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### **BOARD CERTIFICATIONS**

Brain Injury Medicine: 2014

Spinal Cord Medicine: 2007, 2019

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: 1979

Internal Medicine: 1974

Senior Disability Analyst and Diplomat, American Board of Disability Analysts, 2014

### **EDUCATION**

Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C.: BS (Chemistry) 1967

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C.; M.D., 1971

Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, California

Residency: Internal Medicine, 1971 - 1974

Mayo Clinic, Graduate School of Medicine, Rochester, MN

Residency: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 1974 - 1976

# **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- Professor, Clinical: Department of Medicine; and Department of Neurology: Sections of Spinal Cord Injury and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 2003 – 2016.
- Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1996 2001
- Professor, School of Bioengineering, Adjunct, Marquette University, 2000-2002.
- Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,

University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine 1993 - 1996

- Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
   Mayo Clinic Medical School, Rochester, MN 1990
- Associate Professor, Mayo Clinic Medical School, Rochester, MN 1984-1989
- Assistant Professor, Mayo Clinic Medical School, Rochester, MN 1979-1983
- Instructor, PM&R, Mayo Clinic Medical School, Rochester, MN 1976-1978
- Director, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program,
   Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1991, founded program
- Fellow, American College of Physicians, inducted 1982

#### **SOCIETIES & ORGANIZATIONS**

- \* Fellow, American College of Physicians, 1985 present.
- \* Fellow, American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 1978 present.
- \* American Academy of Physician Life Care Planners, 2019 present
- \* American Board of Disability Analysts, Senior Disability Analyst and Diplomat, 2014 present.
- \* International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, 2013 present.
- \* International Association of Life Care Planners, 2013 present.
- \* American College of Physicians, 1979- present.
- \* Sigma Xi Research Society, 1984 present.
- \* Southern Medical Association, 2013 present.
- \* Florida Medical Association, 2004 present.
- \* Hillsborough County Medical Association: 2011 2016
- \* International Society for Stem Cell Research, 2009 present.
- \* American Paraplegia Society, Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals: 1984 –present.
- \* World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation: 2013 present.
- \* International Society of Physical Medical Medicine & Rehabilitation: 2003 –present.
- \* Neurocritical Care Society: 2014 present.
- \* American Association of Physicians and Surgeons: 2020 present
- \* American Association of Orthopedic Medicine: 2014 2017
- \* Society of Biblical Literature: 2013 present.
- \* American Spinal Injury Association, 1978-2003.
- \* American College of Rheumatology, 1985-2002.
  - Board Member, Section on Arthritis Rehabilitation, American College of Rheumatology, 1988-1991.
  - Secretary of Board, Section on Arthritis Rehabilitation, American College of Rheumatology, 1998-1990.
- \* Association of Academic Physiatrists, 1980-2011.
- \* American Medical Association, 1984 2003.
- \* Wisconsin State Medical Society, 1996 2003.
- \* California Medical Association, 1992 -1996.
- \* Minnesota Medical Association, 1984 1990.
- \* Wisconsin Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 1996-2003.

- \* American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1976 2007.
- \* American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, 1976 1988.
- \* International Rehabilitation Medicine Association, 1976 1994.
- \* International League Against Rheumatism, 1988 1990.
- \* International Medical Society of Paraplegia, 1976 1996
- \* Orange County Medical Association, Orange County, CA, 1992 1996.

### PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Medical Advisor, Stay In Step Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center, Tampa, FL 2012
   -2018.
- Chief, Spinal Cord Injury Center, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa,FL (2003-2009)
- Medical Director, Rehab Medicine, Aurora BayCare Medical Center and BayCare Clinic, Green Bay, WI (2001- 2003)
- Professor and Chairman of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Medical Collegeof Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI (1996 – 2001)
- Medical Director, Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital, Tustin, CA (1992 1996)
- Board of Governors, Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital, Tustin, CA (1993 1996)
- President, RehabMed South, Tampa, FL (2004 present)
- President, RehabMed West, Tustin, CA (1992 1998)
- Partner, Rehab One, National Group Practice (1992 1997)
- Medical Director, Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, Charlotte, NC (1990 1991)
- Director, Residency Program in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC (1991, founded PM&R residency training program)
- Consultant (Mayo staff physician) Mayo Clinic, Department Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Rochester, MN (1976 – 1990)
- Rehabilitation Physician Surveyor, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation
   Facilities (CARF) (1992 1999)

