

Lars Peterson, MD, PhD
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Lars Peterson, MD was born on May 6th, 1936 and raised in Vanbro, Dalarna, Sweden. His sports career started early in most sports, but soccer and ice hockey were dominating, ending up playing in the Swedish National League in both sports with Örgryte IS, ending on fourth place and Västra Frölunda IF, ending first place, respectively. Along with playing soccer and football, he studied medicine at the University of Gothenburg and graduated in 1966.

He served his Residency in General Surgery in Kungälv Hospital and his Orthopaedic Residency in Sahlgrenska University Hospital from 1967-1974 and became specialist in General Surgery 1972 and in Orthopaedic Surgery 1974. In 1974, Dr. Peterson defended his thesis: Fracture of the Neck of the Talus, An Experimental and Clinical Study.

In 1980, Dr. Peterson was approved associate professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Gothenburg and in 2000, appointed professor of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Peterson had a long and broad experience in treating athletes in his University practice and as team physician in soccer and ice hockey and since 1987 in his clinic, Gothenburg Medical Center. He has served as head physician of the Swedish National Team in ice hockey and in soccer.

For over 25 years, Dr. Peterson has been a member of the Sports Medical Committee of FIFA, The International Football Federation and a founding member of F-Marc (FIFA Medical Assessment and Research Center). He has served as a Medical Officer at six World Cups in Football (Soccer).

Dr. Peterson has been President of the Swedish Society of Sports Medicine and is an honorary member. He was President and one of the founding members of the International Society of Cartilage Repair (ICRS). He has served as Godfather for ICRS Traveling Fellows in 2001. He also has served as Goodfather in the Herodicus Society.

Dr. Peterson has lectured extensively, nationally and internationally and served as Visiting Professor several times. His publication list includes more than 200 originals, reviews books, book chapters in the fields of Orthopaedic Surgery, Sports Traumatology and Sports Medicine, Biomechanics and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Peterson has been married for over 40 years to Lillemor and has four children and nine grandchildren.