

Biosketch: Peter A. Indelicato MD

Peter A. Indelicato MD, has been a long time thought leader in sports medicine and supporter of the AOSSM throughout his career. He clinically retired and is currently an Emeritus Professor of Sports Medicine in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Florida. During his tenure, he has served as the Head Team Physician of the Florida Gators for 35 years and was the Wayne Huizenga Professor of Sports Medicine at the university for more than 20 years.

Dr. Indelicato graduated from New York Medical College in 1969 and was awarded that Medal of Honor from New York Medical College in 2007. He successfully completed his orthopaedic residency at New York University in 1974 and then he served as Lt Commander in the US Navy and was stationed as a staff orthopaedic surgeon at Corpus Christi Naval Station. Two years later, he successfully completed a year-long sports medicine fellowship at the Kerlan Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in Los Angeles. In 1977, he was appointed as chief of the Sports Medicine Service in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

Dr. Indelicato served as the 40th president of the AOSSM in 2010-2011 and oversaw the Society's Annual Meeting that year in Baltimore, Md. He has served as the Chair of the Corporate Relations Committee for the AOSSM and now serves as the Society's corporate relations liaison. Recently, he chaired the Team Physician Committee. In 2002, he was named AOSSM "Godfather" for the traveling fellowship to Europe. Dr. Indelicato has, over the course of his career, authored over 60 articles on the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and his main area of research has been focused on knee ligament injuries. He published the landmark article on the successful non-operative management of complete isolated tears of the medial collateral ligament (MCL) in 1983 and has subsequently published many articles on the use of allograft tissue as an option for ACL reconstruction. He has also co-authored 15 team physician consensus statements aimed at improving the quality of health care to student athletes everywhere. Over the past 40 years, he has been invited to give more than 400 lectures nationally/internationally as well as co-authored more than 10 book chapters. His international speaking invitations have included lectures in China, Southeast Asia, Europe, Iceland, Central and South America.

In addition to taking care of professional athletes in New York and Los Angeles, Dr. Indelicato was also the associate team physician for the Miami Dolphins from 1988-1994 and was named SEC Team Physician of the Year in 2003. He was given the Dr. Robert Cade Sports Medicine Person of the Year Award in 2007, the Jack Hughston Award by the SEATA in 2015, the Distinguished Southern Orthopedic Surgeon Award by the SOA in 2016 and the Gwinnett Pioneer of Sports Medicine Award that same year. At the AOSSM Annual Meeting in 2016, he received the Robert E. Leach Sports Medicine Leadership Award in recognition and appreciation for his outstanding and meritorious service to sports medicine throughout the world. In June of that same year, he was given the coveted Jack Wheatley Award by the National Athletic Trainers Association for a lifetime of outstanding contributions that directly impact health care and are of major and lasting importance in athletics and athletic training. In July, Dr. Indelicato will be inducted in the AOSSM Hall of Fame, one of the highest honors given to a society member recognizing his significant contributions to the specialty of sports medicine.