

Jack C. Hughston, MD, is one of the pioneers in sports medicine. His initial interest in children's orthopaedics naturally extended into the sports medicine arena long before physicians understood many of the injuries that are unique to athletic participation. From his humble beginnings in a rural town in Georgia, he quickly gained a reputation as an orthopaedic surgeon who understood how to treat young athletes.

Dr. Hughston early on recognized the need for immediate diagnosis and surgical correction of ligamentous injuries about the knee in order to achieve optimum results. He performed numerous cadaver studies and clinical studies to develop the concept of anatomical repair of injured structures about the knee, and developed a classification system based upon his clinical observations and studies.

Dr. Hughston served as President of AOSSM 1974-75; Editor of the American Journal of Sports Medicine from 1972-1990; and Chairman of the American Journal of Sports Medicine from 1990-2001. He also received the Mr. Sports Medicine Award from AOSSM in 1976.

Dr. Hughston was instrumental in organizing other physicians throughout the country to form the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, a society of like-minded individuals who were also beginning to become more and more interested in this new field. In the late 1970's he developed what became the American Journal of Sports Medicine, which evolved into the pre-eminent journal for orthopaedic sports medicine in the world. For these two achievements alone he will be forever recognized as one of those having a true dedication to the field of sports medicine.