

Dr. Robert L. Larson was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and completed medical school in 1953 at George Washington University Medical School. He entered general practice in Quincy, Washington for a year and then, in 1960, joined the Orthopaedic and Fracture Clinic of Eugene in Eugene, Oregon practicing with Dr. Don Slocum. He practiced actively there until 1994 and continues in academic work and assists in surgery.

He has been a Clinical Professor of Surgery in the Division of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon and an orthopaedic consultant to the University of Oregon and to Oregon State University. He was the Director of Athletic Medicine for the Athletic Department at the University of Oregon from 1970-1984. He also has been on the panel of team physicians for the US Ski Team from 1972 to the present.

Dr. Larson's accomplishments are many with active involvement in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Orthopaedic Association, and the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. His work on the anatomy of the knee and the treatment of complex ligamentous instability of the knee created significant advancements for orthopaedic surgeons throughout the world. He has written extensively on ligamentous injury of the knee as well as co-editing his own book, "The Knee: Form, Function, Pathology, and Treatment" published in 1992. He is the author of 40 publications in refereed journals and 20 book chapters. Dr. Larson has received many awards including Mr. Sports Medicine from AOSSM in 1986 and "Godfather" for the AOSSM/ESKA Traveling Fellowship in 1988. He received the George P. Rovere Award for Education from the AOSSM in 1992 and was "Godfather" of the Herodicus Society in 1984.

Dr. Larson served as President of AOSSM, 1980-81 and has also been a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Journal of Sports Medicine and the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation from 1983-1989.

A recounting of Dr. Larson's accomplishments doesn't do justice to his many contributions to the knowledge and organization of orthopaedic sports medicine, both in the United States and around the world. He is a recognized leader and one of the great men of our specialty.