

Jo A. Hannafin, MD, PhD

Dr. Jo A. Hannafin is board certified in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine. She is an Attending Orthopedic Surgeon and is the founder and former Director of the Women's Sports Medicine Center at Hospital for Special Surgery. She is a Professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. She has recently retired from clinical practice but continues to serve as the Vice Chair of the HSS IRB.

Dr. Hannafin was a USOC physician for the 2003 Pan American Games, the 2004 Olympic Games, and the 2016 Olympic Games. She served as Head Team Physician for the WNBA New York Liberty for 15 years and as Team Physician for the US Rowing Team for 28 years. She was an event physician at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games (rowing); and the New York City Marathon and was a team physician for the WUSA New York Power from 2000-2003 and the New York Mets from 1992-1996. She is a member of the FISA (World Rowing) Medical Commission and served as the FISA Medical Officer at the 2012 Olympic Games and 17 World Rowing Championships. Dr. Hannafin was a member of the silver medalist lightweight double at the 1984 World Rowing Championships and a three-time gold medalist at the U.S. National Rowing Championships. She serves as a Director of the National Rowing Foundation.

Dr. Hannafin was the first female President of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (2014) and the Herodicus Society (2015). She also served as Vice President and Secretary of the AOSSM board, Chair of the Enduring Education and Research Committees and has served on numerous AOSSM committees. She was a member of the Board of the OREF from 2006-2012. She has published over 120 papers in peer-reviewed journals and has written 20 book chapters. She is the co-author of the book **Say Goodbye to Knee Pain**. Dr. Hannafin has been honored as one of The Best Doctors in America for the past twenty-seven years and in 2013 she received the Castle-Connolly Physician of the Year Award. She was awarded the Hospital for Special Surgery Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014.

Dr. Hannafin was the first Clinician-Scientist at the Hospital for Special Surgery and maintained a research program in ligament physiology for over 20 years. Dr. Hannafin received NIH RO1 funding and foundation funding in support of this research. She has served as a full member of the SBSR NIH Study Section and as an ad hoc member of multiple Study Sections.

She has received the O'Donoghue Award for Excellence in Research (1998, 2014) and the AOSSM George D. Rovere Award for her contributions to education. In 2021, Dr. Hannafin presented the AOSSM Kennedy Lectureship.