### **OTHER POSITIONS /AWARDS**

- Best Doctors in America: elected: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.
   Tampa Bay Region, for the specialty of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.
- Senior Disability Analyst and Diplomat, American Board of Disability Analysts, , 2014
   present.
- Medical Director, Rehab Medicine, Aurora BayCare Medical Center, and Rehab Medicine Director, BayCare Clinic, Green Bay, WI (2001-2003)
- Medical Director, Rehabilitation Medicine, Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Milwaukee, WI (1996 - 2001)
- Medical Director Brain Injury Rehabilitation, Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital & Western Neuro Care Center (1992 - 1993)
- Medical Director General Rehabilitation Program, Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital & Western Neuro Care Center (1992 - 1996)
- Medical Director Pain Rehab Program, Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation (1990-1991)
- Medical Director Spinal Injury Program, Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation (1990-91)
- Director, Back Rehabilitation Program, Mayo Clinic (1986-1990)
- Founder & Co-Director, Impairment Evaluation Center, Mayo Clinic (1987-1990)
- Assistant Director, Back Skills Unit, Mayo Clinic (1986-1990)
- Faculty Mentor Program, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1999 2001.
- American Congress Rehabilitation Medicine 22nd National Essay Contest Winner, 1975
- Teacher of the Year, Mayo Clinic, Dept of PM&R, 1978.
- Consultant to <u>AMA Drug Evaluations</u>, AMA Div. of Drugs, AMA, Chicago: 5th ed (1983), 6th ed. (1986), 7th ed. (1990)
- Reviewer, Arch Phys Med Rehab, Chicago, 1984-88
- Reviewer, Arthritis Care and Research, 1999 2003.

#### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- "Stay In Step Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center," Corporate Board & Medical Advisor, Tampa, FL 2012 – 2018.
- Institutional Review Board, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 2004 2012.
- Ethics Consultation Committee, James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital, Tampa,FL 2004 – 2012.
- Disciplinary Appeals Board, Veterans Heath Administration, Central Office, US Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Washington, D.C. 2005 2012.
- Council of Chiefs, James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital, Tampa, FL 2003 2009.
- Clinical Executive Board, James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital, Tampa, FL 2003 2009.
- Professional Standards Board, James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital, Tampa, FL 2003 –2009.
- Dean's Committee, Affiliation Partnership Council, University of South Florida, School of Medicine – Veteran's Hospitals, Tampa, FL 2004 – 2009.
- Neuroscience Committee, Aurora BayCare Medical Center and BayCare Clinic, Green Bay, WI, 2001 – 2003.
- Executive Committee, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1996 2001.
- Board of Directors, Medical College Physicians (MCW physician practice group), 1996 2001.
- Dean's Committee, Medical College of Wisconsin Veterans Administration Hospital, Milwaukee, WI 2000 - 2001.
- Clinical Chairs Committee, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1996 2001.
- Board of Advisors, Orthopedic & Rehabilitation Engineering Center, Medical College of Wisconsin & Marquette University, 1999 - 2001
- Subcommittee for Clinical Informatics, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1999 2001.
- Strategic Planning Subcommittee for Information Technology, Medical College of Wisconsin, 2000 – 2001.
- Neuroscience Center, Steering Committee, Medical College of Wisconsin & Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, 1999 – 2001.
- Wisconsin Brain Injury Center, Steering Committee, 2000 2001.
- Musculoskeletal and Arthritis Center, Steering Committee, Medical College of Wisconsin & Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, 1997 2001.
- Musculoskeletal and Arthritis Center, Business Development Committee, Medical College of Wisconsin & Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, 1997 – 2001.

- Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Board of Advisors, 1996 2001.
- Rehabilitation Administrative Management Committee, Chairman, Medical College of Wisconsin & Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, 1999 – 2001.
- Trauma Committee: Medical College of Wisconsin & Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, 1999 – 2001.
- Injury Control Research Center, Proposal Core & Steering Committee, Medical College of Wisconsin, 2000 – 2001.
- Subacute and Postacute Planning Committee: Medical College of Wisconsin, 1998 2001.
- Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical College of Wisconsin Committees: 1996 - 2001
  - Educational Committee
  - Clinical Practice Committee
  - Research Committee
- Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., Research Board of Directors, Wheaton, IL 1996-1998.
- Chairman of Search Committee for Preventive and Occupational Medicine Chair, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1997.
- University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Faculty Advisory & Promotions Committee, 1993-1996.
- Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital & Western Neuro Care Center, 1992-1996

