

## Curriculum Vitae

**David L. Kramer, M.D., F.A.A.O.S.**

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### **MEDICAL AND GRADUATE TRAINING**

- Fellowship*            Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
Rothman Institute at Pennsylvania Hospital,  
Philadelphia, PA  
Spine Fellowship  
1995-1996
- Fellowship*            A.O. Fellow in Adult Reconstruction  
M.E. Muller Foundation European Fellowship in Adult  
Reconstruction, Bern, Switzerland  
1995
- Fellowship*            Chief, Beth Israel Orthopaedic Trauma Service  
Beth Israel Hospital  
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA  
1994
- Residency*            Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA  
1990-1994
- Internship*            Beth Israel Hospital  
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA  
PGY-1 General Surgery  
1989-1990

### **EDUCATION**

- Medical*                Dartmouth Medical School  
Hanover, NH  
M.D. degree with honors 1989
- Foreign Study*        Universite de Lyon, Lyon, France  
1984
- Undergraduate*       Dartmouth College  
Hanover, NH  
A.B. Biochemistry 1985

### **LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

Connecticut State Medical License, 1996 - present

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Board Certified: American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, 1998  
Recertified 2008, 2018

Massachusetts State Medical License, 1994

Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners, 1990

### **HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS**

Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Connecticut, Attending Physician, 1996-Present

Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA, Associate Orthopedic Surgeon, 1994

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Inaugural Recipient of The Ervie and Carolyn Hawley Endowed Chair In Orthopaedic Spine Surgery at Danbury Hospital and Western Connecticut Health Network, 2015

Clinical Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery; Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 1994

Clinical Fellow in Orthopaedic Surgery; Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 1990-1994

Clinical Fellow in Surgery, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 1989-1990

### **PRIVATE PRACTICE**

Connecticut Neck & Back Specialists, LLC  
39 Hospital Avenue, Danbury CT  
2004 – Present

Second Opinion Spine (SOS), LLC  
39 Hospital Avenue, Danbury CT  
Online consultation service for expert second opinions on spinal surgery.  
2012 - Present

Danbury Orthopedic Associates, P.C.  
226 White Street, Danbury, Connecticut  
1996-2004

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Alpha Omega Alpha Society

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American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
Cervical Spine Research Society  
Connecticut State Medical Society  
Danbury Hospital Department of Surgery  
Fairfield County Medical Association  
Harvard Orthopedic Alumni Association  
Jefferson Orthopedic Society  
Orthopaedics Overseas  
The Spine Center at Danbury Hospital  
The Spine Study Group

### **BOARD EXPERIENCE**

Board of Directors, Western Connecticut Health Network Physician Hospital  
Organization (PHO), 2011 – present

Co-Management, Orthopedic Board of Directors, Western Connecticut Health Network,  
2012 to 2016

Board of Directors, Western Connecticut Health Network, 2007-2016

Board of Directors, New Milford Hospital, 2010 - 2015

Board of Directors, Danbury Hospital, 2007 - 2015

### **LEADERSHIP ROLES**

Network Chief, Western Connecticut Health, Section of Spine Surgery, 2005 – present

Western Connecticut Health Network Quality Committee (Board Sub-Committee), 2011-  
2016

Western Connecticut Health Network/Norwalk Hospital Board Affiliation Task Force,  
2011 -2015

Danbury Hospital Medical Affairs Committee, 2007 – 2014

Danbury Hospital Long Range Planning Committee (Board Sub-Committee), 2006 -  
2012

Danbury Hospital Medical Affairs Committee (Board Sub-Committee), 2005 – 2011

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### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Inaugural Recipient of The Ervie and Carolyn Hawley Endowed Chair In Orthopaedic Spine Surgery at Danbury Hospital and Western Connecticut Health Network, 2015 – present

America's Best Physicians; 2017

Castle Connolly Medical, Ltd. Award, America's Top Doctors; 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Connecticut Magazine Top Doctors; 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Doctor's Choice Award; 2017

Greenwich Magazine and Fairfield Living Top Doctors; 2016, 2017

Marquis Who's Who; 2017

Metro Area Top Docs; 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

The Patients' Choice Award; 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Consumers' Research Council of America Award for America's Top Orthopedists; 2010

