

**GEORGE J. DAVIES**  
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George began in this great profession of sports medicine almost 50 years ago when he started as a student, assistant and head athletic trainer. He has been involved in the clinical practice of sports physical therapy/athletic training, since 1965. He still maintains an active clinical practice at Coastal Therapy in Savannah, GA. and Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine, LaCrosse, WI. He has been actively involved in the sports coverage as an athletic trainer/sports physical therapist at a variety of sporting events: 1980 Winter Olympics, Lake Placid, NY, 1986 Pan American Games, Indianapolis, IN., 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, volunteer trainer at the USOTC, Lake Placid, N.Y., 2003, a member of the USA Medical Staff for the 2005 Summer World University Games in Izmir, Turkey, Paralympic Games in Beijing, China, 2008, and was invited by the IOC to present educational workshops for clinicians from around the world at the London Olympic Games, 2012.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Health & Physical Education, Master's of Education with specialization in Exercise Physiology and Athletic Training from the College of New Jersey, Physical Therapy from Columbia University, NY, and Doctor of Physical Therapy from MGH, Boston, MA.

George is a clinician, educator, speaker, researcher, author, editor and consultant. He is an internationally known speaker who has presented hundreds of conferences throughout the world on sports medicine, sports physical therapy, athletic training, shoulder, knee, open and closed kinetic chain topics, orthopaedics, rehabilitation and Isokinetics.

He has a passion for teaching and has been an educator for over 40 years in colleges and universities. For the past 38 years, he has been involved in teaching in physical therapy programs. He is presently a Professor of Physical Therapy at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA. since 2004. He was also honored as a Professor-Emeritus of Physical Therapy at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse following 30 years of teaching.

He has been involved in many research projects that have been presented at numerous national and international conferences and published in various journals. He has participated in hundreds of scientific conferences and workshops throughout the world in the last 35 years, published over 200 articles and research abstracts in various periodicals, written several books and has contributed chapters to over 40 books.

George was the original co-founder and co-editor of The Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy for 10 years, 1979. To honor George's achievements, at the 25th anniversary year of JOSPT, they honored his achievement by creating the *GEORGE J. DAVIES – JAMES A. GOULD EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL INQUIRY AWARD*. This award is given to the best paper each year. George was also one of the co-founders and original Associate Editors for Sports Health: A Multidisciplinary Approach, 2009. He has been a member of the AOSSM for over 25 years, published in AJSM, presented several instructional courses, served on the Education Committee, and developed the AOSSM-SPTS Pre-Conference course at the annual meeting in 1994.

George has been fortunate to win several awards during his career in sports medicine including:

- President of the Sports Physical Therapy Section (SPTS) – APTA from 1992-1998.
- American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) prestigious Baethke-Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching, 1994. The purpose of this award was to acknowledge individuals who have made significant contributions to physical therapy education through their dedication and excellence in academic teaching.
- Peyton Award to acknowledge and honor an outstanding member of the SPTS. It is the highest award offered by the SPTS for contributions to the Sports Physical Therapy profession, 1999.
- Coulee Region Officials Association Distinguished Service Award for 25 years of volunteer (Pro Bono) services to the LaCrosse, WI. community in the area of athletics and sports medicine, 2000.
- Co-Founder of the APTA first public credentialed Residency program in Sports Physical Therapy, 2000
- First NATA-Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association Outstanding Educator Award, 2002.
- Fellow-American Physical Therapy Association (FAPTA). This award was created by the APTA "to recognize those persons whose work has resulted in lasting and significant advances in the science, education, and practice of the profession of physical therapy", 2005.
- Hall of Fame Award - Sports Physical Therapy Section – APTA, 2006.
- NATA President's Challenge Award for Outstanding Contributions to Sports Medicine, June, 2007.
- NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award, San Antonio, TX, June, 2009.
- Distinguished Alumni Award from Columbia University, NY, May, 2012.
- Sports Physical Therapy Section Lifetime Excellence in Education Award, 2013.

One of the many reasons George is involved in Sports Physical Therapy is because the former *UNITED STATES MARINE* also likes to think he is an occasional athlete by participating in: running (over 35 years), marathons (sub-3 hours), ultra- marathons, triathlons , iron-man triathlon, and weight training. George has also been involved in the martial arts for over 25 years and holds a Black Belt in Karate and has been a Sensei (teacher) of Karate for the past several years.

George is widowed (Carol), has 2 sons (Scott & Steve), 2 daughters-in-law (Kristie & Nikki), and 4 grandchildren (Lexi, Trent, Dirk, Ava Marie).

Semper Fi to God, family, friends, colleagues, mentors, students, and patients for guiding us to become better clinicians and individuals to help make this world a better place.