

CURRICULUM VITAE

Paul P. Vessa, M.D.

BUSINESS ADDRESS

1993-present
Somerset Orthopedic Associates, P.A.
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1993-present
New Jersey Spine Institute (satellite of Somerset Orthopedic Associates)
Bedminster Medical Plaza
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EDUCATION

1980
Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania
A.B. Biology

1985
Rutgers Medical School
Camden, New Jersey
M.D.

INTERNSHIP

1985-87
New York University-Bellevue Medical Center
New York, New York
Internship (General Surgery)

1987-88
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Newark, New Jersey
Internship (General Surgery)

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RESIDENCY

1988-92

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Newark, New Jersey and its affiliated hospitals
Orthopedic Surgery Residency

FELLOWSHIP

1992-93

San Francisco Combined Spine Surgery Fellowship
Seton Medical Center, Daly City, California
St. Mary's Spine Center, San Francisco, California
Arthur White, M.D.

BOARD CERTIFICATION

July 13, 1995

American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

MEDICAL LICENSURE

State of New Jersey (MA50285) July 1987

State of California (GO725548) September 1991

State of South Carolina (016969) September 1993

MEDICAL SPECIALTY

1985-present

Orthopedic Surgery

1993-present

Subspecialty - Spine Surgery

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1994-present Member, New Jersey Medical Society

1994-present Member, Somerset County Medical Society

1997-present Fellow, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

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- 1994-present Member, New Jersey Spine Society
- 1984-present Member, New Jersey Orthopaedic Society
- 1996-present Member, North American Spine Society
- 1998-present International Spinal Injection Society
- 1/18/2002 Charter Member, Spine Arthroplasty Society
- 2003-present Member, American College of Spine Surgeons

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

1993-present
Active Staff Physician
Somerset Medical Center
Somerville, New Jersey

1994-present
Associate Attending Department of Orthopaedics
University Hospital, (UMDNJ), Newark, New Jersey

1996-present
Active Staff Physician, Somerset Surgical Center
Bridgewater, New Jersey

1996-present
Associate Staff, Department of Orthopedics
Morristown Memorial Hospital
Morristown, New Jersey

1997-present
Consulting Staff, Hackettstown Community Hospital
Hackettstown, New Jersey

1999-present
Medical Associate, Department of Orthopedics
Hackensack University Medical Center
Hackensack, New Jersey

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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

1994-present

Assistant Clinical Professor/Courtesy Faculty
New Jersey Medical School - UMDNJ
Newark, New Jersey

1996-present

Clinical Instructor
Somerset Family Practice Residency Program
Somerset Medical Center
Somerville, New Jersey

MEETING PRESENTATIONS

May 1992

“Internal Disc Derangements: The Results of Surgical Treatment By Disc Excision and Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion”

International Society for Study of the Lumbar Spine
Chicago, Illinois

July 1992

“Internal Disc Derangements: The Results of Surgical Treatment By Disc Excision and Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion”

North American Spine Society
Boston, Massachusetts

February 1993

“Chronic Failed Back Syndrome: The Results of Surgical Treatment By Disc Excision and Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion”

Submitted for presentation to American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

July 1999

“Discography for Failed Lumbar Interbody Fusions”

Association of Spine Surgeons
Santa Fe, New Mexico

November, 1999

1. *“Discussant, Low Back Pain Grand Rounds”*

2. *“Interbody Fusions of the Lumbar Spine”*

Southern Medical Association 93rd Annual Scientific Assembly
Dallas, Texas

November 9-11, 2001

Session SP5 Spine/Trauma, *“Cervical Spine Update”*

Southern Medical Association 95th Annual Scientific Assembly
Nashville, Tennessee

MEETING PRESENTATIONS

2002

"Multicenter Randomized Prospective Trial for Treatment of Lumbar Neurogenic Claudication with an Interspinous Device: One Year Results"

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

International Society for the Study of the Lumbar spine
Cleveland, Ohio

International Meeting on Advanced Spine Techniques
Montreux, Switzerland

2002

"Treatment of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis with an Interspinous Spacer"

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

North American Spine Society
Montreal Canada

Eurospine
Nantes, France

AANS/CNS Section: Spine & Peripheral Nerves
Orlando, Florida

2003

"Symptom Severity Outcomes in Lumbar Stenosis Patients Treated with the X STOP Interspinous Process Spacer and Non-operative Treatment"

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

International Meeting of Advanced Spine Techniques
Rome, Italy

Spine Across the Sea
Maui, Hawaii

2003

"The Quality of Life of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Patients Treated with the X STOP Interspinous Spacer"

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

International Meeting of Advanced Spine Techniques
Rome, Italy

MEETING PRESENTATIONS

2003

“Changes in Physical Function Scores in Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Patients Treated with the X STOP Interspinous Implant”

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

International Meeting of Advanced Spine Techniques
Rome, Italy

2003

“The X STOP Interspinous Implant Improves Physical Function in Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Patients”

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

Spine Across the Sea
Maui, Hawaii
Study of the Lumbar Spine
Vancouver, Canada

2003

“The Effect of an Interspinous Implant on Quality of Life as Determined by the SF-36 Questionnaire”

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

Spine Arthroplasty Society
Phoenix, Arizona

2003

“A Prospective Randomized Multicenter Study for the Treatment of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis with the X STOP Interspinous Spacer”

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R.

World Spine
Chicago, Illinois

BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF PUBLICATIONS

JOURNALS

Lee, Casey K., Vessa, Paul P., Lee, June K, "*Chronic Disabling Low Back Pain Syndrome caused by Internal Disc Derangements. The Results of Disc Excision and Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion*", *Spine*, Vol 20, No. 3, pp 356-361, J.B. Lippincott Company, February 1995.

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R. "*The Quality of Life of Lumbar Stenosis Patients Treated with the X STOP Interspinous Spacer*". *The Spine Journal*. Submitted for publication 2003.

Hsu, K., Zucherman, J., Hartjen, C., Mehalic, T., Implicito, D., Martin, M., Johnson, D., Skidmore, G., Vessa, P., Dwyer, J., Puccio, S., Cauthen, J., Ozuna, R. "*A Prospective Randomized Multicenter Study for the Treatment of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis with the X STOP/E Interspinous Spacer: One-year Results*". *Euro Spine Journal*. 2003.

BOOKS AND OTHER MONOGRAPHS

Vessa, Paul P., Spine Care, Diagnosis and Conservative Treatment, Vol. 2, Chapter 57, "*Wrestling*", PG 762-770, Mosby, St. Louis, 1995.

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Dr. Vessa also practices at

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