Robert K. Kerlan
1922-1996

Robert K. Kerlan arrived in Los Angeles at the age of 16 to play basketball at UCLA. From here he transferred to and graduated from University of Southern California (USC).

Dr. Kerlan was heavily involved in treating professional athletes. Initially he was involved with the Pacific Coast Baseball League, followed by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1958; the LA Lakers in the early 60’s followed by the Los Angeles Angels.

In 1965, Dr. Frank Jobe joined him in practice to form what is now known as the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic, which provides care to many teams including, the Los Angeles Dodgers, Kings, Lakers, The Joffrey Ballet and the PGA.

Dr. Kerlan was a founding member of AOSSM; Founding President of the NBA Team Physicians; Member; Major League Baseball Physicians 1976 and Founding Member of the NFL Physician’s Society.

Dr. Kerlan is the recipient of many prestigious awards including the USC Alumnus of the Year Award in 1983, Mr. Sports Medicine from AOSSM in 1987 and Asa V Call Achievement Award from USC in 1993.