



Dedication to Gerald R. Williams, MD

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We are pleased to dedicate the 26th volume of The University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal to Dr. Gerald R. Williams as a scientist and clinician who has provided invaluable research and mentorship to the Penn Orthopaedic program.

Dr. Williams is an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in the shoulder.

He received his undergraduate education with a degree in Chemistry from Ursinus College, in Collegeville Pennsylvania. He went on to graduate from Temple University School of Medicine with honors. He completed his orthopedic residency as well as a one year fellowship in shoulder and elbow at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in 1990.

Dr. Gerald Williams is an exemplary surgeon scientist who along with Joseph Ianotti M.D. PhD established excellence in

clinical shoulder surgery in the Department of orthopedics of the University of Pennsylvania. A disciple of the legendary Charles Rockwood, throughout his career has interfaced with the best surgical minds in shoulder surgery throughout the world. In addition to his textbook on shoulder surgery, Dr. Williams has served as the president of the American shoulder and elbow society and despite his transition to another practice in Philadelphia has remained a strong supporter of Penn orthopedics in the missions which we embrace. Furthermore his dedication to his family is an example we all should emulate and we are proud to call him one of our own as he deservedly ascended to the presidency of the AAOS.

Currently Dr. Williams is the John M. Fenlin Jr., Professor of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery at the Rothman Institute, Jefferson Medical College. In 2014 Dr. Williams was elected to be the second vice-president of AAOS. In 2016 he will become the president of AAOS.