Medical Executive Committee

Utilization Review Committee, Chairman

Infection Control Committee

Medical Records Committee

Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

Quality Insurance Tissue Committee

Clinical Managers Committee

- Interdisciplinary Practice Committee, St Joseph's Medical Center, Orange, CA, 1995-96.
- Institutional Review Board, St Joseph's Medical Center, Orange, CA, 1995-1996.
- Cost Outcomes Committee, Rehab One, Inc., Bloomington, MN, 1992-1996.
- Education Committee, Rehab One, Inc., Bloomington, MN, 1992-1996.
- Stroke Clinical Pathways Committee, Hoag Memorial Hospital, Newport Beach, CA 1995-1996.
- Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation (CIR), Charlotte, NC, 1990-1991

Committees: Medical Staff, Medical Staff Executive Committee, Quality

Assurance Committee, Department Head Committee, Infection Control Committee, Safety Committee, Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

- North Carolina State Advisory Committee on Rehab Centers for the Physically Disabled, 1991
- Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN:

Equal Opportunities Committee, 1988-1990

PM&R Research Committee, 1976-1990

PM&R Education Committee, 1978-1990

Geriatrics Committee, 1985-1990

PM&R Record ad hoc Committee, Chair, 1980-1982

Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Committee, 1976-1990

E-10 Clinical Practice Committee, 1980-1990

Interdepartmental Spine & Limb Task Force, 1984-1990

### **HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF**

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, FL, 2003 – 2013.

Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Green Bay, WI, 2001 – 2003.

Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Milwaukee, WI, 1996-2001.

Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI, 1997-2003.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 1998-2003.

Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital, Tustin, CA, 1992-1996.

Western Medical Center, Santa Ana, CA, 1992-1996.

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Newport Beach, CA, 1993-1996.

Irvine Medical Center, Irvine, CA, 1993-1996.

St. Joseph Hospital & Medical Center, Orange, CA, 1994-1996

Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA, 1994-1996.

Fountain Valley Medical Center, Fountain Valley, CA, 1994-1996.

Mission Viejo Hospital and Medical Center, Mission Viejo, CA, 1993-1996.

Marionjoy Rehabilitation Hospital & Clinics, Wheaton, IL:

Provisional Research & Education Medical Staff, 1997-1998.

Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC, 1990-1991.

Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation (Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital),

Charlotte, NC, 1990-1991.

Mayo Clinic Hospitals, Rochester, MN:

St. Mary's Hospital of Rochester, 1976-1990. Rochester Methodist Hospital, 1976-1990.

### **RESEARCH ACTIVITY:**

# **Department of Defense**

- "Clinical Study to Assess the Efficacy of a Novel Micro-Patterned Foley Catheter to Reduce Catheter-Associated UTI among Spinal Cord Injured Patients ("Shark Skin Study")," (dual-site study with Baylor University, Houston, TX): Tampa site Co-Principle Investigator, 2012 2016.
- "Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Survey to Determine Pressure Ulcer Vulnerability in the Outpatient Population," Co-Investigator, 2011 2015.

# **National Institutes of Health:**

- "Prevention of UTIs in Persons with Spinal Cord of Injury," National Institute of Health Tampa Site Primary Investigator: 2007- 2009
- "Epidemiology of Surgically Treated Lumbar Disk Disease," National Institute of Health,
   Mayo Clinic, Principle Investigator, 1986 1988
- "Epidemiology of Non-surgical Lumbar Disk Disease," National Institute of Health, Mayo Clinic, Principle Investigator, 1988 – 1990

# Veterans Administration, Research and Development

- "Improving Hand Function in Quadriplegia from Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury with FES Hand Glove Training, a Clinical Study," Co-Principle Investigator, 2013 – 2016.
- "Spinal Cord Injury in Active Duty War Injuries from Iraq, Afganistan & Global War on Terrorism: 100 serial cases 2003-2012." Principal Investigator 2003-2012; Co-PI2012-13.
- "Feasibility of FES Hand Glove to Improve Hand Function in Quadriplegia from Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain injury," Principle Investigator, 2011 2012.
- "Computer-Brain Interface Communication System in Advanced ALS" Co-Principal Investigator, 2009 – 2012.
- Regenerative Rehabilitation: Olfactory Mucosal Autografts & other Stem Cell Autografts for Complete Spinal Cord Injury, Clinical Case Series. Principle Investigator, 2010-2012.
- Risk Factors for Pressure Ulcers in Spinal Cord Injury, Hypothesis Development: Veterans

