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Dr. Dahl graduated from Mayo Medical School and completed graduate studies in orthopedic surgery at the University of Minnesota. Trained by Dr. David Fischer in the Wagner limb lengthening method in the early 1980's, Dahl sought information on distraction osteogenesis upon his first knowledge in 1983. A visit to Professor DeBastianni was followed by meeting young North Americans including Chad Price, Jim Aronson, George Cierney, Dror Paley, and Stuart Green. He quickly returned to Italy for extended visits with Catagni, Cattaneo, and DeBastianni, and then Professor Ilizarov in Russia. A quest for more knowledge persists during in his 41-year career. Greater patient safety and less invasive techniques in lengthening and deformity correction surgery is a lasting goal for Dahl. He shares his experiences in workshops, lectures and OR's, continuously developing alternative techniques to be used in modern and austere locations around the world.

The immediate Dahl family includes wife Kathy, daughters Dana, Jenny, and Lindsay and six grandchildren. He now plans to diminish the urgent work of patient care and spend more time with family, reading, figurative sculpture in bronze, and fly-fishing as well as all-things outdoors.