American Orthopaedic Association Zimmer Award for Orthopaedic Research; 1996

Cervical Spine Research Society Resident/Fellow Award for Research; 1996

Thomas Jefferson University and the Rothman Institute Award for Outstanding Research; 1996

American Orthopaedic Association Award for Outstanding Research; 1996

Jefferson Orthopaedic Society Research Day Award; 1996

Dartmouth Medical School Surgical Scholar Award; 1989

Alpha Omega Alpha, Dartmouth Medical School; 1989

Daniel Webster Scholar, Dartmouth College; 1981

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### **ADVANCED SPECIALTY TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

Cervical Disk Replacement Surgery  
Lumbar Disk Replacement Surgery  
Minimally Invasive Sacroiliac Joint Fusion (SI-Lok) Surgery  
Interspinous Process Decompression (X-STOP) Surgery  
Minimally Invasive XLIF Surgery

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- “Value of Emerging Technologies In Spine Surgery”, Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants (ConnAPA), Annual Charter Oak Conference, 2010.
- “Triumph of Technology Over Reason?” Conn APA Annual Charter Oak Conference: Emerging Technologies In Spine Surgery, 2007
- “Lumbar Spinal Stenosis”, Danbury Hospital Physician’s Round Table, 2007
- “The Natural History of Lumbar Disc Degeneration”, Conn APA Annual Charter Oak Conference, 2006.
- “Posterior Thoracolumbar Spinal Instrumentation”, Thomas Jefferson Spine Fellow Alumni Symposium, 2004.
- “Osteobiologic Alternatives to Iliac Crest Bone Grafting in Spinal Fusion Surgery”, Danbury Hospital Nursing Symposium, 2004.
- “Osteobiologic Advances in Establishing Solid Spinal Arthrodeses”, DePuy Acromed Regional Sales Training, 2004.
- “Transforaminal Interbody Fusion - Techniques and Indications”, Stryker Regional Sales Training, 2004.
- “Anterior vs. Posterior vs. Combined Cervical and Lumbar Stabilization – Techniques and Indications”, DePuy Acromed New England Operating Room Nurses Symposium, 2002.
- “Placement of Pedicle Screws in the Cervical Spine: Comparative Accuracy of Pedicle Screw Placement Using Three Techniques”, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting (FOSA), 1998.
- “Evaluation and Management of Thoracolumbar Fractures”, Danbury Hospital Surgical Grand Rounds, 1998.

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“Evaluation and Management of Cervical Spine Fractures”, Danbury Hospital Surgical Grand Rounds, 1997.

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“Morphometry of the Subaxial Cervical Pedicles: Anatomic Considerations for the Placement of Cervical Pedicle Screws Using Three Techniques”, Jefferson Orthopedic Society Annual Meeting, 1996.

AO/ASIF: Basic Spine Course for Operating Room Personnel (Instructor), 1996

“Morphometry for the Subaxial Cervical Pedicles: Anatomic Considerations for the Placement of Cervical Pedicle Screws Using Three Techniques”, Rothman Institute Fellow Symposium, 1996.

“The Spinal Cord and its Reaction to Traumatic Injury”, Thomas Jefferson University Orthopaedic Grand Rounds, 1996.

“The Spinal Cord and its Reaction to Traumatic Injury”, Thomas Jefferson University Neurosurgery Grand Rounds, 1996.

“Transpedicular Instrumentation of Thoracolumbar Fractures: A Prospective Study”, North American Spine Society Meeting, 1995.

“Transpedicular Instrumentation and Short Segment Fusion of Thoracolumbar Fractures”, Scoliosis Research Society Meeting, 1995.

“Results of Short Segment Fixation of Thoracolumbar Fractures with an External Fixator Device”, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting 1995.

“Transpedicular Short Segment Fusions: A Prospective Study”, Eastern Orthopaedic Society, 1994.

“Short Segment Fusion Using Transpedicular PSF Instrumentation in Thoracolumbar Fractures”, American-European Meeting on Pedicle Fixation of the Spine and Other Advanced Techniques, 1994.