- and Active Duty Personnel, Co-Investigator, 2011-2015.
- "Prevention of Urinary Tract Infection with Genetically Modified E.Coli in Spinal Cord Injury and Neurogenic Bladders." Tampa Site Primary Investigator, 2007 2009.
- "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Impact of Escalating Influx in the Tampa VA Spinal Cord Injury Center, 2008-2009," Principal Investigator.
- "Oxandrolone in Pressure Sore Healing," Veterans Administration Multi-Center Study; Tampa Site Primary Investigator: 2003 – 2010.
- "A Phase I Pharmacokinetic Study of Xenaderm Ointment in Subjects with Pressure Ulcers," Primary Investigator, HealthPoint: 2008.
- "Respiratory Impairments and Spinal Cord Injury" 2006 2008.
   Veterans Administration Multi-Center Study; Tampa Site Principle Investigator
- "Feasibility of Evaluating Efficacy of Mechanical In-Exsufflation in Veterans with SCI," Veterans Administration Multi-Center Study, Co-Investigator, 2006 2008.
- "Ultrasonic Bone Stimulation for Long Bone Fractures in Spinal Cord Injury" Co-Principle Investigator, 2008 2009.
- "Personality, Coping and Adverse Outcomes in SCI," Co-Investigator, 2006 2008.
- "Efficacy of Topiramate in the Treatment of Neuropathic Pain Associated with Spinal Cord Injury," Veterans Administration Multi-Center Study; Tampa Site Principle Investigator. 2 years, 2003 - 2004.

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Early Intervention Study: Central and Peripheral Effects of Early Anti-Spasticity Intervention with Botulinum Neuro-blockade in Subjects with Ischemic Stroke, 1999-2001.

# **Mayo Foundation:**

- Double Blind Study of Mandelamine in Prevention of Urinary Tract Infections in Spinal Cord Injury: Principle Investigator.
- Objective Assessment of Strength and Range of Motion of the Lumbar Spine
   Effects Effects of Corsets and Exercise on Trunk Strength: Principle Investigator.
- Effects of Exercise and Motion on Acute Inflammation in a Rabbit Model:
   Principle Investigator.
- Energy Expenditure in Orthotic Assisted Ambulation in Spinal Cord Injured
   Subjects: Evaluation of Three Models of Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthotics: Principle
   Investigator.

# Minnesota Arthritis Foundation: Principle Investigator

Physical Management of Scleroderma.

# **Medical College of Wisconsin**

- Comparison of Brain Effect Measured by Functional MRI of Trigger Point Stimulation in Normal Subjects and Subjects with Pain Syndromes; Principle Investigator, funded by MCW.
- Spasticity and Hypertonia Quantification in Upper Motor Neuron Lesions;
   Principle Investigator, private funding.
- Dose-Ranging Safety & Efficacy Study of the Effect of Recombinant-Methionyl Human Neutrophin-3 (NT-3) on Bowel Function in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury, Co- investigator, private funding.

### NeuroRehab One / RehabMed South

♦ Evoke Functional Electroencephalography Sensitivity and Specificity as Electrophysiological Potential Biomarkers of Traumatic Brain Injury and Recurrent Concussions, Concurrent Case Series, private funding.

### **CLINICAL & RESEARCH ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS**

- \* Neuroplasticity & Neuro-regeneration in Spinal Cord Injury
- \* Regenerative Rehabilitation
- \* Activity-Induced Neuroregeneration in Spinal Cord Injury
- \* Pressure Ulcers, Prevention & Healing in Spinal Cord Injury
- \* Urinary tract infections in neurogenic bladder: Prevention & Advances in Treatment
- \* Rehabilitation Outcomes Management & Research
- \* Spasticity, Dystonia and Motor Recovery Care & Research
- \* Energy expenditure of spinal cord injury ambulation with lower extremity orthotics
- \* Arthritis rehabilitation: joint pathophysiology
- \* Impairment evaluation, objective measurements
- \* Neurogenic bladder, rehabilitation and training
- \* Epidemiology of intervertebral disc disease and adjacent disc syndromes.
- \* Medical Ethics: Beginning & end of life; quality of life.
- \* Strength quantification: trunk and limb.

# INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL CONFERENCES: PRESENTATIONS

- \* Merritt JL, Invited Speaker, Keynote Address: "Unveiling the 'Unseen Injury': Evoke Functional Electroencephalography Electrophysiological Biomarkers in the Diagnosis of Mild to Moderate Brain Injury: Electrophysiological Correlation with Brain Functional Anatomy in 150 Serial Cases with Concussions," 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Brain Disorders and Therapeutics, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 13, 2018.
- \* Merritt, JL, Session Chair: Analysis, Assessment and Diagnosis of Disorders of Cognition and Behavior, Neurochemistry and Neuropharmacology: 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Brain Disorders and Therapeutics, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 13, 2018.
- \* Merritt, JL, Session Chair: Young Researchers Forum: 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Brain Disorders and Therapeutics, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 13, 2018.
- \* Merritt, JL, Invited Speaker: "Pituitary Injury and Neuroendocrine Deficiency Following Traumatic Brain Injury," APITLA National Super Summit, Galveston, TX, August 8, 2018.
- \* Merritt JL, "Value of Functional Electroencephalography in Diagnosis of Mild to Moderate Brain Injury: Case Series of 70 Retired NFL Professional Football Players with Multiple Concussions," Rehab Science & Technology, Update 2016, Tel Aviv, Israel, February 10, 2016.
- \* Merritt JL, "Advanced Technology to Improve Hand Function in Tetraplegia from SCI & TBI," Rehab Science & Technology, Update 2016,
  Tel Aviv, Israel, February 8, 2016.
  - Merritt JL, Invited Speaker: "Practical Implications and Barriers to Applications of Regenerative Medicine in Spinal Cord Injury," World Gene Convention 2015, Qingdao, China, Nov 14, 2015

- Merritt JL, Van Harlinger W, "Improving Hand Function Through Use of the FES Hand Glove 200, Phase I: Feasibility and Safety Results." World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation, Istanbul, Turkey, April 10, 2014.
- Merritt JL: "Olfactory Mucosal Autograft for Spinal Cord Regeneration, Update."
   United States Special Operations Command, Spinal Cord Injury Conference,
   Tampa, FL, March 30, 2012.
- Merritt JL, Van Harlinger W, Elliot MR; Invited Speaker: "Improving Hand Function with Robotic Simultaneous Passive Motion and Electrical Stimulation," Forth International Congress of Neurotechnology, Rome, Italy, Oct 14, 2010.
- 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
- Merritt JL, Gutierrez C, Lima C, White KT, Scott SG: "A Program for Ventilator Weaning Following Stem Cell Transplant in Spinal Cord Injury with High Quadriplegia," World Stem Cell Summit, Pasadena, CA Oct 3, 2011.
- Merritt JL, Merritt JL II: "Zygote to Blastocyst Development Prior to Implantation is Not Oxygen Dependent," World Stem Cell Summit, Pasadena, CA Oct 3, 2011.
- Merritt JL: "Outcomes from Spinal Cord Injury in Active Duty Servicemen,
   2003 2011," Invited Speaker, Department of Defense and Veterans
   Administration Annual Blast Conference, Tampa, FL December 14, 2011.
- Merritt JL: "Spinal Cord Injury in Active Duty War Injuries from Iraq, Afghanistan & Central Command Nations: 60 serial cases 2003-2009." Congress of Spinal Cord Professionals, Dallas, TX, Sept 25, 2009.

