

William G. Clancy, Jr., MD
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One of the World's foremost knee and sports medicine specialists was born in New York City in 1941. He attended Manhattan College on an athletic scholarship and was both a gold and bronze medal winner in U.S. Track and Field Championships in 1960. He received his medical degree from the State University of New York-Downstate and completed his surgical and orthopedic residencies at Columbia University, St. Luke's Hospital in 1972.

As a Lt. Commander he served as Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery and Head Team Physician at the United States Naval Academy in 1973-74. After leaving the U.S. Navy, he went to the University of Wisconsin to establish a sports medicine program and to pursue his clinical and basic science interests in sports medicine. Dr. Clancy served as the Head Team Physician and Orthopedist for all the University of Wisconsin teams.

His basic science studies and clinical publications on utilizing an anatomically placed free patellar tendon graft for ACL and PCL instabilities completely changed the treatment of these injuries worldwide. His most recent work has clearly documented the bony landmarks of the ACL insertions.

While at the University of Wisconsin he published well over 100 papers on various sports related injuries which included the first to establish the pathophysiology of burners and brachial plexus injuries in sports. His clinical and research accomplishments led to his being one of the youngest ever to be promoted to Full Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1989 he joined with Dr. James R. Andrews to help develop the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, AL. He has served as Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Virginia and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

He was a U.S. Olympic physician at the 1980 Lake Placid Games, the 1974 Games at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, and the 1994 Games at Lillehammer, Norway. He also served as the Medical Director for the U.S. Ski Team Nordic for 10 years and U.S.A. Hockey for 10 years and as Co-Medical Director of the PGA Tour and LPGA Tour.

Dr. Clancy has served on editorial boards of numerous sports medicine journals and was the Clinical Symposium Editor of the American Journal of Sports Medicine and has also served on its Board of Trustees.

He has been the Presidential Guest Speaker for a number of Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Associations worldwide including Spain, Argentina, Uruguay and Japan.

For his clinical and research work, he has been recognized by Manhattan College with an Honorary PhD in 2005. The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine has honored him with the George D. Rovere Excellence in Education Award in 1997. He also served as President of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine in 1999-2000 and received the Mr. Sports Medicine Award in 2008. In 1988 he was President of the Herodicus Society. Dr. Clancy is also the upcoming Godfather of the AOSSM Traveling Fellowship in 2010.

Dr. Clancy and his wife Kathy live in Birmingham, Alabama. He has three children and three grandchildren.