“Transpedicular Instrumentation and Short Segment Fusion of Thoracolumbar Fractures: A Prospective Study”, Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program Thesis Day, 1994.

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“Results of Short Segment Fixation of Thoracolumbar Fractures”, Massachusetts General Hospital Robert Bayley Osgood Day Lectures, 1994.

“The Orthopaedics Physical Exam”, Primary Care Orthopaedics, Harvard Medical School, 1993.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Madonia-Barr JR, Kramer DL. Interspinous Process Decompression with the X-Stop Device for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis: A Retrospective Review. Submitted for publication to the *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons*, 2008.

Kramer DL, Shah SA, Klein GR, Vaccaro AR, Cotler JM. Traumatic Injuries of the Occipitocervical Junction. *Mastercases: Spine Surgery*. 288-296. Eds. Alexander R. Vaccaro and Todd J. Albert. New York: Thieme, 2001.

Kramer DL, Ludwig SC, Balderston RA, Vaccaro AR, Foley KF, Albert TJ. Placement of Pedicle Screws in the Human Cadaveric Cervical Spine: Comparative Accuracy of Three Techniques. *Spine*. 25 (13): 1655-1667, 2000.

Ludwig SC, Kramer DL, Vaccaro AR, Albert TJ. Transpedicle Screw Fixation of the Cervical Spine. *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*. 359: 77-88, February 1999.

Kramer DL, Albert TJ. The Spinal Cord and its Reaction to Traumatic Injury: Implications for the Timing of Surgical Intervention. *Comprehensive Management in Spine Trauma*. 346-349. Eds. Daniel A. Capen and Willi Haye. St. Louis, Mosby, 1998.

Kramer DL, Vaccaro AR, Albert, TJ: Posterior Cervical Instrumentation. *Seminars in Spine Surgery*, Vol. 9 (3): 240-249, 1997.

Vaccaro AR, Kramer DL, Albert TJ: Instrumentation for Occipitocervical Fusion., *Seminars in Spine Surgery*, Vol. 9 (3): 227-232, 1997.

Kramer DL, Booth RE, Albert TJ, Balderston RA: Posterior Lumbar Approach. *Surgical Approaches to the Spine*. 173-192. Eds. Albert TJ, Balderston RA, Northrup BE. Philadelphia: W.S. Saunders Co., 1997.

Ludwig SC, Kramer DL, Albert TJ, Vaccaro AR: Transpedicular Instrumentation of the Cervical Spine. (Accepted for publication in *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*.) 1997.

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Kramer DL, Ludwig SC, Balderston RA, Vaccaro AR, Albert TJ: Placement of Pedicle Screws in the Cervical Spine: Part I: A Morphometric Analysis of the Subaxial Cervical Pedicles. CSRS Fellow Award winning paper *Orthopedic Transactions* 21:496, 1997.

Kramer DL, Ludwig SC, Balderston RA, Vaccaro AR, Albert TJ: Placement of Pedicle Screws in the Cervical Spine: Part II: Comparative Accuracy of Cervical Pedicle Screw Placement Using Three Techniques. CSRS Fellow Award winning paper *Orthopedic Transactions* 21:496, 1997.

Dante S, Kramer DL, Heary R: Cervical Laminectomy for Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy. *Operative Techniques in Orthopaedic Surgery*, Vol. 6 (1): 30-37, 1996.

Kramer DL, Albert TJ: Methodology and Timing of Surgery for Spinal Cord Injury. (Accepted for publication in Capen, D.A., *Comprehensive Management in Spine Trauma*,) 1996.

Kramer DL, Rodgers WB, Mansfield FL: Transpedicular Instrumentation and Short Segment Fusion of Thoracolumbar Fractures: A Prospective Study Using a Single Instrumentation System. *Journal of Ortho Trauma*, 9 (6): 499-506, 1995.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Development of a Spatially Registered Computer-based Atlas of the Brain. (1987)  
Research Assistant, Dartmouth Medical School Department of Surgery (Section of Neurosurgery).