providing his patients with the best treatment possible for spinal injuries and disorders. He has consistently been on the cutting edge of minimally invasive spine surgery techniques and has trained many young physicians on innovative surgical techniques throughout his career.

Read more about [Dr. James St. Louis](#) .

Richard Steadman, MD, of The Steadman Clinic in Vail, Colo. Dr. Steadman has treated patients and professional athletes for more than two decades at The Steadman Clinic in Vail, Colo., which he co-founded with Richard Hawkins, MD. Dr. Steadman focuses on treatment for knee injuries and is currently treating famous patients such as Ryan Sweeney of the Oakland Athletics and Owen Hargreaves of Manchester United.

Read more about [Dr. Richard Steadman](#) .