



RALPH PURCELL, MD

ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON

Dr. Purcell specializes in orthopedic surgery as well as hand/upper extremity surgery. He has a particular interest in utilizing minimally invasive procedures for his patients. His other areas of interest include biological regeneration / rejuvenation of joints, arthritis, tendinitis, nerve compression, repetitive stress disorders, sports medicine and trauma.



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TRAINING

Hand Surgery and Microsurgical Reconstruction Fellowship

under the direction of Robert W. Beasley, M.D.,
Department of Plastic Surgery, New York
University Medical Center

New York, NY

Orthopedic Surgery Senior Residency and Junior Annie C. Kane Fellow

The New York Orthopedic Hospital /
Columbia Presbyterian Hospital

New York, NY

Chief Resident

Helen Hayes Hospital (Columbia
University Affiliate Teaching Hospital)

West Haverstraw, NY

Orthopedic Surgery Residency

The New York Orthopedic Hospital /
Columbia Presbyterian Hospital

New York, NY

General Surgery Residency

Department of General Surgery
Beth Israel Hospital (Harvard
Teaching Hospital) and Peter Bent
Brigham Hospital (Harvard Teaching
Hospital)

Brookline, MA

Acting Chief Resident, Plastic Surgery Service

Beth Israel Hospital (Harvard
Teaching Hospital)

Brookline, MA

Internal Medicine Internship

Department of Internal Medicine,
Baylor Affiliated Hospital System

Houston, TX

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University,
New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Biology Major

Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, NY

Dean's List Entire College Career

EXPERIENCE



January 2014 - Present

Purcell Orthopedic Institute, PC, Scottsdale, AZ

PRESIDENT/FOUNDER



June 2010 - Present

HonorHealth Shea Medical Center, Scottsdale, AZ

ATTENDING ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON



June 2010 - Present

HonorHealth Thompson Peak Medical Center, Scottsdale, AZ

ATTENDING ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON



March 2013 - Present

Concentra Medical Center, Mesa, AZ

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY & HAND SURGERY CONSULTANT



July 1986 - August 2010

Phelps Memorial Hospital, Sleepy Hollow, NY

ATTENDING ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON & HAND SURGEON



June 2003 - August 2010

St. John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, NY

ATTENDING ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON & HAND SURGEON

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Director of Hand Surgery Service

HELEN HAYES HOSPITAL,
NEW YORK ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL,
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

West Haverstraw, NY

Assistant Director of Hand Surgery Service

HELEN HAYES HOSPITAL,
NEW YORK ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL,
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

West Haverstraw, NY

Clinical Attending, Department of Orthopedic Surgery

COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, NY

Clinical Instructor, Department of Plastic Surgery

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

New York, NY

Clinical Instructor of Orthopedic Surgery

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER/CABRINI MEDICAL CENTER

New York, NY

Clinical Surgical Fellow of Columbia University

COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER

New York, NY

Clinical Surgical Fellow of Harvard University

BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL

Boston, MA

Clinical Fellow of Internal Medicine

BAYLOR AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

Houston, TX

EXPERIENCE

 June 1991 - August 2010

White Plains Medical Center, White Plains, NY

ATTENDING ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AND HAND SURGEON

 March 1988 - May 2010

Community Hospital at Dobbs Ferry, Dobbs Ferry, NY

ATTENDING ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AND HAND SURGEON

AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER APPOINTMENTS

2010 - Present

Piper Ambulatory Center

Scottsdale, AZ

2014 - Present

North Valley Surgical Center

Scottsdale, AZ

2010 - 2012

Desert Ridge Ambulatory Center

Scottsdale, AZ

2009 - 2014

St. Michael's Center for Special Surgery

Scottsdale, AZ

OTHER EXPERIENCE

ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER FOR SPECIAL SURGERY

Medical Advisory Board

BROWN HAND CENTERS

Hand Surgeon

AMERICAN TOTAL ORTHOPEDICS

Orthopedic Surgeon

AMERICAN TOTAL ORTHOPEDICS and BROWN HAND CENTERS

Medical Laboratory Director

ADVANCED ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY, PC

President/ Founder

GENERAL MOTORS, INC. - Tarrytown Plant Facility

Senior Orthopedic and Hand Surgery Liaison

IBM - Sleepy Hollow Facility

Senior Orthopedic and Hand Surgery Liaison

METRO NORTH RAILROAD

Senior Orthopedic and Hand Surgery Liaison

MULTIPLE MUNICIPALITIES and VILLAGES (ORANGE COUNTY, NY)

Senior Orthopedic and Hand Surgery Liaison

Provided in-person disability, pension, and retirement evaluations to employees

NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Orthopedic and Hand Surgeon

Provided on-site care of the employees of the NYC Fire Department

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Clinical Instructor of Orthopedic Surgery, Division of Physical Therapy

HELEN HAYES HOSPITAL

Emergency Medicine Physician (Part-Time)

COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Blood Donor Center, Phlebotomist

ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL

Emergency Medicine Physician

MALDEN HOSPITAL

Emergency Medicine Physician

BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL (HARVARD)

Emergency Medicine Physician

ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL (COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY)

Assistant Clinical Bacteriologist

AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery
Fellow

American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
Diplomat

Association of Extremity Nerve Surgeons
Fellow

Association of Extremity Nerve Surgeons
Past Member - Board of Directors

Arizona Medical Society
Member

Maricopa County Medical Society
Member

Westchester County Medical Society
Past Member

New York State Medical Society
Past Member

HonorHealth Healthcare System
Fundraiser

Phoenix Country Day School
Fundraiser

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

"The Efficacy of Continuous Passive Motion in the Open Treatment of Ankle Fractures," accepted for publication by the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery and presented as a scientific exhibit at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1985.

Purcell, R., "Septic Arthritis" in the text, Orthopedic Pathology, by Austin Johnson, M.D.

Clinical Trial Testing for Semipermeable Membrane Dressing, Department of Plastic Surgery and General Surgery, Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard University

Clinical Research in association with Columbia University School of Public Health entitled, "The Potential Orthopedic Complications of the Sport, Skateboarding." during Columbia Medical School

Mammalian Neurophysiology Research, Department of Neurology, College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University during Columbia College enrollment

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Led the development and implementation of an award-winning orthopedic practice, earning a high volume of repeated referrals from health professionals, hospital employees and patients.
- Established leading edge orthopedic / hand surgery medicolegal consulting practice in New York, Arizona and nationally.
- National lecturer of varied orthopedic surgery, hand surgery and medical-legal topics.
- Established stellar reputation in executing numerous, successful orthopedic surgeries and hand surgeries across a wide range of locations, leading to an expansion of patient base.
- Ensured the delivery of high quality, accurate and timely diagnoses and treatment plans to all patients and strictly monitored patients' conformance with treatment plans, leading to attainment of an exceptional rate of recovery as well as expected return to work.
- Established and maintained positive relationships with patients and their families by fostering open communication and delivering first rate service based upon their specific needs.
- Consistently provided and maintained patient care standards as well as the rights of patients, regarding preferences, care and treatment.
- Regularly executed follow-ups with patients, always demonstrating compassion and empathy, including during discussion of critical test results or the need for surgical intervention.
- Worked closely with allied healthcare professionals and office personnel to provide the best possible plan of care, while establishing a positive work environment.