

Jay S. Cox, MD

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Jay S Cox, MD was born on August 7, 1932 and is a native of Lewistown, Pennsylvania. He attended the College of Wooster and was a member of the basketball team. After graduating with a BA degree he attended Jefferson Medical University where he was a member of AOA and graduated in 1959. He interned at University of California San Francisco and subsequently entered the United States Navy. After three years as a Naval Flight Surgeon he entered his orthopaedic residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital and finished at Kernan Children's Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. It was there that he began his career in sports medicine by serving as team physician for the NBA Baltimore Bullets and as an assistant with the NFL Baltimore Colts.

After a year with the Third Marine Division in Vietnam where he served as an orthopaedic surgeon and commander of a field hospital he returned to the orthopaedic department at Oakland Naval Hospital. While in Oakland he was an assistant team physician with the Oakland Raiders. In 1974 he was transferred to Annapolis, Maryland to be Chief of Orthopaedics and team physician at the United States Naval Academy. He retired from the Navy in 1984 after twenty five years of service.

He subsequently went to State College, PA where he was orthopaedic team physician for Penn State University and then in private practice. In 1999 he retired from practice and became involved with Orthopaedics Overseas and with his wife, Nancy, has been on sixteen missions in South Africa, Tobago, Tanzania, Peru, Trinidad, Philippines, Bhutan, and St. Lucia. In these countries he was teaching young surgeons about orthopaedics and sports medicine. He served on the board of directors of Orthopaedics Overseas for six years and was Volunteer of the Year in 2001. He received the President's Call to Service Award for 4,000 hours of overseas volunteer service in 2007.

Dr. Cox has served on the Membership, Nominating, and Site Selection Committees in AOSSM and was president in 1990. He was the Godfather for the AOSSM traveling fellows to the Pacific countries in 1995 and in 1999 received the Mr. Sports Medicine award. He served on several committees of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and was chairman of the Sports Medicine Committee for four years. He was the president of the Herodicus Society in 1983-1984. He also was named Team Physician of the Year by the Eastern National Athletic Trainer's Association in 1994.

He has written many scientific papers and contributed numerous chapters for textbooks. He has presented several scientific exhibits and given invited lectures nationally and internationally.