

**H. Royer Collins, MD**  
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Dr. H. Royer Collins career in sports medicine had its beginnings in athletics and football coaching. After a knee injury sidelined him from football at Williams College in Massachusetts, he joined their coaching staff for the freshman and varsity teams. After graduation in 1950, he served as head football coach at Suffield Academy in Connecticut until the end of that season, when he was called into the Army during the Korean conflict. After his discharge in 1952, he decided to enter the University of Rochester Medical School, where he studied until 1957. He completed his residency at Mayo Clinic in 1964 and went into private practice in San Jose, California. He was then asked to join the staff at Scott-White Clinic, in Temple, Texas where he remained until 1968 when he accepted a position as Head of Sports Medicine at Cleveland Clinic. During his years at Cleveland Clinic he started the first Sports Medicine Clinic in the country and became very active in local, state and national Sports Medicine.

Among many accomplishments, he was team physician for the Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals, chaired the residency program, and organized a research study involving the Ligamentous Reconstruction of the knee and the value of arthroscopy. He served as chairman of the orthopedic department in 1974 until 1977 when he joined the Kerlan-Jobe Clinic in Los Angeles, California. In this role, he instituted the Sports Medicine Fellowship Program, participated as team physician for the Los Angeles sports teams and had a clinical professorship through the University of Southern California Medical School.

In 1981 he was asked to facilitate a sports medicine clinic at Wenatchee Valley Clinic in Wenatchee, Washington. During that time, he worked with the W L Gore Company to develop the prosthetic knee ligament later approved for human study and served as team physician for the local high school and junior college. Since 1986, he has been in Phoenix, Arizona where he is senior founding partner of the Institute for Bone and Joint Disorders, and currently chairs their Sports Medicine Fellowship program, while maintaining an active surgical and clinical practice. Phoenix Magazine has named him one of the "Best Docs in Phoenix" since 1998, and he is in the Best Docs in America Directory.

Dr. Collins has made significant contributions in the area of knee research, has chaired orthopedic departments and fellowship and residency programs at a number of institutions. He has lectured extensively at the local, national and international levels published a wide variety of articles for books and journals while maintaining a surgical and clinical practice. He was selected as godfather for the European Traveling Fellows, Herodicus, Kerlan-Jobe fellowship alumni and Cleveland Clinic Warthog Society, and continues to mentor young men and women encouraging them to be active in the field of sports medicine.

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