

## **T. David Sisk, MD 1937-**

Born in 1937 in a small, rural West Tennessee farming town, T. David Sisk excelled in high school academics and athletics, earning "All State" as a high school quarterback. Were it not for a devastating knee injury that would lose his football scholarship, he would have become a Georgia Tech engineer. Instead, he decided to enter medicine at the University of Tennessee, earning AOA honors and graduating number one in his class of 1961. He completed his orthopedic surgery training at the Campbell Clinic in 1966. Following 2 years of active duty as a Lt. Cmdr. in the US Navy, he returned to Memphis as a member of the Campbell Clinic staff and University of Tennessee faculty. He directed the orthopedic resident training program from 1970-1993, being named Teacher of the Year on several occasions. In 1977 he was chosen for the prestigious ABC Traveling Fellowship to Great Britain, Scotland and Wales. He became Professor and Chairman of the Campbell Clinic-University of Tennessee Department of Orthopedics from 1990-1994.

Sisk has served and chaired numerous committees including the AAOS Sportsmedicine Committee and the Committee on Examination & Evaluation, which produced the initial sports medicine self-assessment examination in 1986. He served on and chaired the AOSSM Program Committee from 1984-87 and the Membership Committee from 1987-92. He served as Treasurer of AOSSM from 1992-93 and President from 1996-97. He also served as President of the Herodicus Society in 1993. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Journal of Sports Medicine in 2001-present, transitioning the Journal's publication from self-publishing to commercial publication, which provides the AOSSM with increased financial support for its programs and reserves. In 2007, the AJSM Board of Trustees was expanded and renamed the Medical Publishing Board of Trustees, which reflects increasing Society publication responsibilities.

Sisk served as team physician for the University of Memphis from 1967-2002, as well as serving various high school teams and USFL, CFL, and XFL professional teams. He has served as a consultant to both the NFL and the NBA. He was recognized as the Sportsmedicine Person of the Year (Tennessee) in 1996; was elected to the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, and was selected Sportsmedicine Physician of the Year (Tennessee) in 1999.

Throughout his career, Sisk has authored or co-authored numerous scientific papers, written numerous chapters on trauma, arthroscopy, knee and shoulder surgery in Campbell's Operative Orthopedics and other noted textbooks. He was invited to give numerous lectures, nationally and internationally.

Perhaps his most outstanding professional attribute was to inspire and mentor young students, residents, and fellows. His greatest love professionally was the honor of being a team physician, which allowed him to be a member of the team, not just a spectator. When a player was injured, he emphasized, "I stop being the team's physician. I am *your* physician."

Secondly, it has been an honor and privilege for him to work with a truly great organization--- AOSSM.