

Faculty Biography

R. Brian Butler, MD

Dr. Butler completed his undergraduate work in both biology and economics from Northwestern University. His medical degree is from the University of Maryland School Of Medicine. He completed his orthopedic residency in 2009 at the University of Maryland. He is currently completing a fellowship in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery through Harvard University School of Medicine at the Massachusetts General and Brigham & Women's Hospital. During this fellowship he has had the opportunity to complete a traveling fellowship with Dr. Laurent Lafosse in Annecy, France.

Laurence D. Higgins, MD

Dr. Higgins completed his undergraduate work in biochemistry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, a master's degree in physiology at Georgetown University, and his medical degree at the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine. He completed his residency training at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City and was a Fellow in Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery at the Center for Sports Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is the former Director of the Duke University Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery Fellowship program, former Head Team Physician for both the Duke University and North Carolina Central University Sports Teams. Currently, he is an Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School and is Chief of the Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service at Brigham and Women's Hospital. His clinical interests include rotator cuff injuries, shoulder instability, shoulder replacement, knee instability (especially ACL, PCL and complex ligamentous injuries). He is additionally trained in cartilage and meniscal repair. He is active in clinical research, the education of residents and fellows and has published nearly 50 peer reviewed papers. He is very active in the national orthopedic community where he is a member of the American Shoulder and Elbows Surgeons, The American Orthopedic Association, The Eastern Orthopedic Association, and the International Cartilage Repair Society.

Brian G. Leggin, PT, DPT, OCS

Mr. Leggin is an Advanced Clinician II, Good Shepherd Penn Partners, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, University of Pennsylvania Health System, Shoulder and Elbow Service in Philadelphia, PA. Graduated from Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY with Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy in 1991. Graduated from Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA with a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Science in 1997. Completed DPT at Temple University in 2006. Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties in 1999.

Brian has worked at the University of Pennsylvania since 1991 and has been part of the Shoulder and Elbow Service since 1992. He has developed and published the psychometric properties of the Penn Shoulder Score. In addition, Brian is and has been an adjunct instructor and guest lecturer in the Physical Therapy programs at Arcadia

University, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Camden, and the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. He is currently an active member and past-President of the American Society of Shoulder and Elbow Therapists and a member of the board of the International Congress on Shoulder Therapy. Publications include several book chapters and peer reviewed journal articles in *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*, *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, *Physical Therapy*, and the *Journal of Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy*, among others. He has given numerous scientific and professional presentations on the local, state, national, and international level.

Chuck Thigpen, DPT, ATC

Mr. Thigpen is a Clinical Research Scientist with Proaxis Therapy. He completed his PhD in Human Movement Science from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 2006. He has presented at the national and international conferences, and teaches in both the academic and continuing education arenas. He is currently leading several funded studies including: “A Randomized Control Trial for Treatment of Shoulder Impingement”, “Prospective Evaluation of Risk Factors in Adolescent Baseball Players”, and “Adaptations to Pitching Over Time in Professional Baseball Pitchers”. He served as the staff athletic trainer for the 2002-2003 University of North Carolina women’s basketball team. Before that, Chuck worked as a graduate assistant with UNC wrestling, men’s lacrosse, women’s golf, and women’s crew. His primary research interest is shoulder injury, rehabilitation and prevention. Thigpen completed a M.S. in Human Movement Science with a concentration in Sports Physical Therapy from UNC in May of 2003. He earned his B.S. in Physical Therapy from East Tennessee State University in 1997. Thigpen is a NATABOC certified athletic trainer and a member of the National Athletic Trainer’s Association, as well as the American Physical Therapy Association’s Sports Physical Therapy and Orthopedic Special Interest Groups. He is currently serving as the Education Chair for the American Society of Shoulder and Elbow Therapists.

Jon J.P. Warner, M.D.

Dr. Warner joined the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Surgery Dept. on April 1, 1998 as Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Partner's Health Care System and Chief of the Harvard Shoulder Service at Partners. He was promoted to Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery in June of 2004. His practice is based at Massachusetts General Hospital. He comes to Boston from the University of Pittsburgh where he was Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Director of the Shoulder Service, Assistant Director of the Center for Sports Medicine, and Co-Director of the Shoulder Research Laboratory at the Musculoskeletal Research Center. Under his direction over the eight years when he worked there Pittsburgh became known as one of the preeminent centers for management of problems of the shoulder, and also as the premier research center for study of biomechanics of the shoulder. He is the author of over 90 peer review publications, more than 300 book chapters, and 5 books. His clinical and basic research has been recognized by more than 30 regional, national and international awards. These have included the Kappa Delta Award of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (Best Research in Orthopaedics), The O’Donoghue Award of the American Orthopaedic Society for

Sports Medicine (Best Research in Sports Medicine), The Neer Award of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons (Best Research in Shoulder Problems), The John Joyce Award of the International Arthroscopy Association, The O'Connor Award of the Arthroscopy Association of North America (Best Research in Arthroscopy), and the Award for Best Paper of the Orthopaedic Trauma Society. In 1994 he was selected as one of the two traveling fellows in the inaugural year of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons Exchange Fellowship representing this society to The European Society of Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons. He has been a Visiting Professor and Lecturer on 300 occasions at meetings and Universities throughout Europe, Asia, and the United States. He is Board Certified in Orthopaedic Surgery and is a member of numerous specialty societies including the Orthopaedic Research Society, the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and the Arthroscopy Association of North America. His practice is principally devoted to the treatment of problems of the shoulder and elbow. He is the Founder of the New England Shoulder and Elbow Society and its current President.

Reg B. Wilcox III, PT, DPT, MS, OCS

Mr. Wilcox completed his B.S. in physical therapy at the University of Vermont, his transitional DPT degree from the MGH Institute of Health and his advanced MS degree from MGH Institute of Health Professions. He obtained board certification from ABPTS in Orthopedics in 2006. He is a member of the American Society of Shoulder and Elbow Therapists and serves as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at MGH Institute of Health Professions. He has held various clinical physical therapy positions over the last 15 years at Deaconess Hospital (Boston, MA), Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center-West Campus (Boston, MA) and Brockton Hospital (Brockton, MA). He has spent the last 9 years as a Clinical Supervisor of Outpatient Services in the Department of Rehabilitation Services at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. His main focus of clinical work is related to shoulder dysfunction and the postoperative management of patients having undergone shoulder procedures. He was the lead author of Wilcox RB, Arslanian LE, Millett PJ. *Rehabilitation Following Total Shoulder Arthroplasty*. J Orthop Sports Phys Ther. 2005; 35 (12): 821-836, which was awarded the George J. Davies - James A. Gould Excellence in Clinical Inquiry Award by the Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy. He was the senior author on Boudreau S, Boudreau E, Higgins LD, Wilcox RB. *Rehabilitation following Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty*. J Orthop Sports Phys Ther. 2007, 37(12): 735-744. His other published work has focused on rehabilitation of the shoulder and the use of diagnostic imaging in physical therapy practice.