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John Bergfeld is the former Head of Sports Medicine and now is the Director of the Operating Rooms at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He is a graduate of Bucknell University where he played football. After graduation, he obtained his Medical Doctor degree at Temple University.

Dr. Bergfeld served in the US Navy as Chief of Orthopaedics of the United States Naval Academy, US Naval Hospital, Annapolis, MD and aboard the USS Dubuque (1970-1973) with rank- Commander MC USNR. He served as a Board member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons -1997-2003; President of the American College of Sports Medicine - 1984-85; President of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine - 1992-93, President of the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine -2005-2007, Chairman, International Anterior Cruciate Ligament Study Group.

He served as Team Physician for the Cleveland Browns NFL 1976-2002, Cleveland Cavaliers NBA 1986-2001, Physician to Cleveland Ballet-1976-1990, Baldwin Wallace College 1996-present and the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools 1976-present. He presently serves as consultant to the Cleveland Browns and Cavaliers.

As the Head of the Section of Sports Medicine 1976 to 2002, he trained over 50 post graduate fellows (known as the Warthog Society); several are team physicians for professional teams, Division I colleges and Chairmen of their Departments of Orthopaedics. He has published over 90 articles for international/national publications, books and chapters.

- Best Doctor in America – continuous since 1993
- Northeast Ohio Academy of Medicine John Budd Distinguished Member – 2008
- National Football Foundation – Lifetime Achievement Award - 2007
- City of Cleveland Golden Age Award – Outstanding Medical Career – 2006
- Master Educator Award – Cleveland Clinic Foundation – 2002
- NFL Trainers Jerry Rhea Award for dedication and service to NFL Players and Athletic Trainers – 1999
- Cleveland Metropolitan Football Coaches Lifetime Service Award – 1999
- AOSSM George Rovere Award for excellent in education - 1996
- Godfather – AOSSM/ESSKA Traveling Fellows - 1994
- Outstanding Alumnus
  - Cleveland Clinic - 2001
  - Bucknell University - 1994
  - Valley Forge Military Academy High School – 1991
- Has served as visiting professor and presented multiple named endowed lectureships, both in the USA and internationally
- NATA Team Physician of the Year – 1992
- Ohio Athletic Trainer Outstanding Physician Award – 1992

- Bucknell Varsity Alumni Award for Professional Academic Achievement beyond playing days - 1991
- American College of Sports Medicine Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sports Medicine - 1989
- Carl Berg Research Fellowship - 1973