

John E. Herzenberg, MD



Dr. John Herzenberg is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, USA. He attended high school for three years in Kibbutz Kfar Blum in Israel, hence his fluency in the Hebrew language. He then studied medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, completed orthopedic residency at Duke University, and a pediatric orthopedic fellowship at University of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. He was an AOA North American Travelling Fellow and American British Canadian Travelling Fellow. He travelled to Kurgan, USSR, and Lecco, Italy to study the Ilizarov method. He was on the full time faculty at University of Michigan as Assistant Professor (1986–1991), University of Maryland as Associate and then Full Professor (1991–2001), and at Sinai Hospital since 2001.

He is a Clinical Professor at the University of Maryland, and was formerly the Director of the International Center for Limb Lengthening at Sinai Hospital's Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics, and Head of Pediatric Orthopedics for Sinai Hospital.

He is a former President of the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society and former President of the Maryland Orthopedic Society. He is a member of AAOS, POSNA and LLRS. He specializes in the treatment of adults and children with clubfoot, congenital abnormalities, limb length discrepancy, joint contractures, non-unions, malunions, bone deformity, and bone defects. He organizes the Baltimore Limb Deformity Course, now in its 35th year, and travels nationally and internationally as a speaker. He co-authored the Multiplier App, the Art of Limb Alignment, and Art of Limb Alignment – TSF. He has co-authored over 190 PubMed listed papers, over 50 book chapters, and various books, including editing *The Principles of Deformity Correction* (Springer, 2002), and *Art of Limb Alignment – Taylor Spatial Frame*, and *Art of Limb Alignment* (multiple editions). In 1997, Dr. Herzenberg helped revive the Ponseti method and promulgate it world-wide to become the standard of care for clubfoot. He co-developed an internal magnetic powered lengthening nail as an alternative to external fixators for limb lengthening.

Dr. Herzenberg is married to Merrill Chaus, RN, MPH. They have three grown daughters: two nurses, and an architect. He is an honorary member of the Israeli Orthopedic Association and operates there yearly in various hospitals. Since 1998, he and his family have volunteered yearly with Operation Rainbow, providing orthopedic surgery to underprivileged children and adults in Nicaragua, Colombia, Ecuador, Uganda, Ethiopia, Liberia, Nepal, Honduras, and Haiti. He has recently volunteered in two active war zones: Ukraine, and Israel. In recognition of sustained international service, he was given POSNA's 2016 Humanitarian Award. Most recently, he is being inducted into the inaugural class of the LLRS Hall of Fame. Dr. Herzenberg recently retired (summer 2023) from active clinical practice, and has relocated to Boulder, CO, where he and Merrill are full time grandparents, as of August 2023. Even more recently, they have another grandson in Miami, so they now travel back and forth from Miami to Colorado. Dr. Herzenberg's current status is Emeritus Faculty at Sinai Hospital, and he continues to be involved in teaching, research, publishing, the annual Baltimore Limb Deformity Course, and organizing international service missions to the Developing World.