

# Stuart A. Green, MD



Dr. Stuart Green is the son, father, and first cousin of orthopaedic surgeons. He trained in orthopaedic surgery at The Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York (Now NYU Langone Orthopaedics). After an infectious diseases fellowship at the University of California San Diego, Dr. Green joined the Greater Long Beach Orthopaedic Group where he worked for 50 years, while also heading the Osteomyelitis Service at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. He now functions as an orthopaedic specialist at the Long Beach Veterans Administration Medical Center (walking from home!) and as a Professor in the University of California Irvine's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. In 1981, his first book, *Complications of External Skeletal Fixation*, pointed the way towards the safe application of external fixators in orthopaedic care, reintroducing the devices into an orthopedist's armamentarium after a hiatus of more than 30 years.

In 1986, with Dr. David Seligson, Dr. Green developed the first retrograde femoral nail, inserted via the knee joint. In 1987, he crossed the Iron Curtain becoming the first American to visit Siberian surgeon G.A. Ilizarov and later helped Ilizarov with publications in the Western medical literature. Dr. Green subsequently modified Ilizarov's technique by substituting half-pins for tensioned wires in the circular external fixation frame—the RANCHO technique. More recently, Dr. Green has been instrumental in developing the PRECICE™ Intramedullary Lengthening Nail.

Dr. Green has been president of both The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons and the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society, which he co-founded with Dr. Dror Paley. Stuart Green has long been interested in the history of medicine, medical ethics, professionalism, and related topics. Starting in 1999, he published a series of articles dealing with various issues related to the anthropology, history and sociology of his profession. His interest in our country's colonial past resulted in original research on

the repeal of the Stamp Act in 1765, published in the prestigious Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. He has written a biography of Benjamin Franklin (Dear Doctor Franklin) focusing on Franklin's interest in medical and scientific matters.

These publications led to an assignment as a bimonthly columnist on "Art in Science" for Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research, as well as an appointment to the Editorial Board of AAOS NOW.

Dr. Green and Adrienne, his wife of 60 years, have two children and five grandchildren. His hobbies include travel, photography, bicycling, and swimming. Stuart Green has had two gallery photography exhibits in Los Angeles. His photography website is [stuartgreenphotos.com](http://stuartgreenphotos.com).