

Robert A Stanton MD graduated from Williams College in 1968 with a BA degree in history. He attended Columbia University College of Physician and Surgeons (72). While in medical school, Bob spent one year as the Edward John Noble fellow in the School of International Affairs at Columbia allowing him to pursue his long-time passion in International Diplomacy. He then completed two years in a General Surgery Residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center before completing his Orthopaedic Residency at Yale (77). He moved to Fairfield, CT. and joined 3 other orthopaedists at Orthopaedic Specialty Group, PC. Under his leadership this practice has now grown to a 25 physician multispecialty musculoskeletal practice.

Bob first became interested in sports injuries as a child. Several minor injuries led to visits with one of his father's good friends, Irv Glick, who at that time was the physician for the US Open. Bob was a member of the ski team and played rugby at Williams, continuing the latter in medical school and for several years after. This led to more interactions with the sports medicine world. He quickly realized that orthopaedic sports medicine was his passion.

Bob joined the AOSSM in 1982. It quickly became an extended family. Realizing that an organization is only as strong as its members, he volunteered for committee service. His first assignment was as a member of the Liaison Committee at its inaugural meeting in Sun Valley in 1989. This committee was spearheaded by past President Fred Allman and led to the founding of the Council of Delegates. Bob served on this committee from its founding, becoming Chairman (1996-9). This gave him a seat on the Board of Directors, and exposure to the outstanding leadership of the AOSSM. He was elected Secretary Elect (04), Secretary (05), and then joined the Presidential Line, serving as the 39th President of the AOSSM (2010-11). Bob considers this to be the highest honor of his life. After finishing his term, he was elected Chairman of the Medical Publishing Board (2014-19). He has served on and chaired numerous AOSSM committees including Publications, Public Relations, Member Benefit, Health Policy, Nominating and Hall of Fame. One of his proudest accomplishments was creating a History Committee while President, allowing the society to codify its history, including oral interviews with all of the living Past Presidents. He has also served on many committees of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons as well as the International Society for Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Sports Medicine (ISAKOS). He was Chairman of the Sports Medicine Committee of the Connecticut State Medical Society. In 2015 he was the Godfather for the AOSSM Travelling Fellowship to Asia.

Dr Stanton has served as the Team Physician for Fairfield University for more than 35 years. He was a physician for the 1980 Winter Olympics, following which he joined the physician pool for the US Ski Team. Over 35 years of service he travelled to World Cup races throughout the world with these talented athletes. He serves as a physician for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, the AHL affiliate of the New York Islanders. When not working, he can often be found in the spectacular garden designed by his wife Mandy doing the chores for which he was trained-weeding and mulching! His passion is polo, a sport he started in his early 40s. He has played in tournaments all over the East Coast and considers his horses amongst his closest friends. They always agree with whatever he says as long as a carrot is involved. Bob's son James, wife Christina and grandsons Jack (11) and Ridley (9) live in Charleston, South Carolina.