

Duane G. Messner, MD
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Duane G. Messner, MD graduated from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1956 and spent Orthopedic Residency at Denver General Hospital. He practiced in the Denver, Colorado area for 40 years. Dr. Messner served as AOSSM President from 1997-1998 and prior to that he also served as Secretary on the AOSSM Board. In 1989 started the Winter Park Amputee Ski Program in conjunction with Denver Children's Hospital. He served with the USA Ski Team for 15 years including the 1968 Grenoble Winter Olympics. He also helped organize the USA Paralympic Ski Team in 1980 and served as Orthopedic Consultant for 20 years.

Dr. Messner served on the AAOS Committee on Sports from 1975-1979. He was on the American Board for Certification for Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Directors from 1989-1990. He was inducted into the National Disabled Skier Hall of Fame in the Spring of 2003.

Dr. Messner is known to have a desire to maintain an academic setting in a private practice group that has set the foundation for the 21 man orthopaedic group on the west side of Denver that still continues today. He founded this group 40 years ago and has always served the orthopaedic community in Denver well and is highly respected in the field of sports medicine.

Dr. Messner is now retired and living on a ranch in Gunnison, Colorado running a horse breeding and hay production operation with his wife Jean.