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Education

BS, Environmental Earth Science, University of Utah, 1995

MD, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 1999

Training

Residency, Orthopedic Surgery, Naval Medical Center San Diego, 2007

Fellowship, Orthopaedic Spine Surgery, Thomas Jefferson University / The Rothman Institute, 2008

Licensure & Certification

Current unrestricted state licenses in Wyoming, Washington, and California

Diplomate, National Board of Physicians and Surgeons

Selected Experience

Director, Orthopedic Spine Surgery Service, Naval Medical Center San Diego (2008–2017)

Independent Medical Evaluator, Impartial, Lake Oswego, OR (2012–2017)

Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon, Premier Bone and Joint Centers, Laramie, WY (2017–2024)

Founder, Headwaters Medicolegal Consulting, Laramie, WY (2024–present)

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. Harris E, Gillingham B, Hofmeister E, Lyons P. Localized pigmented villonodular synovitis: three cases of intra-articular knee involvement. *J Knee Surg* 2003;16:173-178; discussion 178.
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3. Harris EB, Massey P, Lawrence J, Rihn J, Vaccaro A, Anderson DG. Percutaneous techniques for minimally invasive posterior lumbar fusion. *Neurosurgical Focus* 2008;25(2).
4. Harris EB, Booher K, Flotten AS. Delayed femoral shaft fracture secondary to nail gun injury: a case report. *Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma* 2008 Aug;22(7):501-3.
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6. Smith HE, Kerr SM, Fehlings MG, Chapman J, Maltenfort M, Zavilasky J, Harris EB, Albert TJ, Harrop J, Hilibrand AS, Anderson DG, Vaccaro AR. Trends in Epidemiology and Management of Type II Odontoid Fractures: 20-Year Experience at a Model System Spine Injury Tertiary Referral Center. *Journal of Spinal Disorders & Techniques* 2010;23:501-505.

7. Harris E, Sayadipour A, Massey P, Duplantier N, Anderson DG. Mini-open versus Open Decompression and Fusion for Lumbar Degenerative Spondylolisthesis with Stenosis. *The American Journal of Orthopedics* 2011;40(12):E257-61.

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9. Rihn JA, Lawrence JP, Harris EB, Anderson DG. Posterior Minimally Invasive Decompressive Techniques for the Lumbar Spine. In: *Arthritis and Arthroplasty: The Spine*, Shen FH, Shaffrey C, eds. Elsevier; 2010:325-332.
10. Rihn JA, Lawrence J, Gates C, Harris E, Hilibrand AS. Adjacent Segment Disease After Cervical Spine Fusion. In: *Instructional Course Lectures: Spine*, Bono CM, ed. AAOS Publications.
11. Harris EB, Vaccaro A. Anterior Odontoid Screw Placement. In: *Advanced Reconstruction: Spine*, Wang JC, ed. AAOS Publications.
12. Bailey JR, Harris EB, Abitbol J-J. Pedicle Screw Fixation in Osteoporotic Bone. In: *Advanced Reconstruction: Spine*, Wang JC, ed. AAOS Publications.
13. Hanna K, Harris EB. Scheuermann's Kyphosis. In: *Musculoskeletal Examination of the Spine: Making the Complex Simple*, Rihn JA, Harris EB, eds. Slack Incorporated; 2011.
14. Barlow BT, Harris EB. Physical Examination of the Thoracolumbar Spine. In: *Musculoskeletal Examination of the Spine: Making the Complex Simple*, Rihn JA, Harris EB, eds. Slack Incorporated; 2011.
15. Ponton RP, Harris EB. Cervical Trauma: Upper Cervical Spine. In: *Musculoskeletal Examination of the Spine: Making the Complex Simple*, Rihn JA, Harris EB, eds. Slack Incorporated; 2011.
16. Harris E, Lawrence J, Rihn J, Gondusky J, Hilibrand A. Cervical Instability and Kyphosis (Rheumatoid, Dwarfism, Degenerative, Others). In: *The Textbook of Spinal Surgery*, Bridwell, DeWald, eds. LWW Publications; 2011.

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