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Renowned Orthopaedic Surgeon, James R. Andrews, MD, Inducted into AOSSM Hall of Fame

ORLANDO, FL – Dr. James R. Andrews, MD, orthopaedic sports medicine leader and past AOSSM President, will be inducted into the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) Hall of Fame on Friday, July 10th, during the Society’s Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. AOSSM Hall of Famers are individuals in the sports medicine community who have contributed immensely and set themselves apart from others in the field.

Dr. Andrews is one of the founding members of Andrews Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in Birmingham, Alabama. He is also founder, chairman and medical director of the American Sports Medicine Institute (ASMI) a non-profit institute dedicated to injury prevention, education and research in orthopaedic and sports medicine. In addition, he is a founding partner and medical director of the Andrews Institute and the Andrews Research and Education Institute in Gulf Breeze, Florida. He was also crucial to the development of the STOP Sports Injuries campaign to help prevent athletic overuse and trauma injuries in kids.

Dr. Andrews is internationally known and recognized for his skills as an orthopaedic surgeon as well as his scientific and clinic research contributions in knee, shoulder and elbow injury prevention and treatment. In addition, he has made numerous presentations around the world, and has authored hundreds of scientific articles and books. He also recently wrote, Any Given Monday, based upon his life in sports medicine.

In addition, he has received numerous awards, including the 2014 NCAA President’s Gerald R. Ford Award and induction as a member of the “Louisiana Legends.” He was also named by the State of Louisiana as one of 200 most influential people in Louisiana history since statehood.

He graduated from Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1963. He completed LSU School of Medicine in 1967 and completed his orthopaedic residency at Tulane Medical School in 1972. He had surgical fellowships in sports medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1972 and at the University of Lyon, Lyon, France in 1972.

Dr. Andrews is a member of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is a past President of AOSSM and also served as its treasurer and secretary. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Arthroscopy Association of North America and the International Knee Society. He is Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical School, the University of Virginia School of Medicine, University of South Carolina Medical School, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of South Alabama, and Clinical Professor of Orthopaedics, Department of Orthopaedics, Tulane University School of Medicine.

Currently, Dr. Andrews serves as Medical Director for Auburn University Intercollegiate Athletics and Team Orthopaedic Surgeon; Senior Orthopaedic Consultant at the University of Alabama. He also serves on the Medical and Safety Advisory Committee of USA Baseball and on the Board of Little League Baseball, Inc.

In the professional sports arena, Dr. Andrews is Senior Consultant for the Washington Redskins and Medical Director for the Tampa Bay Rays. He is also the Medical Director of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.
A native of Homer, Louisiana, Dr. Andrews has called Birmingham home since 1986. He now resides most of the time in Pensacola Beach, Florida. He and his wife, Jenelle, have six children, and six grandchildren.

The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) is a world leader in sports medicine education, research, communication and fellowship, and includes national and international orthopaedic sports medicine leaders. The Society works closely with many other sports medicine specialists, including athletic trainers, physical therapists, family physicians, and others to improve the identification, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of sports injuries. AOSSM is also a founding partner of the STOP Sports Injuries campaign to prevent overuse and traumatic injuries in kids. For more information on AOSSM or the STOP Sports Injuries campaign, visit www.sportsmed.org or www.stopsportsinjuries.org