- \* Merritt JL, Merritt JL II, Merritt, BP: "Historical and Biological Reviews: The Role of Implantation and Life's Beginning," Ethics Section, World Stem Cell Summit 2008, Madison, WI, September 22, 2008.
- \* Gutierrez CJ, Stevens C, Pope CR, Merritt JL, et al: "Trendelenburg-specific Chest Optimization Improves Spontaneous Breathing Trial Duration in Ventilator-Dependent Patients," Congress of Spinal Cord Medicine, Orlando, FL, August 12, 2008.
- \* Merritt JL, Letsch E: "The Interplay of Medicine and Psychology in SCI-Polytrauma Rehabilitation," Invited Speaker, The War Related Injuries and Illness Study Center Annual Conference, on Caring for Veterans Returning from Recent Conflicts, Baltimore, MD, 2007.
- \* 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.
- \* Merritt JL, Gonzales Y, Herrick P:: "Blast Injuries from the Global War on Terrorism," Invited Speaker, International Seating Symposium, Orlando, FL, March 9,2007.
- \* Merritt JL, Merritt JLII: "Zygote to Blastocyst Development Prior to Implantation is Not Oxygen Dependent," World Stem Cell Summit, Pasadena, CA, October 3, 2007
- \* Merritt JL, Gonzales Y: Invited Speaker: "Rehabilitation Injuries Associated with the Global War on Terrorism," Invited Speaker, United Nations Association, Tampa, FL, November 18, 2006.
- \* Merritt JL, Gonzales Y, Invited Speaker: "Polytrauma & Rehab Challenges," National Therapy Leadership Council, Veterans Administration,
  Las Vegas, NV, September 5, 2006.
- \* Lafavor D, Merritt JL, "Organizing Systems for Family Support for Blast-Injured

Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom Servicemen," American Paraplegia Society, Las Vegas, NV, September 7, 2005.

- \* Gutierrez CJ, Haines F, Scott SG, Merritt JL: "Chest Optimization for SCI Patients at Risk of Acute Respiratory Failure," American Paraplegia Society, Las Vegas, NV September 7, 2004.
- \* Jonen LP, Curtiss G, Thomason SS, Kelley B, Merritt JL, "Smoking and Pressure Ulcer Prevalence: A Review and Meta-analysis" American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Worker, Las Vegas, September 7, 2004.
- \* Lafavor DE, Merritt JL, "Stemming the Tide: Providing Proactive Marriage Enrichment to Spinal Cord Injured Soldiers, Veterans and Their Family," American Paraplegia Society, Las Vegas, NV, September 7, 2004.
- \* Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, "Understanding Back Pain, What Can Go Wrong", Seminar & Update 2002, Worker's Compensation Bureau, State of Wisconsin. Milwaukee, WI, February 28, 2002.
- \* Merritt JL: Invited Speaker: "Advances in Rehabilitation Medicine', , Symposium for Retired Physicians-Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, October 10, 2000
- Merritt JL: Invited Speaker: "Rehabilitation Medicine Pearls", Board Review Course in Geriatric Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, Medical College of WI, Milwaukee, WI, September 24, 1998.
- \* Merritt JL: Use of Physical and Rehabilitative Medicine in Worker's Compensation, Invited Speaker, State Bar of Wisconsin, Madison, WI February 21, 1997.

- Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, Keynote Address: "Bioengineering Challenges in RehabilitationMedicine: REALITY," Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 1996.
- Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc. Outpatient Rehabilitation Programs, New Concepts & Trends, "How to Organize Rehabilitation Outpatient Programs", Chicago, IL, August 18, 1995.
- Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., Outpatient Rehabilitation Programs, New Concepts & Trends, "Niches in Rehabilitation Outpatient Programs" Chicago, IL, August 18, 1995.
- Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, Rehabilitation Foundations, Inc., Outpatient Rehabilitation
   Programs, New Concepts & Trends Panel Discussion, Chicago, IL, August 18,1995
- \* Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, American College of Rheumatology, Functional Back Examination in Clinical Practice, Cincinnati, OH, June 14-15, 1994
- \* Merritt, JL: Invited Speaker, Symposium "Neurogene Blasenentleerungstrorung beim Erwachsenen und Kind; aktuelle Aspekte zur Sexualitat Querschnittlahmter" (Prevention of urinary tract in neurogenic bladder in paraplegics), European Urological Society,
  Murnau, Germany, Feb 22-24, 1989.
- \* Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, "Causes of pain in osteoarthritis, soft tissue mechanisms," University of Miami Pain in Osteoarthritis Symposium, Cancun, Mexico, Feb 2-3, 1989.
- \* Merritt JL: Invited Speaker, "Advances in Orthotics in Rheumatoid," Arthritis National Conference on Arthritic Rehabilitation Research, sponsored by NIH (NIDRR) and the Arthritis Foundation, Charlottesville, VA, July 1986.
- \* Merritt, JL: "Bladder retraining of paraplegic women," International Medical Society of Paraplegia, Annual International Meeting,

