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Biographical Sketch

Clinical Professor of Medicine & Neurology (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Spinal Cord Injury), Univ. South Florida, Tampa.
Physician (Retired), Spinal Cord Injury Center, James A. Haley VA Hospital
Chief Medical Advisor: Stay in Step SCI Recovery Center, Tampa, FL
President: RehabMed South, Inc.

Education

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN Residency: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 1976
Huntington Mem. Hospital, Pasadena, CA: Residency, Internal Medicine, 1974
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC: Doctor of Medicine, 1971
Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC BS: Chemistry, 1967

Board Certifications

Internal Medicine; Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation; Spinal Cord Medicine: Brain Injury Medicine

Research Interests

Neuro-regeneration, Olfactory Mucosal Autografts, Stem Cell Therapies Spinal Cord Injury Acute and Chronic, Outcomes; Prevention of Urinary Tract Infections
Prevention of Urinary Tract Infection in Spinal Cord Injury
Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Management; Respiratory Intervention in Quadriplegia
Energy Expenditure in Paraplegia; Metabolic Changes in Chronic SCI

Positions and Honors

Best Doctors in America, Tampa Bay Metro region, elected: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.
Professor of Medicine & Neurology, University of South Florida, 2003- present
Chief, Spinal Cord Injury Center, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL 2003- 2008
Professor & Chairman: Phys Med & Rehab, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 1996-01
Professor, Adjunct, School of Bioengineering, Marquette University, 2000- 2002
Professor, Physical Med & Rehab, University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine 1993-96
Consultant (Staff), Mayo Clinic, Depart Phys Med & Rehab, Rochester, MN, 1976 – 1990
Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehab, Mayo Clinic Medical School, Rochester, MN 1990

Recent Publications, Presentations, Selected

1. Bauman WA, Spungen AM, Collins JF, Raisch DW, Deitrick GA, Nemchausky BA, Goetz LL, Park JS, Merritt JL, et al: The Effect of Oxandrolone on the Healing of Chronic Pressure Ulcers in Persons with Spinal Cord Injury: a Randomized Trial. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 158 (10): 718-726, May 21, 2013.
2. Darouiche RO, Green BG, Donovan SH, Merritt JL, et al: Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial of Bacterial Interference for Prevention of Urinary Tract Infection in Patients with Neurogenic Bladder. *Urology* 78(2): 341-346, Aug 2011.
3. Gutierrez, CJ, Cathy Stevens C, Merritt JL, Pope C, Tanasescu M, Curtiss G: Trendelenburg chest optimization prolongs spontaneous breathing trials in ventilator-dependent patients with low cervical spinal cord injury, *Journal Rehab Res & Develop.* 47(3), 261-272, 2010.
4. Merritt JL, VanHarlinger W, Elliot MR: "Improving Hand Function with Robotic Simultaneous Passive Motion and Electrical Stimulation." *International Congress of Neurotechnology*, Rome, Italy, Oct 14, 2010.
5. Merritt JL, White KT, Scott SG: "Stem Cell Therapy Coupled with Intensive Regeneration Rehabilitation: Evidence of Early Efficacy in a Traumatic Complete Spinal Cord Injury, Case Report," *World Stem Cell Summit*, Pasadena, CA Oct 3, 2011.

****Full CV available online and on request.**