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Biographical Sketch

John L. Merritt, MD, FACP

Professor of Medicine & Neurology, Univ. South Florida, Tampa.

Attending Physician, Spinal Cord Injury Center, James A. Haley VA Hospital

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

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

Ethics, Beginning and End of Life Issues, Palliative Care

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Outcome Prediction and Management

Life Expectancy and Outcomes in Spinal Cord Injury

Positions and Honors

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

Best Doctors in America, Tampa Bay Metro region, elected: 2009, 2010, 2011.

Recent Publications, Presentations, Selected

1. Gutierrez CJ, 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, J Rehab Research & Dev, vol. 47:3, 2010, 261-272.

2. Merritt JL, Merritt JLII: When Does Human Life Begin? A Fresh Look at Scientific, Scriptural and Historical Evidence (book), Crystal Clear Books, 2010, Tampa, FL

3. Darouiche RO, Green BG, Donovan SH, Schwartz M, Merritt JL, Riosa S, Hull RA: Bacterial Interference Prevents Urinary Tract Infections in Spinal Cord Injury, A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Multi-center Trial: Urology 2011 (in press).

4. Merritt JL, Merritt JL II, Merritt, BP: "The Beginning of Human Life: The Central Role of Implantation in Developmental Biology and Historical Records," Ethics Section, International Society for Stem Cell Research, Barcelona, Spain, July 9, 2009.

**Full CV available online and on request.