- \* Merritt JL: "Spinal Cord Injury, Complications and Management, Session Chair," at International Congress of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
  Jerusalem, Israel, May 17, 1984.
- \* Merritt JL: Guest Speaker, (1) "Management of spasticity in spinal cord injury" and (2) "Bracing the paraplegic," Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Annual Course in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation, Chicago, IL, October 14-15, 1985.
- \* Merritt JL: Guest Speaker, "Physical management of arthritis," Knoxville Veterans Hospital Regional Symposium on Arthritis, Knoxville, IA, April 19, 1985.
- \* Merritt JL: Guest Professor, "Energy expenditure in paraplegic orthotic ambulation," University of Washington and Harborview Veteran's Administration Hospital, Seattle, WA, Feb 11-12, 1988.
- \* Merritt JL: Panel on Functional Electrical Stimulation and bracing in paraplegia, at American Spinal Injury Association, Houston, TX, April 26, 1984.
- \* de la Rocha O, Housenga C, Talmage E, Merritt JL: "Improving the Cost Effectiveness of Rehabilitation: An Empirical Method for Identifying Special Patient Populations," American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 56th Annual Session, Anaheim, CA, Oct 8, 1994.
- \* Law J, Barnhart K, Rowlett W, de la Rocha O, Merritt JL: "Decannulation of the Slow-to-Recover Brain Injured Patient," American Academy of PM&R, 56th Annual Session, Anaheim, CA, Oct 11, 1994.
- \* Merritt JL, Anderson C, Housenga C: Usefulness of the Functional Independence Measure (FIM) and Western Physical Performance Analysis (WPPA) in Subjects with Severe Brain Injury: American Academy of P M & R, 56th Annual Session,

- Merritt JL, McQuain MT: "A Network for Multi-Center Research", 57th International Meeting of Mayo Alumni Association. Nashville, TN, April 30, 1993.
- \* Merritt JL: "On Becoming a Medical Director: University, Hospital Units, and Freestanding Rehabilitation Hospitals Compared." University of Utah, Annual Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Board Review Course. Park City, Utah, February 24-27, 1993.
- \* Merritt JL: "AMA Impairment Evaluation Guidelines," Rehab One Spring Event CME Program, Palm Springs, CA. March 1992.
- \* Clark J, Merritt JL: "Physician Relations and Referral Practices," Rehab One Spring Event CME Program, Palm Springs, CA. March 1992.
- \* Merritt JL: "Workshop Invasive Injections, Tendon and Bursa Injections," Rehab One Spring Event CME Program, Palm Springs, CA. March 1992
- \* Merritt JL: "Workshop Invasive Injections, Trigger Point Injections," Rehab One Spring Event CME Program, Palm Springs, CA. March 1992.
- \* Merritt JL: "Pain: Functional Restoration, Back Pain," at Rehab One Spring Event CME Program, Palm Springs, CA. March 1992.
- \* Merritt JL: "Low Back Pain in the Elderly," American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, San Antonio, TX, Nov 1989.
- \* Merritt JL, Hanson TJ: "Functional Back Examination in Clinical Evaluation," Third International Conference on Musculoskeletal Accidents and Injuries in the Workplace, Bangkok, Thailand, November 1988.
- \* Hanson TJ, Merritt JL: "Musculoskeletal Problems in Dentists and Dental Workers,"

- Third International Conference on Musculoskeletal Accidents and Injuries in the Workplace, Bangkok, Thailand, November 1988.
- \* Merritt JL: "Ambulation in Spinal Cord Injury: Clinical and Experimental Observations." For the Veterans Administration Medical Centers, a videotape presentation, Feb 1988.
- \* Hanson TJ, Merritt JL, Madson TH: "Posture quantification: evaluations by the Mayo Back Skills Unit," at American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Orlando, FL Oct 1987.
- \* Butters MA, Merritt JL: "Neurogenic Bladder and the Post Polio Syndrome", American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Orlando, FL, Oct 1987.
- \* Lewis VM, Merritt JL: "Effects of Anthropometric Factors on Trunk Strength in Women," American Academy Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Orlando, FL, Oct 1987.
- \* Lewis VM, Merritt JL: "Correlations Between Isotonic and Isometric Measurements of Trunk Muscle Strength," American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Orlando, FL, Oct 1987.
- \* Lewis VM, Merritt JL: "Assessment of Trunk Muscle Strength and Level of Physical Activity in Young, Healthy Women," American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Orlando, FL, Oct 1987.
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